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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #25-12
December 18th, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on December 18, 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 (Via Phone)
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Hawes
Councillor Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor Brown to adopt Agenda 25-12 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation: None





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**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-11 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING
ACTION LIST**

Report Attached

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Tender for the Supply of Snow Clearing on Demand to Construction and Expertise PG in the amount of \$168.00/hr. plus HST.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Tender for the Supply of Equipment on Demand for the Vacuum Truck, Mini Excavator, Steam Truck, Water Truck and Hydro – Vac Truck to Rumbolt's Plumbing and Heating Services Ltd. in the amount of:

Vacuum Truck - \$280.60/hr. w/operator

Mini Excavator - \$143.75/hr. w/operator

Steam Truck - \$280.60/hr. w/operator

Water Truck - \$252.45/hr. w/operator

Hydro-Vac - \$388.12/hr. w/operator



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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Tender for Supply of Equipment on Demand for a CAT 936 Loader to Kings Equipment Rentals Ltd. in the amount of \$201.25/hr. w/operator.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

The tenders for equipment on demand serve as a strategic procurement mechanism designed to enhance the operational readiness of the Public Works Department. This approach ensures that essential equipment is readily available in case of emergency situations or when the Town lacks specific machinery necessary for various projects.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Tender for Supply of Equipment on Demand for all other listed equipment to Grey Rock Services Inc. in the amount of the price list provided.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Tender for the Supply of Trades on Demand for a Plumber/Pipefitter to Northern Pipe and Plumbing Services Ltd. in the amount of \$107/hr. plus HST for Journeyman and 86/hr. plus HST for an Apprentice.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea



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Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Tender for Supply of Trades on Demand to RMS Company LTD for the following trades:

Electrician - \$87.50/hr. plus HST for Journeyperson & Apprentice

Millwright - \$87.50/hr. plus HST for Journeyperson & Apprentice

Welder - \$87.50/hr. plus HST for Journeyperson & Apprentice

Carpenter - \$87.50/hr. plus HST for Journeyperson & Apprentice

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the tender for Residential Garbage Collection for a 36-month term to Hodge Brother Ltd. in the amount of \$511,472.52 plus HST.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to reverse business tax on a business account that ceased operations in June 2023 in the amount of \$4,259.46.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour



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Motion Carried

Business owners are strongly encouraged to notify the Town Hall promptly upon closing their establishments. This communication is essential to ensure that the property is accurately recorded as closed in municipal records, thereby preventing any unnecessary administrative costs that may be associated with the property remaining active in the system.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to sponsor Cain's Quest for their upcoming 2026 race in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This event serves as a significant gathering for the entire Labrador region, drawing visitors and spectators from across the globe. It offers a unique opportunity for cultural exchange, community engagement, and entertainment. Participants are encouraged to embrace the spirit of fun and stay safe during the event.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to waive property tax for a property located at 2 Dunfield Street in the amount of \$1,715.66.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

This is the only Habitat for Humanity house located in Wabush. The house is currently undergoing interior renovations. Once the renovation process is complete, the house will be fully prepared for a family to move into, offering them a safe and stable home.



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate to a nonprofit organization for upkeep and maintenance costs in the amount of \$1,750.00.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to donate to a nonprofit organization for their sponsor a mom program in the amount of \$25.00.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PLANNING

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Crown Lands applications 164797.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council refuse Crown Land applications 164870, 164880, and 164881.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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The Crown Lands application refusals are because they were outside of the cabin development area. Rezoning can take multiple years to complete. If residents would like to reach out to the Ministers office for rezoning, there is a cost associated with the process .

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Brown congratulated Billy Kettle on the great job he had done on the Christmas Parade float.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached
RECREATION

The Santa skate had 79 children and was a great success.

Councillor Hawes also congratulated Billy Kettle on winning the best over all float in the annual Christmas Parade.

The outdoor ice rink is currently in the final stages of construction and preparation. Residents are kindly asked to exercise patience and refrain from using the rink until an official notice is issued by the Town. This precaution is essential to ensure the safety of all users and to prevent any potential injuries or damage to the surface of the ice.

COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report Attached
MEO/FIRE DEPT.

CORRESPONDENCE

MNL has many courses and training opportunities for Council to complete and will be offering them early in 2026.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from November 14 – December 10, 2025, in the amount of \$ 750,862.01 with the following abstentions:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple



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Mayor Canning abstained from this vote due to conflict of interest.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6914	Excavation	21-6E Scully
6915	Signs	D Grenfell
6916	Occupancy	D Grenfell
6917	New Home	5-7 Legge
6918	Excavation	5-7 Legge
6919	Occupancy	D Grenfell

Moved by: Councillor Pynn
Seconded by: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Brown:

Council will be exploring volunteer opportunities to help seniors with snow clearing in the coming weeks.

Councillor Pynn:

Councillor Pynn congratulated MHA Joe Power in his new role with Labrador Affairs.

Two new businesses have recently opened in the Wabush Shopping Plaza, contributing positively to the local economy and community development. The first is Maple & Mango, a new restaurant offering a diverse menu. The second is a dental clinic established by Dr. Malik and his colleagues, providing essential healthcare services to residents and enhancing the accessibility of dental care in Wabush. The local council has expressed its satisfaction with these new establishments. Councillor Pynn has extended her best wishes to the new business owners, emphasizing the importance of supporting



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local entrepreneurs and fostering a welcoming environment for new enterprises.

A unique hockey stick bench, crafted by a former resident ,Jeff Fleming, is displayed at the Bill Chaplin Arena.

Council congratulated Keith Fitzpatrick on the selection of his photo “Campfire Captured” being selected for the Down Homer production of “ Inside Labrador Winters 2026”.

Mayor Canning:

Mayor Canning sends her condolences to the families of the late Cecil Bright, Ralph Snook, Fay Abercrombie, and Roland Cumby.

The 2026 Budget Speech by Deputy Mayor Jamie Shea - attached.

Mayor Canning: Points for Budget 2026 – attached.

2026 Budget

1. 2026 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush in accordance with provisions of Section 84 (1) of the Towns and Local Service District Act adopt the 2026 Budget as presented by the Finance and Administration Committee showing total revenues of \$12,426,469 and total expenditures of \$12,426,469 for a balanced budget.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

2. Tax,Structure



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BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with provisions of Sections 117 (1), 118, 125 to 127, 130 to 134 of the Town and Local Service district Act, the Town of Wabush adopt the Schedule I - 2026 Tax Structure effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

3. Permits & Licenses Fee Structure

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Schedule II – 2026 Permits & License Fees effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

4. Recreational Fee Structure

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush adopt Schedule III – 2026 Recreational Fees effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

5. Taxes Due & Payable

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with provisions of Section 101 (2) of the Town and Local Service District Act all taxes shall be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of invoice, effective January 1, 2026.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea



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Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

6. Interest Rate

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with provisions of Section 101 of the Towns and Local Service District Act, simple interest on taxes unpaid on or before the due date be set at 12% per annum effective January 1, 2026.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

7. Utilities & Cable Companies

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with provisions of Section 5 of the 1992 Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act as amended, Business Tax (Class 9) be set at the rate of 2.5% effective January 1, 2026, on the gross revenue of the utility/cable company for the preceding year derived within the municipality of Wabush.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Hawes

All in Favour
Motion Carried

8. Tax Exemption & Remission

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with provisions of Section 115 (1) of Towns and Local Service District Act, that council set the Total Family Income threshold for 80% Residential Property & W/S Tax Rebate at \$35,000 plus \$2,500 per dependent, effective January 1, 2026. The Total Family Income threshold for 50% Residential Property & W/S Tax Rebate be set at \$45,000 plus \$5,000 per dependent, effective January 1, 2026.



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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Brown

All in Favour
Motion Carried

9. Appointment of Town Manager

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush appoint, if the Town Manager is absent from the office, the Town Clerk to fill the position as Acting Town Manager during his/her absence.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried

10. Corporate Cards

BE IT RESOLVED that a credit limit of \$40,000 be established with the Bank of Montreal for the Town of Wabush.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Shea
Seconded By: Councillor Temple

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Mayor Canning congratulated Deputy Mayor Jamie Shea on his first presentation of the 2026 Budget. She thanked both Council and staff on all their hard work during this process.

Mayor Canning shared an address to the Town on the 2026 Budget. She encouraged residents that have any questions to reach out to her or contact the Town Hall.



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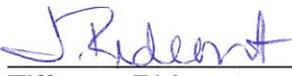
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Brown at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gertie Canning
Mayor



Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

GC:TR:dr