



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #25-7  
July 24<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on July 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Councillor Battcock  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Razi  
Councillor Pynn – Via Phone  
Deputy Mayor O'Brien  
Councillor Burke – Via Phone

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Christal Courtney – Administrative Clerk  
Charlie Perry – Town Manager

**PROCLAMATION/  
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-6 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Cole  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING  
ACTION LIST**

**Report Attached**



## WABUSH

A formal letter was sent to the government regarding the inclusion of senior care programs in the College curriculum. The Town Clerk will provide an update upon returning to town.

The tender process for the MARC project has been successfully completed, with steel procurement finalized. Engineers are scheduled to commence work in August.

The scheduled meeting with Tacora will be held once the road has been officially transferred within the municipality. The agenda features a competition to designate a name for the road leading to Tacora, with the event expected to occur prior to the autumn season.

Tacora is actively engaged in seeking clarification from the Department of Transportation concerning the party responsible for the replacement of guardrails along the highway that leads to the tailings line. This inquiry aims to establish clear accountability for the maintenance and safety of this area. Additionally, the local council intends to contact the Department of Highways to confirm the ownership and jurisdiction over the designated cleanup area, ensuring proper management and coordination of environmental and safety measures.

Funding initiatives intended to improve public transportation within the community are currently awaiting response from the Town of Labrador City. The Town Clerk will provide an update upon returning to the office.

The cut brush along Pumphouse Road has been entirely shredded.

Council has expressed a desire for the Town to establish communication with Minister Howell regarding the ongoing efforts to recruit and retain medical professionals within the community. This initiative aims to address healthcare workforce shortages, improve access to medical services, and ensure the sustainability of healthcare provision in the area. Engaging with Minister Howell could involve discussions on potential incentives, support programs, and policy measures that can facilitate the recruitment of qualified doctors and retain existing medical staff. Such efforts are vital for maintaining the health and well-being of residents, especially in rural or underserved regions where healthcare access may be limited. The Council's





## **WABUSH**

proactive approach underscores the importance of collaboration between local government and federal authorities to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and services.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Battcock to adopt Agenda 25-7 as presented.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:    Report Attached** **FINANCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve a change order in the amount of \$72,402.00 plus HST to Enercon Builders Inc. for construction cost for the MARC Step Replacement Project #17-MYCW-24-00113.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The MARC steps will be fully accessible to all individuals this fall, with the addition of a comprehensive ramp lift to facilitate ease of access.

Engineers had to clarify a number of items prior to advancing with the work at MARC. All access stairs within the area will be equipped with handrails to ensure safety and compliance with accessibility standards.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council award the reverse tender for the 1984 GMC Pumper Truck to Energy Lock Inc. in the amount of \$1602.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



## WABUSH

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council agrees to reverse aged receivables as presented in the amount of \$3096.95.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The council is currently engaged in the development of a new policy aimed at managing and addressing the collection of outstanding debt. This initiative is to ensure the efficient recovery of owed funds.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council agrees to reverse interest charges on a property located on Whiteway drive in amount of \$58.76.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This motion is to reimburse a resident for interest accrued while waiting for the government notice of assessment for tax relief.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the Tender for the Supply and Installation of Asphalt Patching, Sidewalk & Hydroseeding to Grey Rock Services Inc. in the amount of \$815,580.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The banks adjacent to Dunfield are subject to erosion; it is advisable that the forthcoming budget includes provisions for mitigation measures.





## WABUSH

The annual road patching program is scheduled to commence, involving extensive maintenance activities throughout the town. The high costs of asphalt in Labrador, despite partial government funding, warrant a thorough analysis of underlying factors. Engaging with relevant authorities to obtain clarification is recommended. The removal of cars from the train tracks between the bus depot and the second and third domes is essential to ensure road reconstruction can be completed in a timely manner.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council award the Tender for the Supply and Installation of Concrete Set & Stairs to Armour Contracting & Coatings Specialist Ltd. in the amount of \$59,732.73 HST included.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The staircase at the Town Hall and the overflow parking walkway to the Bill Chaplin Arena will undergo reconstruction utilizing concrete materials, with the addition of handrails to improve safety standards and accessibility for all users.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Road Work Tender 17-MYCW-25-00061 in the amount of \$1,103,986.78 (incl HST) to Grey Rock Services Inc.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Road Reconstruction Tender 17-RNC-23-00016 in the amount of \$3,240,626.98 (incl HST) to Grey Rock Services Inc.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour



**WABUSH**

Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached  
PLANNING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the six (6) land sale bids on Snow's drive as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The commencement of single-family residential projects signifies a positive trend in the housing sector, indicating sustained growth in residential construction. These developments are vital for community development and increasing housing stock.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve a 10% variance on 2C First Avenue to accommodate a new building extension.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council proceed with a temporary workers accommodations as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

For: Deputy Mayor O'Brien  
Councillor Razi  
Councillor Battcock  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Pynn  
Councillor Burke

Against: Mayor Ron Barron





**WABUSH**

Motion Carried

The Town of Wabush is presently evaluating that the 2026 budget introduce a new classification within our taxation framework. This classification is intended to address buildings that are company-owned and utilized for operational purposes, specifically those occupied by employees to facilitate business activities, as opposed to residential properties.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:      Report Attached**  
**POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council adopt the updated Regulations to Bylaws as per the new Towns and Local Service District Act as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Razi  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Regulations are exclusively applicable to the Ministers' Office. The Town has revised its governing documents to bylaws accordingly.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:      Report Attached**  
**PUBLIC WORKS**

The Public Works Department has completed repairs to potholes, repainted road markings, and installed reflective materials in the lines to improve visibility throughout the town.

In mid-August, additional hydrants are scheduled for replacement. There will be 8 installed this season.

The sidewalk repairs will be addressed when the road patching is done. The sidewalks will be repaired within Provincial specifications.

The procurement of contracts for road construction projects is carried out via a formal bidding procedure.



## **WABUSH**

The sweeper truck will return to Grenfell to remove accumulated sand and dirt, maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the area.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached RECREATION**

Regular lawn maintenance and cleanup services are conducted within the town and at the ballfield on a bi-weekly schedule, ensuring the grounds are consistently well-maintained and presentable.

Feedback concerning the Canada Day activities held at the end of June has been positive.

The small ballfield requires repositioning and the addition of boundary lines to enhance its layout and clarity.

The Town is currently waiting for proper instructions to put together a new piece of playground equipment.

There will be a civic holiday tomorrow in observance of the regatta. This year, participation will be limited to a select group of rowers. It is important to clarify whether this civic holiday grants paid leave to all community members. The Council, in collaboration with the Recreation Department, will plan a community event scheduled for the end of August.

The swimming pool at the MARC will be temporarily closed for scheduled maintenance starting Monday, August 4, 2025.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached MEO/FIRE DEPT.**

Concerns have been expressed regarding the operation of e-scooters and e-bikes within the town, specifically relating to their usage on roadways and the lack of helmet compliance.

Community members are advised that there is no fee for the removal of old vehicles from private property. Please contact the town office for assistance.





## WABUSH

The flashing stop signs at the four-way intersection on Grenfell Drive will require maintenance to ensure proper functionality and safety. Councillor Razi would like Council to request the RNC introduce traffic cameras to help reduce excessive speeding in the area.

The MEO will be delivering compliance letters to properties without visible civic numbers and in violation to the Town's Anti-Litter Bylaw in the coming days.

### **CORRESPONDENCE** (Information Package Distributed to Council)

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

#### **Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves Accounts Payable Listing from June 13 to July 9, 2025, in the amount of \$ 285,559.53.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### **PERMITS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the Following permits:

6836	Demolition	15 Walsh
6837	Driveway	48 Snow's
6838	Rear Patio	10 Gilbert
6839	Detached Accessory Building	1-3A Bowater
6840	Driveway	47 Anderson
6841	Occupancy	208 Scully
6842	Front Patio	7 Anderson
6843	Occupancy Building/Demo	39 Guy
6844	Fence	59 Bowater
6845	Excavation	49 Grenfell
6846	Fence	74 Whiteway
6847	Driveway	18 Squires
6848	Fence, Front step, Patio	30 Reid
6849	Accessory Building	45 Anderson
6850	Excavation	9 Guy



**WABUSH**

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Councillor Razi:**

Councillor Razi has highlighted the eligibility of our senior residents for discounted snow removal services and would like the Town to consider establishing a program to assist with lawn maintenance.

Our library requires maintenance and support. The Town contributes amenities and services every year and will lobby government to inquire about securing additional funding for maintenance cost.

The "Equal Voices" campaign, conducted from July 15 to 17, 2025, aimed to promote community engagement in local governance. This initiative was designed to encourage residents to participate actively in municipal decision-making processes and to foster a sense of civic responsibility. The campaign sought to raise awareness about the importance of local governance and to motivate community members to become involved in the administrative and legislative aspects of their municipality. During the campaign, various activities and outreach programs were organized to inform residents about the functions and responsibilities of local government accountability.

The local council actively encourages residents interested in participating in municipal governance to attend the upcoming monthly meetings. These gatherings serve as an excellent opportunity for community members to observe the decision-making process firsthand, understand the roles and responsibilities of council members, and gain insight into how local policies and initiatives are developed and implemented.





## **WABUSH**

### **Deputy Mayor O'Brien:**

Deputy Mayor O'Brien reminded the community about the upcoming regatta scheduled for tomorrow. Residents support and participation are encouraged.

### **Councillor Cole:**

Councillor Cole extends appreciation to PG Construction for their generous donation of driving services for the Regatta, facilitating transportation to and from designated areas.

Members of the Town are actively investing in and maintaining their properties, demonstrating a commendable commitment to community and property development.

### **Mayor Barron:**

Mayor Barron extends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the late Mr. Hoyles, and the late Stephanie Shea.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:57p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron  
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout  
Town Clerk

RB:TR:cc