

The 30th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on December 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Town Manager Al Durno
Recording Secretary Donna Jones
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler

Absent: Town Clerk V. Sheppard – other commitment

1 DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

a) Mr. Loxton addressed Council and passed along Christmas greetings.

b) Delegation, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson passed along Christmas greetings to the Council. He expressed concern about the tug which is now abandoned in the Churchill River which was doing work for Hydro in relation to the Lower Churchill Hydro project. He felt that Hydro should talk to local people who are familiar with the river currents.

Mr. Dyson asked why hunters can't hunt caribou in the zone around the Churchill River when the area is going to be dammed resulting in the whole herd in the area destroyed. He asked what is being done to protect wildlife when the river is dammed. Deputy Mayor Oliver commented this will be dealt with under the EIS.

Eldred Mesher advised that he has copies of all the studies for the hydro project but the wildlife caribou studies have been withheld.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 30th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to adopt the agenda of the 30th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 29th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the

minutes of the 29th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Councillor Saunders commented on 29 2(e) and that this item was supposed to be discussed at last Council's Business Session. He asked that it be placed in this meeting's Business Session.
- b) Councillor Clarke commented on 29th 12 (c) and thanked Councillor McKey for Serco and UNDE Local 90215's monetary donations and food donations to the community food bank. A letter of thanks was requested to be sent.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 4 Incoming Letters and 20 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be sent to NL Hydro thanking and congratulating them on a successful Holiday light switch program.

Councillor Kelly requested a letter be sent to the Hon. Cathy Dunderdale, Natural Resources who partnered with NL Hydro and Newfoundland Power to bring Holiday Lightswitch to 17 municipalities across the Province and encouraging them to continue with this program in years to come.

- b) Councillor Kelly requested a letter be sent in support of MNL President Graham Letto's stand that the provincial government reinstate Municipal Operating Grants.

Also a letter be sent to the Hon. Dave Denine, Municipal Affairs that the MOG's be reinstated to the 1992 rates. The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay received \$1.2M in Municipal Operating Grants in 1992 and currently only receives \$200,000.

- c) Councillor Saunders commented on Incoming Letter #4 from 5 Wing which passed along thanks to Ms. Ann Morris and her staff and Karen Wheeler for their assistance with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsihidis to adopt the Municipal Services Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Land Application – Charlene Ghaney

Application received from Charlene Ghaney for land at Burnt Point for a cabin lot. Committee recommends approval.

b) Land Application – Chris Lethbridge

Application received from Chris Lethbridge for land on Corte Real Road for a mink farm. Committee recommends denying the application at this site as it is too close to town and proposed future development areas.

c) Snow Clearing Right of Ways

All roads in town have a right of way for snow clearing, the right of ways range from 40 feet to 66 feet (all new subdivisions 66 feet). Property owners are now grassing from their property line to the pavement and putting up markers, which interferes with snow clearing. Over the past year or so property owners are putting steel bars in the ground and putting their markers over the steel. This not only interferes with snow clearing, it also creates a safety problem and causes damage to our snow clearing equipment. In the past 4 years we have asked a number of people to move or remove things such as driveway markers, fences, garbage boxes, and the above mentioned markers and while most people have cooperated, some things are moved or removed by town staff.

It is recommended that no person shall store or erect anything outside the property line which interferes with snow removal equipment; furthermore, the cost to repair the damage to town equipment caused by anything stored or erected outside the property line shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Anything stored or erected outside the property line, not removed by the property owner after notification will be removed by Town staff.

This policy will be advertised on the ad channel.

d) Application – Rolf Brandt

An application received from Rolf Brandt to have a variance to allow a new addition to his existing house at 10 Thompson beyond Council's 10% limit. Committee recommends denying as this is beyond the Council's authority. Council will work with the applicant to find an alternate site.

e) Update on Water Issue

An update on the water issue was presented by Wally Nippard advising that this project is ongoing to the budget 2008 committee for consideration.

7 TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councillor B. MacKey

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Winter Lights Celebration

- Tree Lighting and light exchange went very well.
- Winter Lights meeting December 11, 2007
- The Santa Parade will start at 4:00 p.m. on December 15 and will start from Our Lady Queen of Peace school.

b) Hospitality NL Conference / TradeX (HNL)

The HNL is scheduled for Gander from Friday, February 14 – Sunday, February 16, 2008. Cruise NL will be holding their annual general meeting on February 13, 2008. This is a budgeted item.

Mayor Abbass noted that this may be the last time we will have to participate in the cruise meetings as Randy Letto will be representing all of Labrador at the table.

c) Upgrades / Repairs to Penalty Box

It was moved by Councillor W. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to proceed with upgrading/repairs to the penalty box area at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena by Lewis Structural at a cost of \$15,000 plus applicable taxes. Motion Carried unanimously.

d) Replacement of Condenser

It was moved by Councillor W. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the replacement of the condenser at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena by Dobbin Freeze-Tech to supply and install the unit for a price of \$22,000.00 plus applicable taxes. 2007 Budget item. Motion Carried unanimously.

**8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
Councillor D. Clarke**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the Economic Development Committee Report. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Items

- The Dairy Feasibility Study is ongoing and nearing completion.
- The three proponent's plans have been reviewed for the Wood Processing Facility. Additional information was required, and once received and gone over, there should be an announcement sometime in the New Year.
- Route 500 Beautification project has submitted applications for funding to ACOA and INTRD and are awaiting approval.
- The Winter Tourism Strategy being undertaken by the Department of Tourism was completed by Tract Consulting, but was returned to them to address a number of deficiencies. There was not enough work done on the potential of snowmobiling.
- The Provincial Tourism Strategy is being undertaken by Amec. They have just completed the public consultations. The strategy is slated to be available, after provincial review, in the spring 2008.
- Come Home Year 2011 is meeting every first Thursday of the month. Destination Labrador has paid for the URL: www.comehometolabrador.com on which we can start to upload our plans for the celebration.
- The mock ups of the four inserts that are included in our promotional packages will be emailed to you this week. If you could please look them over and let me know if there are any changes or items that you feel should be included. If we can get this approved within the next two weeks, we will have them available for the Northern Lights Conference.

b) Northern Lights Conference 2008

- i) Committee recommends to contribute \$5,000.00 as a partner with Labrador West for either a meet and greet or a breakfast, or to contribute \$3,500.00 if the Partnership is not achieved.

ii) Committee recommends that Council send three (3) delegates to the Conference and meetings in Ottawa.

c) Economic Development Strategy Meeting

Committee recommends holding this meeting on January 19, 2008. Further that the managers prepare information prior to this meeting.

d) Arctic Gateway Campaign

Information in Package relative to the Arctic Gateway Campaign

e) Information Item – Meeting

There will be a meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. between Chris O'Brien, Industrial Benefits Specialist, Department of Business, the Mayor, Director of Economic Development and any interested Councillors.

**9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
– Deputy Mayor S. Oliver**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Item – Complaints Report

Complaints Report for November 2007 presented for information.

b) Information Item – Fines Report

Fines Report December 3, 2007 presented for information.

c) Information Item – Fuel Prices

Fuel Prices November 22, November 29 and December 6, 2007 presented for information.

d) Request – Katimavik

Request received from Katimavik for assistance. Committee recommends contributing two meals for the Katimavik personnel while they are training for work in the Upper Lake Melville area.

e) **Kraft Hockeyville 2008**

Committee recommends that Council apply to Kraft Hockeyville for the title of Kraft Hockeyville 2008 and any other aspects

Councillor MacKey advised that the Recreation Director has assured him an application will be submitted to Kraft Hockeyville before the deadline.

f) **Tender for Sewer Vacuum Truck**

Committee recommends purchasing a sewer vacuum truck from the low bidder which meets all specifications; low bidder Saunders Equipment \$232,913.40.

g) **Atlantic Mayors Congress**

Committee recommends that Mayor Leo Abbass sit as Labrador's representative on the Atlantic Mayors Congress.

h) **Motion to Borrow**

Committee recommends borrowing from a chartered bank or other financial institution an amount not exceeding \$20,230.00 plus the amount required to cover total related capitalized interest at a rate not exceeding prime.

The Provincial Government will be repaying this loan to the town as it is related to the Business Case Development Plan expenses from Bae Newplan in regard to the proposed sewer treatment facility.

10 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis to approve cheques in the amount of \$1,246,202.13. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Vendor	Cheque Amount
60017683	College of the North Atlantic	\$ 2,100.00
60017698	Melville Communications	557.19
60017671	Family Memorials Limited	1,538.50
60017672	Mista-Shipu Construction Ltd.	553,424.40

60017721	EDM Consultants Ltd.	5,361.01
60017722	Enviro-Safe Fuel Systems Ltd	1,651.86
60017724	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	1,321.09
60017728	Labradorian Printers Ltd.	535.80
60017732	NL/Lab Fed Municipalities	4,805.24
60017734	Speedy(Labrador)8143	1,032.55
60017735	Toromont Cat	630.43
60017736	Traction #557	1,216.86
60017740	Michelin Eddie	600.00
60017741	Mista-Shipu Construction Ltd.	394,112.30
60017742	Ron Fougere Associated Ltd.	264,326.10
60017745	Atlantic Purifications	1,470.60
60017747	Gary Cull	725.00
60017748	Dobbin Freezotech Ltd.	1,222.75
60017752	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	857.85
60017753	Goose Sales & Services	1,945.39
60017755	Guillevin International Inc.	513.00
60017757	Hamilton Systems & Sales	583.45
60017764	Moktech 2000 Limited	1,118.55
60017768	Notre Dame Agencies	542.32
60017775	Profire Sales & Services	1,845.03
60017778	Switch Electrical Inc.	2,164.86
	TOTAL	\$1,246,202.13

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Clarke wished a Merry Christmas to everyone in the gallery and to Council and staff.
- b) Councillor Saunders wished a Merry Christmas to everyone in the gallery and to Council and staff.
- c) Councillor Kelly congratulated town staff for the attractive tree lighting around the town and especially Husky Park and Kinsmen Park.

- d) Councillor MacKey extended Christmas greetings to those in the gallery, the media, Council and staff.
- e) Councillor Tsibidis extended Christmas Greetings and thanks to Town Staff for an enjoyable Christmas function.
- f) Councillor Tsibidis commented that as the town continues to grow water is needed and lots of it.
- g) Deputy Mayor Oliver extended Christmas greetings. He advised that on December 17 there will be a budget meeting.
- h) Mayor Abbass thanked Deputy Mayor Oliver for his service to the Combined Councils of Labrador.
- i) Mayor Abbass advised that a thank you letter has been sent to Hollis Yetman for constructing the ice sculpture in front of the Town Christmas Tree.
- j) Mayor Abbass advised a congratulatory letter was sent to Max Winters on his receiving the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. Mayor Abbass advised that the public has until January 12, 2008 to nominate names for the 2008 recipients of this Order.
- k) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be sent to the sponsors who provided prizes for the Town's Christmas Party.
- l) Mayor Abbass thanked the media for doing a great job in reporting on Council meeting news during the year. He thanked staff for their work during the year and asked that everyone enjoy the Christmas season and be responsible drivers.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 6:0 p.m. for a 5 minute recess, reconvening at 6:05 p.m.

12 BUSINESS SESSION

a) Municipal Assessment Agency

The Town Manager advised that Sean Martin of Municipal Assessment Agency will be meeting with Council in the New Year.

b) 27 Ikey Street

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that the owner, Lionel and Hilda Letemplier, of the property located at 27 Ikey Street, be issued a Stop Work Order to cease work immediately on the extension to their property as extension exceeds the allowable Building line setback standard as per the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Municipal Development Regulations. Further, that the owners be required to remove immediately the work done to date on this extension. This Stop Work Order is issued as per Section 194 (B) and 404 (I) (e) of the Municipalities Act 1999 Chapter M-24 and the Town Development Regulations. Motion Carried unanimously.

c) Update of Town Pension Plan

This item will be discussed at the budget meeting on Monday.

d) Tug Boat Accident Churchill River

A letter will be sent to NL Hydro stating that Council has grave concerns from an environmental perspective concerning the tug that has submerged in the Churchill River and the impact this may have on the river. Also requesting what measures Hydro will be taking to see that an incident such as this doesn't reoccur.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD