

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on April 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass  
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver  
Councillor Dean Clarke  
Councillor James H. Saunders  
Councillor Bill MacKey  
Councillor Madelyn Kelly  
Councillor Paul Tsibidis  
Town Manager Al Durno  
Town Clerk V. Sheppard  
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

1 **DELEGATIONS**

a) **John Chaisson**

Before Mr. Chaisson started his address to the Council Mayor Abbass cautioned Mr. Chaisson not to discuss any town personnel or town personnel related issues.

Mr. Chaisson continued his address to Council and said he was at the meeting tonight concerning a document that was showed to him by the town's Union. At this point Mayor Abbass adjourned the meeting for a short recess,

The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m. and Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Chaisson that this Council meeting wasn't being turned into a union meeting. Mayor Abbass requested that Mr. Chaisson come into the office tomorrow and sit down with Mr. Durno and a time will be set for a meeting with Council and Mr. Chaisson.

b) **Fred Loxton**

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council concerning the *Over 50's Club* which has recently been established in the area. He advised he has assumed the position of Treasurer and in the near future may be approaching Council concerning activities the club will be arranging.

c) **Herb Brown**

Mr. Brown addressed the Council with a thank you on behalf of the auditorium Wish Fish Committee and for being with them and moving this item forward. He advised that on May 6 there will be a meeting with the architectural firm who will be designing the auditorium.

The Town Manager advised that on this same topic there are meetings on May 3 with the Eastern Arts Alliance and on May 4 with Canadian Heritage.

Mr. Brown had another topic and this was concerning the possibility of the Heritage Dog Team Race being covered under the town's insurance policy. The Deputy Mayor asked Mr. Brown to put his request in writing to the Council.

Mr. Brown's last item was concerning a canoe trip he took last August on the Grand River as part of the River Keeper Group. He advised that a film crew accompanied them. The launch of the DVD video of the trip will be held on May 4 in North West River and on May 5 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay at the Northern Cross Community Centre. Mr. Brown advised a letter will be sent to the Council requesting that the town sponsor a reception after the video launch in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

**d) Jim Saunders**

Mr. Saunders addressed the Council concerning the interest charged on town taxes. Mr. Saunders would like Council to reconsider the interest being charged on town taxes.

Mayor Abbass advised that a committee consisting of Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver and Councillor Madelyn Kelly have been tasked with looking at interest charged on town taxes. At the next committee meeting a statement will be made by this committee concerning the topic of interest charged on town taxes.

**e) Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson commented on the high gas prices, the caribou kill in the Mealy Mountains by Quebec hunters, the Lower Churchill, wind power, and Markland Resources.

**2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

**3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 9<sup>th</sup> MEETINGS**

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

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**4. ACTION REPORT**

- a) Councillor Saunders commented on 9<sup>th</sup> minutes 5(e) whether contact had been made with John Dicks of Destination Labrador. The Town Manager advised that Mr. Dicks is out of town until May 9 and once he returns he will contact him to arrange a meeting with Council.
- b) Mayor Abbass queried 9<sup>th</sup> 8(b) and the statement made by the Labrador Lake Melville Tourism Association that Happy Valley-Goose Bay is one of three international airports in the province. The Town Manager will clarify this statement as the Mayor commented he has knowledge there are 4 international airports in the province.
- c) Mayor Abbass queried 9<sup>th</sup> 8(d) concerning tourism kiosks onboard Marine Atlantic vessels. Mayor Abbass asked that the Departments of Tourism, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development look into this form of advertising.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were 6 Incoming Letters and 21 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass commented on Incoming Letter # 4 from The RBC Royal Bank. It was queried whether their donation to the Melville Public Library goes directly to the library. Councillor Saunders suggested that contact be made, as per their letter, and a list of community proponents for their community investment program be forwarded to them. The Town Clerk was requested to call them.
- b) Councillor Saunders commented on Incoming Letter #5 concerning the NLFM 2006 Municipal Symposium. Councillor Kelly advised that she will be attending this symposium.

**6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders**

It was moved by Councillor James Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis to adopt the Municipal Services report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

**a) Permit Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the permit report up to April 18, 2006.

**b) Land Application – Greg Wheeler**

Application for Crown land 45 x 90 meters from Gregory Wheeler located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Committee recommends approval pending clarification of freeze on land.

**c) Land Application – Leo Evans**

Application received for Crown land 45 x 90 meters from Leo Evans located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Committee recommends approval pending clarification of freeze on land.

**d) Land Application – Basil Linehan**

Application received for Crown land 45 x 90 meters from Basil Linehan located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Committee recommends approval pending clarification of freeze on land.

**e) Land Application – Darren Ritter**

Application received for Crown land 45 x 90 meters from Darren Ritter 11.2 km up the Trans Labrador Highway to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Committee recommends approval.

**f) Home Based Business Application – Voisey's Arts and Craft**

Application received from Mike Voisey to operate a home based business, a retail, wholesale, souvenir gift shop from his residence located at 55A Grenfell Street (selling of traditional Labrador handcrafted products to the general public). Committee recommends approval subject to no adverse or negative feedback from the community, approvals being received from Government Services regarding fire, life safety and accessibility and that traffic is kept to a minimum on site. This approval is for an art and craft shop only.

**g) Request – Hospitality Units**

Request received from Neil Parrott to construct a three building complex on granted land next to the hospital on Hamilton River Road. Committee recommends approval in principal subject to the town determining the zoning designation of the area in question and the proposed development meeting the Town's Development Regulations and approvals from Government Services for fire, life safety and accessibility.

**h) Leakfinder RT**

Committee recommends that Council purchase the Leakfinder RT, complete with hydrophones for PVC pipe and two days on-site training, from Scotia Tech at a cost of \$25,000.00 plus HST. Funding from the 2005 – 50/50 Capital Works Program and also the gas program.

**i) Stop Sign for Churchill Street**

Committee recommends that the Community Constable survey the area and report back to the next committee meeting.

**7 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 Committee report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

**a) Tourism Parks and Recreation Report**

Enclosed in Council's package for information was the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report for March 23, 2006 – April 18, 2006.

**b) Minor Soccer Festival**

The Minor Soccer Festival will be held Saturday, June 17, 2006.

**c) 2006 Expo Labrador Tradex and Conference**

The 2006 Expo Labrador Tradex and Conference is scheduled for June 18-21, 2006.

**d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Canada Day Road Race**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual family Canada Day Road Race is scheduled during the Canada Day celebration.

**e) Winter Games Team**

Social for the 2006 Labrador Winter Games Team will be hosted on Friday, April 28 at the Town Office.

**f) Correspondence**

- Marine Atlantic – annual ferry schedule brochure ad
- Walk a Mile event – June 17, 2006
- Dept of Tourism, Culture & Recreation – expression of interest to host the 2008 NL

- Summer Games and the 2010 NL Winter Games

**g) Lettter**

Committee recommends that Council write the Snowflake Skating Club congratulating them on the 2006 ice show.

**h) Hosting of NL Summer & Winter Games**

Committee recommends that Council send an Expression of Interest to the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation to host the 2008 NL Summer Games and/or the 2010 NL Winter Games.

**8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
Councillor M. Kelly**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to adopt the Economic Development Committee report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

**a) Provincial Wellness Grants Program**

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the Provincial Wellness Grants program.

**b) Canadian Tire Jump Start Program**

Enclosed in Council's Package was information on the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program.

**c) Info Note**

Enclosed in Council's Package was a news article from Stephanie Rubec, Parliamentary Bureau with the Ottawa Sun regarding the Prime Minister's Office and DND releases.

**d) Info Item – NLFM Atlantic Mayor's Conference**

Enclosed in Council's package was a news release from Ruth Marks, Public Relation specialist regarding the Atlantic Mayors Conference.

**e) Central Labrador Economic Development Board**

Enclosed in Council's package was a list of the Board of Directors as of March 2006.

**f) Information Item – Combined Councils**

Enclosed in Council's package was a news release dated April 17, 2006 regarding the Combined Councils of Labrador funding.

**g) Information Item – FCM Members Advisory**

Enclosed in Council's package was a Members Advisory from the FCM regarding the Municipal advocates' kit.

**h) Information Item – Zippie Ikkiatsiak Ypma Award**

Enclosed in Council's package was a copy of the public announcement regarding the Zippie Ikkiatsiak Ypma Award.

**i) Information Item – Dale Carnegie Course**

Enclosed in council's package was information regarding the Dale Carnegie Course.

**j) Director of Economic Development**

Committee recommends that Council fill the position of Director of Economic Development. Position will start on May 18, 2006.

**k) Institute for Environmental Monitoring and Research**

Enclosed in Council's package was a letter from Louis LaPierre, Institute Chair, announcing the appointment of Councillor Madelyn Kelly to the steering committee on reduced military activities at Goose Bay.

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

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

**a) Fuel Prices**

Enclosed in Council's Package are 2006 fuel prices for March 21, April 3, 8, and 15.

**b) Press Release**

Committee recommends that Council issue a press release on the high cost of fuel costs as compared to other areas in the province considering that our fuel is stored over the winter.

**c) Expo Labrador Registration**

Enclosed in Council's package was information and registration forms for the 2006 Expo Labrador being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from June 19—21. Anyone interested in attending please contact the Town Manager by April 25, 2006.

**d) NL Environmental Awards Program**

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the NL Environmental Awards Program. Committee recommends nominating the Botanical Garden Society.

**e) Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the March 2006 complaints report.

**f) Canada Post Literacy Award**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the 2006 Canada Post Literacy Award.

**g) Info – NLFM Gasoline Tax**

Enclosed in Council's package was a letter from Mayor Wayne Ruth, President, NLFM, regarding the federal gas tax revenues to municipalities.

**h) NL 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Retreat**

Request for financial support received from the NL 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer retreat being held in Port Blandford May 25-28, 2006. Committee recommends contributing \$250.00.

**i) Melville Music Festival**

Enclosed in Council's package was a thank you letter from the Melville Music Festival.

**j) FCM National Board of Directors**

Enclosed in Council's package was a memorandum from the FCM regarding the upcoming Board of Directors elections being held June 4, 2006 during their annual conference.

**k) Request – Labrador Christian Youth Camp**

Request received from the Labrador Christian Youth Camp for funding towards the purchase of a laptop, ping pong table and foosball for the Youth Camp. Committee recommends a contribution of \$250.00.

**l) Fines Report**

Enclosed in council's package was the fines report to April 4, 2006.

**m) Request – Pelmorex All Channel Alert Server**

Request received from Pelmorex All Channel Alert Server for council to write a letter of support to the CRTC for them to provide any emergency public alerting system. Committee recommends approval.

**n) Municipal Errors and Omission Liability Insurance**

This item is to be deferred to the 2007 budget consideration.

**o) Info Item**

Enclosed in Council's package was a copy of the letter of support from Minister Trevor Taylor to the Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for the redevelopment of the civilian air terminal in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and for funding that was announced through ACOA.

**p) Letter of Support**

Committee recommends that Council write a letter of support for Donald and Janet Newman for operation of a special needs home in our region.

**10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the cheques in the amount of \$144,266.76. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60014464	CBCL Limited	\$ 724.62
60014467	EDM Consultants Ltd.	99,372.77

60014468	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	2,233.75
60014469	Labradorian Printers Ltd.	713.00
60014471	Michelin North America Inc.	3,374.65
60014472	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,730.44
60014474	RSM Municipal	1,828.50
60014475	Speedy Auto & Window Glass	2,095.91
60014476	Stephco Electrical	1,923.96
60014477	Toromont Cat	5,253.12
60014478	Wajax Industries	1,557.45
60014479	Lahave Equipment Ltd.	1,172.82
60014481	PILT-Public Works & Gov't Services	9,004.12
60014504	Canada Combined Councils of Labrador	3,000.00
60014505	CWD Nunajack	993.60
60014507	Enviro-Safe Fuel Systems Ltd.	500.64
60014508	Federal Equipment	529.55
60014510	K & D Pratt Ltd.	558.79
60014511	Labradorian Printers Ltd.	1,273.63
60014517	Switch Electrical Inc.	3,910.04
60014520	United Rentals of Canada Inc.	1,211.65
60014522	Receiver General for Canada	1,303.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,266.76</b>

**11 COUNCILLORS FORUM**

- a) Councillor Clarke advised that Brent Battcock, assistant to the Minister of National Defence attended the Coalition meeting.
- b) Councillor Saunders remarked that the leak detection equipment being purchase will be a great asset.
- c) Councillor Saunders noted the Executive summary on the Spring Gulch water distribution system was in the Council Package. A meeting on this will be held on April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.
- d) Councillor Kelly had no items.
- e) Councillor B. MacKey commented on the meeting with the cemetery committee whereby the town has agreed to assist them with their clean up project at the cemetery.
- f) Councillor Tsididis commented on having Management Union and Council meetings and thus avoiding staff delegations to Council. Deputy Mayor Oliver and Councillor MacKey are on this committee and will set up a meeting schedule.
- g) Deputy Mayor Oliver asked that due to the early thaw could we have the roads swept of sand, clean up started, and willows cut in various problem areas.
- h) Deputy Mayor Oliver queried regulations for swimming pools as he has had queries on this topic.
- i) Mayor Abbass commented on the UVS (Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems) student competition. The Council is interested in partnering with other stakeholders to host this competition.
- j) Mayor Abbass advised that he will be holding an extra Council meeting in May geared to any items seniors in the area may have.
- k) Mayor Abbass requested that Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee give some thought to a name for the new meeting room at the arena.
- l) Mayor Abbass commented on an abandoned truck parked on the northside and requested a letter to the owner of the vehicle to have it removed.
- m) Mayor Abbass commented on the lowering of flags and it was his suggestion that we take our lead from the Base and lower flags when those on the Base are lowered. Councillor Saunders suggested that the local Legion be contacted and discuss the issue with them.

- n) Mayor Abbass welcomed Brent Battcock, Atlantic Assistant for the Minister of National Defence to the meeting. He commented he is in the area to do a lot of listening and fact finding to report back to the Minister on the Army Recon Team that will be setting up on the base. Another reason for his visit was to settle issues with the Goose Bay Airport Corporation. A number of questions were put to Mr. Battcock which he will bring back to the Minister:
- Councillor MacKey noted that in May and June, a number of foreign aircraft will be over-nighting here, on the way to Cold Lake. Councillor MacKey asked are we giving up on the air forces on the Base.
  - Councillor Kelly wondered if he could explain why tax dollars are going to another area to construct infrastructure when these facilities are here on this base and not being used.
  - Councillor Saunders asked that Mr. Battcock be provided with a copy of the Executive Summary of Spring Gulch water supply.

Mr. Battcock said he would bring Council's concerns back to the Minister. Mayor Abbass thanked him for his presence at the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, 9:00 a.m., Councillor Clarke left the Council meeting.

- o) Mayor Abbass commented on the ceiling tile artwork on display at Peacock Elementary.
- p) Town Manager Durno had a query from a local land developer. Mayor Abbass, Councillor Saunders and the Town Manager are to set a date for a meeting with the developer to discuss this matter.
- q) Town Manager Durno advised there was a request from Birch Brook Cross Country Ski Club to store four snowmobiles at the town's arena on the northside. This was agreeable to Council.
- r) Town Manager Durno had a few other items on the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Funding for the sewer treatment plant.

There being no further business the Open Session adjourned at 9:18 p.m. reconvening at 9:30 p.m. with a Business Session.

12 **BUSINESS SESSION**

**a) Letter from CUPE Local 2019 Executive**

A letter was received from CUPE Local 2019 Executive for a meeting with Council. This will be held at 12 noon on April 26, 2006.

The Town Manager was requested to phone CUPE office for a copy of a Code of Ethics.

**b) Dog Issue**

The Town Manager updated Council on a dog bite incident on April 15, 2006.

**c) Management Salaries Meeting**

Deputy Mayor Oliver will arrange a date for this meeting in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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