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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #25-10
October 16th, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on October 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Gertie Canning.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Gertie Canning
Deputy Mayor Shea – Via Phone
Councillor Temple – Via Phone
Councillor Pafford
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown - Via Phone (Joining the meeting 5:50 pm)

Mayor Canning congratulated Deputy Mayor Shea on his new tenure.

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk
Charlie Perry – Town Manager

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Canning and seconded by Councillor Hawes to adopt Agenda 25-10 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation: Mental Illness Awareness Week October 5-11, 2025(Signed October 8, 2025)



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**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council adopt minutes 25-9 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

Report Attached

The steel designated for the MARC Step is currently in transit, with an anticipated commencement date set for Sunday, October 14, 2025.

There will be a letter drafted to the Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA) to express the concerns of the local council regarding the escalating costs of property assessments within the region. This increase in assessment values has directly contributed to higher property taxes for residents and property owners, creating financial burdens that may discourage new families from relocating to the area. The council aims to address these issues through constructive dialogue with MAA, seeking measures to stabilize assessment costs and ensure affordable taxation for current and prospective residents. The Municipal Assessment Agency is currently seeking nominations to serve on their board if any Councillors are interested.

The Town will draft a letter to the NL School Board, emphasizing the importance of maintaining their properties during the summer months. The letter will outline specific maintenance tasks, such as landscaping, repairs, and general upkeep.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve a change order in the amount of \$28,800.00 plus HST to CIMA+ for structural engineering assessment of the stair lift for the MARC Step Replacement Project #17-MYCW-24-00113.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Service NL has identified the necessity for further engineering work, which has resulted in additional costs to complete the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Tender for the Supply of Road Sand on Demand to Grey Rock Services Inc. in the amount of \$105,000.00 plus HST.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The Tender is for a duration of 18 months, which is longer than the standard 12-month contract typically offered. As a result, the Tender amount has increased compared to the previous season, reflecting the higher expenses associated with procurement.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate 1-10 swim pass & 1-10 bowling pass to the Carol United Church for their 2025 online auction.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING

The next phase of the Town expansion project has commenced, marking a significant milestone in the development of our community. This phase involves comprehensive planning. The project has garnered interest from developers, indicating confidence in the Town's growth potential and economic prospects. Developer engagement is crucial for the successful implementation of the expansion to meet community needs.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Amended Code of Conduct – Councillors as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The transition from the Municipalities Act to the new Towns and Local Services Act made this a necessary update to comply with government regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to have the regular monthly council meetings every 4th Thursday of each month.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

There will be a notice regarding the updated schedule for the upcoming meetings.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is undertaking the winterization of all fire hydrants to ensure their functionality during the cold months. Residents are strongly encouraged to remain vigilant in areas where crews are working. It is important to observe safety signs and barriers, and to avoid obstructing work zones to ensure the safety of both residents and workers.

The Town recently carried out dye testing as part of its efforts to trace and evaluate the storm drainage system. This testing is essential for identifying potential issues within the drainage infrastructure, ensuring efficient water flow in the area. The dye used in this process is environmentally friendly, designed specifically to minimize ecological impact and ensure safety for local ecosystems at Jean Lake. Residents are encouraged to use caution when at the Jean Lake trail as the Town has equipment working in this area.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
RECREATION

The ice has been installed at the Bill Chaplin Arena, marking the commencement of the season for various user groups. In an effort to maximize the utilization of the arena and accommodate the increasing demand, the Town of Wabush and the Town of Labrador City are actively collaborating on arena scheduling. This joint effort aims to extend the duration during which the ice remains available for use, thereby providing more flexible scheduling options for users.

The recent completion of the pin setters at the MARC bowling alley signifies a significant upgrade in the facility's infrastructure. This installation has been designed to enhance operational efficiency and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements. The improvements made to the alley include modernized pin-setting machinery, which not only streamlines the bowling experience but also minimizes the frequency and cost of repairs and makes it an enjoyable venue for patrons.



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

The Town is preparing a formal resolution for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL), emphasizing the need for a governmental commitment to support community clean-up initiatives. This motion aims to secure official backing and potentially funding or resources to facilitate large-scale clean-up efforts within the community. The Council will actively collaborate with various stakeholders, including community organizations and residents, to identify effective strategies for assisting those who face difficulties in removing large or bulky items from their properties. Providing assistance programs for residents with limited mobility or resources will reflect the Town's commitment to proactive community engagement, environmental stewardship, and public safety. By working collaboratively with MNL and other stakeholders, the Town aims to foster a healthier, safer environment for all residents, reducing fire risks and promoting sustainable community development.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Package Distributed to Council)

October is Disability Employment Month.

Community groups are encouraged to consider inviting Miss NL to attend their events this year. If any group would like more information they can contact the Town Office.

Council has engaged in discussions with regional representatives of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) concerning the current opportunities for government funding aimed at supporting municipal infrastructure projects. These discussions are a part of ongoing efforts to secure financial resources necessary for the development and enhancement of essential infrastructure. Furthermore, the upcoming MNL conference is scheduled for November 2025 and will serve as a comprehensive platform for municipalities to gain valuable insights into funding opportunities.



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**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from September 12 – October 13, 2025, in the amount of \$ 968,731.62.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6890	Office Trailer	8 Commercial
6891	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6892	Excavation	Albert Lake
6893	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6894	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6895	Excavation	52 Baltimore
6896	Excavation	71-89 Third Ave
6897	Storage Building	71-89 Third Ave
6898	Fence	B-First Ave
6899	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6900	Excavation	18 Snows Drive
6901	Excavation	16 Snows Drive
6902	Patio	5 Cabot
6903	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6904	Roof & Parking Lot	9 Grenfell Drive
6905	Occupancy	77 Bowater
6906	Occupancy	D-Grenfell Drive

Moved by: Councillor Pafford
Seconded by: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Pynn :

The Town is currently in the process of drafting four official letters concerning the ongoing cleanup operations at the properties situated at 2 Anderson and the Wabush Trailer Court. These letters aim to communicate the Town's actions, expectations, and any necessary follow-up measures to the property owners. The Town has taken proactive safety measures by installing fencing around a trailer that presents a safety hazard. This fencing is intended to prevent unauthorized access and mitigate potential accidents or injuries. Furthermore, the Town has indicated that the costs incurred for the safety fencing will be billed to the property owner.

The Town of Labrador City and the Town of Wabush will meet to discuss the Capital requirements for the new gymnastics facility in the coming weeks.

Council would like to send their condolences to the families of the late Fred Davis and the late Ern Greeley.

Deputy Mayor Shea :

Deputy Mayor Shea expresses his gratitude to the Council for his nomination as the new Deputy Mayor. He is eager to collaborate with the newly formed Council and the Town employees. His focus is on contributing to the prosperity of the Town and effectively representing the needs of the residents during his tenure. Deputy Mayor Shea emphasizes his commitment to fostering a positive relationship with all stakeholders and working diligently to address community concerns.



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Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning is excited to present herself with the newly formed Council to the community of Wabush. Her commitment is to provide dedicated service to all residents, aiming to foster a collaborative environment where Wabush experiences sustainable growth and prosperity, and ensuring that both residents and local businesses thrive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Pynn at 6:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gertie Canning
Mayor



Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr