

The 22nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on April 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor James H. Saunders
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Councillor Dean Clarke – out of town

1 **a) PRESENTATION, Max Peddle**

Mr. Peddle addressed the Council meeting and made a presentation to Mayor Abbass on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion. He presented the Mayor with a copy of the *Legion Gazette* publication which contained a front page article concerning the Remembrance Day poppies which were painted on the ice surface at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena honoring those in the military who fought at Beaumont Hamel.

b) PRESENTATION, Cathy Pye, Monica Surina – Melville Public Library

Ms. Pye and Ms Surina thanked Council on behalf of the library board for all the assistance the Town Council gives the library, noting they could not operate without Town support. They presented the Mayor with a certificate of thanks. Ms Surina spoke on the extended hours at the library as they are now open on Saturdays from 12 – 4:30 p.m. Plans are in progress at the library to start book clubs, to involve seniors in the library, to have poetry corners, authors corners and they will be initiating a *Dare to Dream* campaign aimed at a new facility.

Mayor Abbass thanked them for their presentation and asked that they pass on congratulations to Hyra Skolund on her 25 years service to the Library.

2 **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council concerning the recent Provincial government announcements in the Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador.

Mr. Dyson spoke on the recent government announcement concerning coast guard ships being stationed at Argentina and St. John's and none being sent to Labrador.

Mr. Dyson spoke on the Lake Melville Xtreme Midget D hockey games held at the E.J. Broomfield Arena from April 9-11, 2007 commenting on the fantastic job of organizing and the fantastic team from Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 22nd MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 22nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 21st MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

- a) Councillor Saunders commented on 21st minutes 11 (b) clarifying the plans for Route 389 – Route 500 discussed during meetings he attended in Fermont.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 3 Incoming Letters and 5 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Councillor Mackey commented on Incoming Letter #3 from Hon. John Hickey in response to ours concerning accessing money for a civic center. Councillor MacKey asked that the Minister be written requesting he follow up with the Hon. Jack Bryne on our behalf concerning this matter. Councillor Kelly requested that Deputy Minister Ron Bowles be contacted to present to Council the government's presentation on the Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador.
- b) Councillor Kelly commented on outgoing letter #3 sent to the NLFM concerning the NLFM mortgage on their office building.
- c) Councillor Saunders queried Outgoing Letter #2 concerning the Francophone school as to whether any further discussions have been held. The Town Manager advised that no further discussions have taken place.

- d) Councillor Kelly queried Outgoing Letter #1 regarding the Gas Tax Funding Agreement as to whether any response was received on this correspondence. The Town Manager advised no response received as yet.

7 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

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

a) Permit Report

Enclosed in Council's Package was the permit report – no permits issued since last month.

b) Application – Neil Blake

Application received from Neil Blake for a cottage lot at Burnt Point. Committee recommends approval.

c) Application – Sandy Earle and Isabel Broomfield

Application received from Sandy Earle and Isabel Broomfield to convert the business "Satin Secrets" located at 138 Hamilton River Road into a single dwelling. Committee recommends approval.

d) Request – Dan Bursey

Request received from Dan Bursey to purchase a parcel of land on Hillcrest Road behind Rumours Night Club. Committee recommends selling the parcel of land to Mr. Bursey for \$1,000.00 plus HST conditioned upon:

- a. the applicant being responsible for all the associated costs for the transfer of the property, including the appraisal fee
- b. the existing parcel of land and the new parcel be consolidated to form one parcel, and
- c. the existing drain be retained and to be made accessible to the Town for future maintenance.

e) Taxi Cab Regulations - amendment

Committee recommends amending Section 7(b) under the heading of "Licenses" of the Taxi Cab Regulations, as follows:

"The applicant shall provide a Letter of Conduct or a search of Provincial Court Records from the Provinces the applicant has resided in for the past 10 years. Further, a report from the RCMP (CPIC) or Annual

Records Check must also be provided. The Community Constable shall then review and approve the application prior to issuing a Taxi Driver License.”

f) Dog/Cat Regulations – proposed amendment

The Community Constable requests that Section 13 of the current Dog/Cat Regulations be amended to increase the seizing and impounding fees as follows:

Seizing and impounding, licensed, 1st instance, \$30 change to \$75.00

Seizing and impounding, unlicensed, 1st instance, \$50 change to \$150

Seizing and impounding, 2nd instance with a 12 month period, \$100 change to \$200

Committee recommends denying the request.

g) Leak Detection Program/Water Main Flushing/Sewer Flushing

Information enclosed in Council Package.

h) Recreation Sports Complex Building Vandalism Estimate

The estimate to repair the damages to the Sports Complex building is \$14,144.33 based on the town utilizing its own staff to complete the work. Committee recommends proceeding in having the necessary work completed.

i) Hospitality Units – Neil Parrott

Council information item.

j) Application – Phyllis Woodward

Application received from Phyllis Woodward to operate a home based business at her rental property at 2C Learning Street. (Letter of approval received from her landlord) The area in question is zoned Residential Medium Density and home based businesses are discretionary uses.

Committee recommends denying the request because the development does not comply to the Town's Development Regulations.

k) Application – Notre Dame Realty Limited

A request received from Notre Dame Realty Limited to sell a portion of their property at 33 Grenfell Street. Also a request for Council to relax the side yard requirements of both properties by 10% to allow for the new extension

and to keep the property at 33 Grenfell Street in compliance with the Town's Development Regulations.

Committee recommends to approve the request subject to the following condition: a) a revised survey of both properties to be submitted to the Town once completed.

I) Adoption of Municipal Services Committee April 5, 2007

Committee recommends adopting the Municipal Services Committee items from the meeting held on April 5, 2007. Items from that meeting were as follows:

i) Gas Tax

Motion by Councillor D. Clarke seconded Councillor B. MacKey that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay adopt the Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement as presented by the Province in their correspondence of October 12, 2006. Further that Council adopt the Capital Investment Plan as presented. Motion Carried.

ii) Land Application – Labrador Investments Ltd.

Moved Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded Councillor D. Clarke to approve a request from Labrador Investments Ltd. for Crown Land lease #115866 on Hamilton River Road to construct a warehouse.
Favor: Saunders, Tsibidis
Against: Oliver, Clarke, MacKey, Kelly, Mayor
Motion Defeated.

iii) Taxi Driver Licence

Re: Criminal Record and Court Check

Council reviewed the taxi cab regulations. It was the consensus that the regulation remain as is. Town Manager requested to advise the applicant.

iv) Economic Development Position

Meeting to be arranged for Friday, April 13, 2007 to review this position.

v) Francophone School Board

Moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded Councillor P. Tsibidis to transfer 30 meters of Town Land adjacent to their requested land application on Hamilton River Road conditioned upon the land converting back to the Town if the school does not

go ahead or if the Francophone School Board does not have a need for the land in the future.

vi) Request – Central Labrador Economic Development Board

Referred to next committee meeting.

vii) Labrador North Chamber of Commerce

Annual membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2007. Councillors Saunders, Tsibidis and Deputy Mayor Oliver will be attending.

8 TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councillor B. MacKey

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report for March 21 – April 17, 2007 presented for information.

b) Recreation NL, Gander, NL May 24 – 26, 2007

Committee recommends that the town's Tourism Parks and Recreation Director and Councillor Bill MacKey, Chair of the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee attend the 36th Annual General meeting and conference scheduled for Gander from May 24-26, 2007.

c) Community Awards Banquet and Presentation

Councillor MacKey commented on the successful Community Awards Banquet and Presentation held on April 21 and the great guest speaker, Mr. Ian Hill. Councillor MacKey noted that Mr. Hill donated \$2,000, less the \$250 each paid to the two entertainers, back to next year's community awards event.

d) Wellness Walking Program

This program will be started on May 16, 2007.

9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Councillor M. Kelly

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Economic Development

Committee verbal report as presented by Councillor Kelly. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Economic Development Position

The Job Description for this position should be finalized this week and once it is perused by Council the position will be advertised

b) IEMR Meetings

Councillor Kelly brief Council on the IEMR Meetings she attended on April 24 and 25.

c) Municipal Awareness Day May 16, 2007

The theme for this year's Municipal Awareness Day is *Celebrate the Place You Call Home*. A meeting has been arranged for April 26 to finalized plans and activities for this event.

**10 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) Request for Office Space

Council has received a request for office space, storage space, parking, and access to kitchen facilities and the boardroom at the Town Hall. Committee recommends convening a meeting with Carol Best, Chair of CLEDB to discuss this issue with the entire Council.

b) Funds from RCMP Ball

Committee recommends that the Town write the RCMP Committee recommending that funds be directed to Melville Library.

c) Visit of Learning Group from Across Canada

Committee recommends hosting the Learning Group at the Town Boardroom on April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**d) Land not Used Charged Water and Sewer -
Terrington Co-op**

Committee recommends advising the Co-op that as this lot would be used as a building lot the charge will remain in place.

e) Expo Labrador Booklet and Space

Committee recommends purchasing space in the Expo Labrador booklet – one half page, full color.

f) NLFM InfoNotes

Information items enclosed in package

g) Complaints Report

Complaints Report for March 2007 enclosed in Council package for information.

h) FCM Consent Form

FCM Consent Form in Council package for anyone wishing to run for office at the FCM

i) Municipal Symposium – May 11-13, Gander, NL

Councillor MacKey has agreed to attend the Municipal Symposium after reviewing the symposium information.

j) Municipal Awareness Day – May 16, 2007

Committee recommends that a committee be formed to organize events for Municipal Awareness Day.

k) Lab Cup 25

Request received from Lab Cup 25 for a monetary donation. Committee recommends denying this request and to advise the Lab Cup 25 Committee of Council's in-kind contribution to this event and to Minor Soccer.

l) Info Item – Partners in Sustainability**m) Community Prosperity Forum – April 24-25, Corner Brook, NL**

Information item.

n) Letter from Mal Wells - Water and Sewer Tax on Vacant Property

Committee recommends exempting this charge to Water and Sewer on vacant property sent to the owner of 3 Bennett Drive as the land is not accessible to be used for building purposes.

o)) Letter - Water and Sewer Tax on Vacant Property

Joyce and Gilbert Davis to be written advising that policy will continue whenever land is available for development.

p) Letters re Town Tax Increases

Letters in package from Geoff Goodyear, Universal Helicopters and Susan Felsberg re Town tax increases. Committee recommends responding advising that the raise in taxes was made after considerable deliberation; however, funds are required to continue to provide services in the Town.

q) Fines Report

The Fines Report enclosed in Council Package for information.

r) Noise Level Regulations

A request received for the Town to grant permission for Noise Level Regulations to be disregarded during the Canadian Cancer Relay for Life event being held on June 15 at Husky Park. Committee recommends looking at alternate hours of day and moving the stage to have the speakers pointed towards Hamilton River Road.

s) Petroleum Pricing Commission

Fuel Price reports for March 29, April 5 and April 12, 2007 enclosed in the Council Package for information.

t) Staffing – Economic Development

Councillor Kelly is working with town staff to bring back an outline of the requirements needed to fill this position.

u) Trial Balances

General Ledger Trial Balance – Information Item

v) Happy Valley-Goose Bay Quilters

Committee recommends donating \$200 to the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Quilters to help defray the cost of materials for quilts they are making for 14 members of 444 Squadron who will be deployed to Afghanistan.

11 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve cheques in the amount of \$493,191.45. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60016356	Aliant Mobility	\$ 1,281.21
60016357	Arvo McMillian	3,640.94
60016358	Atlantic Purifications	1,727.10
60016359	Baine Johnston Insurance	1,829.65
60016375	Nfld. Municipal Financing	149,591.61
60016378	Saunders Equipment Ltd.	870.96
60016379	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	883.84
60016380	Western Pump Services	3,423.84
60016411	Municipal Assessment Agency	24,953.50
60016427	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	2,137.63
60016429	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,142.88
60016435	CBCL Limited	598.50
60016436	Labrador Motors Ltd.	1,256.78
60016437	Ron Fougere Associated Ltd.	170,658.00
60016438	North Links Construction Co.	129,194.95
	TOTAL	\$ 493,191.45

12. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver briefed the Council on the regular monthly meeting between the RCMP, himself, the Town Manager and Community Constable Sampson which was held on April 20. The RCMP will be making public announcements advising people to stay off the ice as ice conditions are poor.

- b) Deputy Mayor Oliver briefed Council on the PanLabrador Caucus meetings he attended along with Councillor Kelly which were held in the Straits.
- c) Councillor Tsibidis asked that the cracks and potholes appearing on the town streets be repaired.
- d) Councillor Tsibidis commented on the various water breaks appearing near Hamilton River Road and Tenth Street. The Town Manager advised that once these appear Town crews start repairs on these breaks.
- e) Councillor Tsibidis advised that he had comments that there was too much sand on the roads.
- f) Councillor Tsibidis asked when water testing on the Churchill Falls Road for a new water source would be done. This will be carried out once the spring runoff is over.
- g) Councillor MacKey thanked the 12 sponsors that have been behind the successful Community Awards event since the first initial event was held.
- h) Councillor Kelly also advised she attended the Labrador Caucus meetings in the Straits in her role as Labrador Director for the NLFM.
- i) Councillor Saunders congratulated Councillor MacKey and Director Ken Anthony for a successful Community Awards evening.
- j) Councillor Saunders noted that in the latest issue of *Forum* magazine there was an article on homeless across the country.
- k) Mayor Abbass advised that Goronwy Price is now the new Airport Manager and recently took over his new duties.
- l) Mayor Abbass advised that he, along with Councillor MacKey and Director Anthony will be starting on the upstairs room at the arena.
- m) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be sent to the Community Awards selection committee, judges and staff thanking them for a successful event.
- n) Mayor Abbass advised that he will be attending CANAL meetings in Corner Brook along with Director Anthony on April 26.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

13. **BUSINESS SESSION**

Staff Issues were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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