

The 28th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on October 23, 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
Town Clerk V. Sheppard

Absent: Recording Secretary Donna Jones - vacation

Absent: Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler – family leave

1a) DELEGATION, Grand River Snowmobile Club – Rod Pilgrim

Mr. Pilgrim made a presentation to Council regarding the Club's trail plan. They are requesting that Council write the Department of Environment supporting the Club's proposed snowmobile trails and further to this inquire as to why the Department is allowing agriculture to develop in other areas (Welburn Bay Road) rather than the agriculture development area on Mud Lake Road.

b) DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council stating he was here when Mr. Kelland was Mayor and Council was then trying to deal with the sewer problem. It is still the same today. He expressed to Council to keep in mind that what they decide today will affect our children in the future.

c) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council and queried where the Town boundary is going towards Mud Lake Road. The Town Manager advised it goes down Mud Lake Road as far as the Point.

Mr. Dyson stated that the Provincial government will need to have a lot of input now from Municipal councils now that they have such a large majority.

Mr. Dyson asked why Council could not go after some of the power from Lower Churchill to attract big industry such as a lumber or paper mill. We have no industry now, and can't see why our wood has to leave Labrador to be processed.

Mr. Dyson asked if Mud Lake now has use of the Town Municipal landfill site. The Town Manager advised that this is still being reviewed.

Mr. Dyson stated that there are sidewalks in Town that need repair and also there are areas where there is none. He requested Council look into this. The Mayor advised that areas that want sidewalks, there will be a charge for this per household. He will refer this to the 2008 budget meeting.

Mr. Dyson advised that the water in the sewer outfall, pass Fred Loxton's place, is very low. He queried what happens if it freezes. The Town Manager advised that they have been advised there is enough current flow to carry away the solids.

Mr. Dyson queried where is the cheap seal for the Trans Labrador Highway? He stated he wants asphalt.

d) DELEGATION, Dusty Miller

Mr. Miller advised Council that he is available to meet with Council for an in-camera session. The Town Manager was requested to arrange a meeting. Mr. Miller also commented on the Serco restructuring plan.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 28th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the agenda of the 28th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 27th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsihidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Councillor MacKey queried 27th 1 (i) as to why the residents had not been made aware of this. Councillor Clarke stated he would like to see CF-18s here year round. Mayor has to act on any inquiry that he receives.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 9 Incoming Letters and 9 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

The Deputy Mayor queried if any response was received from the letter sent to Hon. Peter McKay. Mayor Abbass advised that to date no response has been received.

Mayor Abbass commented on Incoming Letter #9 as he would like to send a package.

Councillor Kelly commented on Incoming Letter #7 – asking all delegates attending the MNL to vote for Graham Letto.

Councillor Kelly commented on Incoming Letter #2 received from MP Todd Russell and noted he makes very good points about the Provincial Energy Plan. Councillor Kelly suggested that Council use some of his points in our information regarding the Provincial Energy Plan.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the Municipal Services Report with the exception of item (f) which will be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

Darrell and Sharon Bennett – Airline Taxi Limited addressed the Committee and discussion was held on the Town's Taxi Regulations and proposed changes.

a) Land Application – Dennis Augot

Land application received from Dennis Augot for Crown Land 45 x 60 meters located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

b) Land Application – Perry Lethbridge

Land application from Perry Lethbridge for Crown land 10 x 60 meters located adjacent to his residential property at 21 Corte Real Road to be used for personal use. Committee recommends denying this request due to the access of the land behind the properties on Corte Real Road.

c) Home-based Business Application – Deborah Gill

Request received from Deborah Gill to operate a mobile snack truck. Committee recommends approval for a phone and fax service only at 14 Mealy Mountain Road and that at no time shall food or snacks be prepared or sold from the mobile snack truck at this address.

Further to this a letter stating the same be sent to John and Dianne Houlahan.

d) Land Application – Alan Snelgrove

Application received for land 85 x 120 meters on Hamilton River Road adjacent to the parcel recently approved for Labrador Investments to be used for a garden centre/warehouse/greenhouse. Committee recommends approval subject to the following:

- i) All plans to be submitted and approved in compliance with the Town's Development Regulations
- ii) Approval from Government Services for Fire, Life Safety and Accessibility, and
- iii) Water and sewer connection into Town's main lines shall be made within one year after installation

e) Municipal Plan Meeting

Committee recommends that a Municipal Plan meeting be held October 30 at 5:00 p.m. to review, discuss and proceed with the proposed Municipal Plan.

f) Land Application – Adam Walsh**g) Taxi Regulation – Phase In Over 3 Years**

Committee recommends that the Town Council phase in a regulation that taxis in the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay have a maximum age of seven years by phasing in this over three years, i.e.

May 31, 2008	oldest allowable model 1999
January 1, 2009	oldest allowable model 2001
January 1, 2010	oldest allowable model 2003

And in future years all vehicles will not exceed seven years.

h) North Side Industrial Park Land

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to remove the parcel of land situated on the south side of Winnipeg Street located between Universal Helicopters and JJ's Trucking in the North Side Industrial Park from the parcel of land that is frozen for airport related industry. Motion Carried unanimously.

i) Land Application – Adam Walsh

Request received from Adam Walsh to purchase a lot of land situated on the south side of Winnipeg Street located between Universal Helicopters and JJ's Trucking in the North Side Industrial Park. Committee recommends approval conditioned upon the applicant meeting with Town staff to ensure that his development complies with the North Side Development Plan and further to this that construction shall commence within one year and that all Government approvals are received.

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) Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report

Report for the period of September 19 to October 16, 2007 was presented for information.

b) Winter Lights Celebration

Judging will be held Friday, December 14 – December 16, 2007.

A meeting of the Winter Lights Committee will be held on Monday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.

c) December Events

Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 6
Santa Claus Parade will take place on December 15

8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Councillor M. Kelly

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to approve the Economic Development Committee Report with the exception of item (a) which will be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Request for Support – Labrador Métis Nation

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve a request received

from the Labrador Métis Nation for support of their Height of Land Wind Park and a letter of support in principal be sent to the Labrador Métis Nation for their wind farm initiative. Further to this the Director of Economic Development contact all principals involved for this project for information and clarification. Motion Carried.

Against: Mayor Abbass

b) Tree Lighting Ceremony

Committee recommends that Council approve the addition to the Tree Lighting Ceremony to include:

- Yellow bows on the tree
- Ice sculpture of 5 Wing logo, 444 logo with yellow floodlights
- Short speeches by Mayor, Acting Commander, MHA, MP, IGA
- Community choir singing carols with public
- Drinks and snacks at the arena
- Area with food/drinks decorated with banner (supplied) and yellow balloons
- Free skate for the public

Further to this it is recommended that the Town advertise the Tree Lighting ceremony with an insert into the Labradorian. The Town Office would print off the 2000 copies and pay \$180.00 to have them inserted into the paper.

c) Request – Labrador West Tourism Development Corporation

Request received from the Labrador West Tourism Development Corporation for a letter of support for the Beautification and Branding of Route 500. Committee recommends that a letter of support for this project be forwarded to the Labrador West Tourism Development Corporation.

d) Meeting – Economic Development Strategy

Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

e) Energy Plan Meeting

Director of Economic Development will distribute information and a meeting will be set up at a later date.

f) Information Item

Information enclosed on the following topics:

- Come Home Year
- Northern Lights 2008 – 2008 budget item
- Regional Marketing Concept
- Destination Labrador

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

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

a) Sewer Treatment Project

Committee recommends increasing the Water and Sewer fees up to \$600.00 per year to cover cost of loan payment, operation and maintenance, if necessary. Committee recommends approval.

Committee recommends borrowing \$4,345,579.00 (Town share of Capital cost of project) from a lending institute to be repaid over 15 years.

b) Complaints Report

Enclosed in Council's package are the complaints reports for August and September 2007.

c) Fines Report

The Fines Report for August 2007 was presented by information.

d) Request – Labrador Creative Arts Festival

Request received from the Labrador Creative Arts Festival for assistance for the 32nd festival. Committee recommends a contribution of \$250.00.

e) Request for Funding – Labrador Friendship Centre

Request received from the Labrador Friendship Centre for Council to assist with the Friendship Center's children's and seniors Christmas Party. Committee recommends denying this request as it is not in the donations policy.

f) Fuel Pricing

Enclosed in Council's package was fuel pricing information for September 13, 27 and October 11, 2007.

g) Gas Tax Funding

Committee recommends that Council call tenders for a sewer cleaning / vacuum truck.

h) Security Cameras

Enclosed in Council's information was information on security cameras for town facilities.

i) Business Session

Time for Council meetings.

j) RCMP Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the RCMP detachment report for the period August 13 – October 16, 2007.

k) Approval to Borrow

Committee recommends that Council borrow up to \$2,250,000.00 plus interest (Provincial Share) from the Royal Bank of Canada for the Mealy Mountain Auditorium.

10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve cheques in the amount of \$215,002.02. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60017334	Hilliers Trades Limited	\$ 1,281.02
60017341	Melville Communications	2,337.00
60017346	NL Municipal Financing	149,591.61
60017336	Labrador Construction Ltd.	649.80
60017354	Two Seasons Greenhouse	1,696.32
60017350	Paint Shop	936.62
60017356	Uptown Audio Video	3,500.00

60017367	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	701.09
60017376	The Mason's #17 Ltd.	545.87
60017379	UVS Canada	950.00
60017363	Bowman Distribution	1,290.83
60017385	Flotech Enterprises Ltd.	1,948.51
60017391	Mishkuss Electric Ltd.	816.35
60017392	Municipal Assessment Agency	24,953.50
60017397	Noseworthy, Leslie H Limited	3,021.00
60017402	Sojourn Enterprises	1,188.74
60017403	Traction #557	3,759.51
60017410	Dobbin Freezotech Ltd.	1,002.12
60017411	K & D Pratt Ltd.	797.43
60017429	Labrador Motors Ltd.	1,381.41
60017430	Labrador Construction Ltd.	6,264.13
60017440	Speedy(Labrador)8143	1,827.59
60017462	Desjardins Financial Security	2,717.00
60017464	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,844.57
	TOTAL	\$ 215,002.02

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Clarke commented rumours are rampant in this Town. If Council has the opportunity to meet with a person in this Town to find out the rights of what is going on and this opportunity has been given to us, then Council should do this and then advise the public of what is right.
- b) Councillor Clarke commented on meeting requested with the Minister of National Defence advising CF-18's are here in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on several NORAD commitments, this is great and that they should remain here.

- c) Councillor Clarke commented on the sign in front of the Town Hall. This sign was advertising a job fair in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for some company in Alberta. He commented he does not think that we should be placing this kind of ad on a Town sign. It shows that we are endorsing our residents leaving town.
- d) Councillor Saunders commented on the Municipal Plan meeting on October 30, 2007. The Municipal Plan must be approved and it is important for all councilors to attend this meeting.
- e) Councillor Kelly had complaints regarding alot of garbage in the road outside the landfill. She would like this cleaned up.
- f) Councillor Kelly commented the election left us with a very large majority; government leaving us in a serious situation. Councilors should be prepared to bring forward to Government all issues.
- g) Councillor Kelly commented the MNL Annual Conference is being held in St. John's November 16-18, 2007.
- h) Councillor Kelly thanked Council and staff for their support when her husband Bill had his triple bypass surgery. All is well and he is recovering nicely.
- i) Councillor MacKey commented on CF-18's being in town, we have the facilities and they should have a permanent Squadron stationed in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Should write Department of National Defence advising them of this.
- j) Councillor Tsididis commented he has asked in the past to have a sign with our population on it erected. He requested this be added to our 3 signs.
- k) Councillor Tsididis commented on water and still need more information. The Town Manager advised that we have received information from our Consultants that the water is good but not enough of it and it is costly to obtain. Meeting will be arranged to brief Council.
- l) Councillor Tsididis also had complaints about garbage at the dump road. Maybe Council should change the hours to have it open longer and on Sundays.
- m) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on smoking at the entrance of the E. J. Broomfield Memorial Arena. He has had complaints and this practice must stop. He suggested maybe erecting a sign "No Smoking within 25 feet of the building". He would like this brought back to committee for action.

- n) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on the playground behind Peacock School. The playground has a lot of vandalism and equipment needs repair. The school has advised that they are not responsible. The Town Manager was requested to check into this for the next committee meeting.
- o) Deputy Mayor Oliver noted that November 18-25 is Restorative Justice Week.
- p) Deputy Mayor Olivier remarked that the Provincial Energy Plan for the Combined Councils has not gone away. They are waiting for the new Cabinet appointments and when known will be contacting the Minister requesting a meeting.
- q) Mayor Abbass queried the painting of lines on Hamilton River Road. The Town Manager advised that he spoke to the Department of Highways today and they advise they are waiting for a fine day to do the lining. Also the Mayor asked the Town Manager to question the size of the shoulders on Hamilton River Road.
- r) Mayor Abbass noted he went to the landfill this past weekend and was disappointed and would like the site the way it was.
- s) Mayor Abbass noted he has received concerns about the possible congestion on Hamilton River Road when the Francophone School opens next to the hospital. This area will see heavy traffic, snow clearing, etc.
- t) Mayor Abbass would like staff to arrange a meeting with the Assessment Division to determine the number of cabins within the municipality and costs included to assess the cabins.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. for a 5 minute recess.

12. BUSINESS SESSION

a) Time for Council Meetings

Starting November 2007 Council meetings will convene at 7:00 p.m.

- b) Mayor Abbass queried hiring practices and business activities of local businesses.
- c) Mayor Abbass presented the Town Manager with a survey on Municipal government from McGill University that needs to be completed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

- MAYOR LEO ABBASS -

- TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD -