



WABUSH

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #25-11
November 27th, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on November 27, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea
Councillor Temple
Councillor Pafford
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown – Via Phone

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Charlie Perry – Town Manager

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Hawes and seconded by Deputy Mayor Shea to adopt Agenda 25-11 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation: Small Business Week on October 20-26, 2025
(Signed October 21, 2025)

Proclamation: Salvation Army Week on December 8-14, 2025





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**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-10 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Temple
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

Report Attached

The handrails and plates have been installed on the Marc steps with some welding left to be done. Unfortunately, with all the delays, the project will likely run into the new year. The lift installation is delayed until Service NL approval documentation arrives.

A letter to the School Board regarding their unkept property over the summer will be drafted in the New Year.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to waive the signage permit fee for Cains Quest to support their community initiative and promotional efforts.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate one (1) -10 Swim pass to Cain's Quest for a gift basket for the Volunteer Blitz.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour



Motion Carried

In-kind donations are a fantastic way to promote our facilities regionally.

Mayor Canning passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Shea for the next two motions.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the lost wages for Mayor Gertie Canning to attend council matters in the amount of \$335.68.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

The Town of Wabush includes allowances in their budget for council members who may need to attend meetings and conferences and incur lost wages.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the lost wages for Mayor Gertie Canning to attend council matters in the amounts of \$982.29.

Moved By: Councillor Brown
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Canning resumed the chair position of the meeting.



BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate one Bowling Party and one Swimming Party to the Canadian Cancer Society's for their upcoming 14th Annual Christmas Gala Auction.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve a change order in the amount of \$17,873.90 plus HST to Enercon Builders Inc. for an additional thirty' of sidewalk for the MARC Step Replacement Project #17-MYCW-24-00113.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

There was a sizable portion of concrete in front of the MARC that required replacement. Maintaining an old piece of concrete alongside new material would compromise the aesthetic appeal. To ensure a cohesive appearance, it was advisable to replace the entire section with new, uniform concrete. This approach not only enhances the visual harmony but also ensures structural integrity and longevity of the construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a change order in the amount of \$10,980.31 plus HST to Kings Equipment Rental LTD for extra time and rentals for the Fire Hydrant installations.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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There were 8 Fire hydrants installed this summer, four were done by a contractor. There were delays due to the Town not being able to get the valves shut down to install the hydrants.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate one (1) – 10 Swim pass and one (1) – 10 Bowling Pass to the Carol United Church for their Online Fall Auction.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate \$500.00 to Fresh Start Recovery & Wellness Center, a not-for-profit organization providing programs resources to those in need.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This center offers professional counseling services and provides a secure environment where individuals can freely express their concerns and discuss personal issues. The facility is dedicated to supporting mental health and emotional well-being.

BE IT RESOVLED that council agrees to write off 90% of interest charges for a business tax account as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This business engaged in a legal matter. The current owner has fully paid down the principal amount.



BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to reverse business tax charged on an account that is deemed uncollectible.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This business was billed as a no fixed place of business, but it was confirmed that the business was not operating in the Town of Wabush.

BE IT RESOLVED that council denies the request to reimburse a resident for plumbing repairs as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Based on the information that was provided, the council feels the damage was not related to the water shut off for the hydrant repairs.

BE IT RESOLVED that council denies the request for an advertisement in the 26th edition of the Veterans Service Recognition Book as it is not local to Labrador West.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The proceeds from this advertisement do not return to our local organization.



BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to reverse business tax charged on an account as it was confirmed there was no business operating on the property.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The property owner confirmed that there was not a business operating on this property.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate \$250.00 to Twin Cities 50+ Club for their Annual Christmas supper and dance.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to enter into a 5-year contract with R&R HVAC and Controls LTD to inspect and service the Business Park Waste Water treatment plant HVAC system twice a year.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Wastewater Treatment Plant, valued at \$14 million, is a significant infrastructure component for the community. Its proper operation is essential for maintaining environmental standards and public health. The HVAC system within the plant plays a crucial role in ensuring optimal working conditions and operational efficiency. Regular inspections, conducted bi-annually, are vital to identify potential issues early, prevent costly repairs, and ensure continuous compliance with safety and environmental regulations.



BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the lost wages for Councillor Debbie Hawes to attend council matters in the amount of \$643.00

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Councillor Hawes abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush request to borrow \$4,970,000 from the Bank of Montreal (331 Water St., St. John's). The term of this loan will be 1 year with an amortization period of 25 years at an annual interest rate of 3.67% and monthly payments of \$25,336.42. The purpose of this loan is to finance the purchase of Land and Building located on 4 Third Avenue.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This project involves replacing the existing Public Works Depot with a new facility designed to enhance operational efficiency and service delivery. The new building is scheduled to be move in ready by this summer. The purchase process is set to conclude on December 2nd,2025. To finance this development, the Town plans to secure a short-term loan, specifically a one-year loan, to cover the costs associated with the new building. The rationale behind requesting a one-year loan is to facilitate a swift repayment process, leveraging the sale of the current depot to offset the loan amount.



COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve crown lands applications 164671 & 78695.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The applications have been reviewed by the Town and Crown Lands.

We are experiencing a significant level of interest in land acquisitions, which indicates a positive trend for future land sales. The ongoing engagement with developers suggests active planning and development efforts for residential projects within the Town.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disposal of land on 20 Cashin Avenue.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This was one of the last remaining leases of Wabush Mines that was transferred to the current occupant.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a new home-based electrical business on 38 Grenfell Drive.

Moved By: Councillor Pafford
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Shea

All in Favour
Motion Carried



COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY No Motions

COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Brown
PUBLIC WORKS

There has been new parking signage installed by the Arena.

The Public Works employees have started the Christmas decorating; it should be completed by December 5th.

The 20km sign on Union Drive has been reinstalled to enhance safety during winter driving conditions.

All fire hydrants have been covered by high visibility pylons for the winter.

The Commercial Wastewater Treatment Plant is in operation, the old boiler has been removed, and a new one has been installed, and waiting for government inspection. The new flow meter has been installed.

Pump installation for the Freshwater Pump House has been completed. We are running pump two & three on equal rotation to maintain equal hours. The soft starters have arrived; we are waiting for scheduling to get them installed.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Hawes
RECREATION

The Santa Claus parade is November 29th starting at 4:45pm. The Public Works Department cleared space on Bowater & Grenfell Drive for spectator viewing.

The Skate with Santa is on December 6th from 12pm-2pm. This is a registered event for children twelve and under. The Santa skate for the Town of Labrador City is on December 13th.



**COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Temple
MEO/FIRE DEPT.**

Removal orders have been issued for parking on Town green spaces. Mobile One has towed a boat and trailer to the Town Depot. The owner is encouraged to reach out to the Town to claim ownership. If anyone is parking on property that is not theirs, it will be tagged for removal at the expense of the owner.

New ropes have been installed on the flag poles in front of the Town Hall.

The Town is checking in to the abandoned car parked on Elephant Head Road. It was to be removed by RNC. It needs to be flagged for the safety of snowmobilers.

MEO Terry Roberts attended a week-long training session on suicide prevention in Placentia.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Canning attended the MNL training for Emergency operations. She advised she would get a report done up elaborating on what she took from the training and what Council's role is during an emergency.

Mayor Canning attended a presentation on Fatigue Management; there was discussions on how to detect and address this issue. It was a highly informative session.

Congratulations to Debbie Hawes as the new Labrador Director for the MNL Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Eric Paul – Mayor of Red Bay who is the new Labrador Director for MAA Board of Directors.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from October 14 – November 13, 2025, in the amount of \$ 410,099.33.



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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pafford

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6907	Fence	54 Whiteway
6908	Excavation	4 Reid
6909	Patio	23 Snows
6910	Driveway	14 Dunfield
6911	Patio	9 Legge
6912	Excavation	4-6 First Ave
6913	Fence	5 Barron

Moved by: Councillor Pafford
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Hawes:

Councillor Hawes attended the recent MNL Conference, and the Labrador Coccus got together to discuss issues that were occurring in their communities. She has been in contact with the MNL Board to attend more training sessions. The first meeting will be December 10th; she will bring forward any issues that are discussed to council after the meeting.

Councillor Pynn :

Council congratulated Joe Power on his new tenure and is looking forward to collaborating with him in the coming years.

Councillor Pynn thanked Tacora for replacing the guard rail on the highway by their tailings line.



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The Municipal Plan has been submitted to the Ministers office for review. The Town is awaiting its return.

Congratulations to Jenny Sullivan from Labrador West Minor Hockey who was nominated Newfoundland and Labradors Female Coach of the Month for October 2025.

Mayor Canning:

The Town is currently waiting on a part for the camera in Council Chambers so the live feed can focus on all Councillors.

Mayor Canning sends her condolences to the families of the late Caroline Macintyre, Phil Hunter, Henry Ford Pitcher, and Edna McDonald.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Temple at 6:13 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gertie Canning
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

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