

The 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver – work commitment  
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler - sick leave

**1a) DELEGATION, Val Bourque**

Mr. Bourque addressed the Council concerning the RV dumping station on the north side. He noted last summer on returning to town the garbage, overgrown alders, and old steel girders at this site and queried why it is so hard to keep the RV station area neat for the use of RV users.

**1b) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council concerning the five rivers that Quebec contractors are working on and the change in the Labrador border. He queried what is going on and could the Council inform him regarding the status of the Mealy Mountain Park as what he is hearing is Quebec is saying it is their park.

Mr. Dyson also queried the sewer treatment plant status.

**2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to adopt the agenda of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with additional items added for Municipal Services and Finance and Administration reports. Motion Carried unanimously.

**3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

#### 4 ACTION REPORT

- a) 31<sup>st</sup> minutes item 6(i) – the Town Manager was requested to contact Municipal Assessment and set up a meeting with the Executive Director for the first available date in March to meet with Council.
- b) 31<sup>st</sup> minutes item 10(d) – Demolition of Buildings on Base

Concerns were expressed that DND didn't follow their own disposable process in offering surplus buildings to federal, provincial, or municipal interest groups before buildings are slated for disposal. The Town is losing a tax base when buildings are demolished on the base. It was queried what happened to the disposal process and why is it not followed in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The town was informed and assured in the past by federal officials that buildings would not be demolished until consultation and discussion with the town. It was also suggested a meeting be requested with the Minister.

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to send a letter to the Minister responsible for Crown Assets disposal that a moratorium be placed on disposal of buildings on the base and proper process and disposal be followed especially in regards to what is happening to 5 Wing and their operational requirement. Motion Carried unanimously.

- c) 31<sup>st</sup> minutes item 12 (a) - Councillor Saunders advised he will be briefing council later in the meeting on the NL Association of Fire Services seminar he attended on the weekend.

#### 5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 2 Incoming Letters and 11 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass commented on Outgoing Letter #3 and requested a follow up letter be sent to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency asking that the Town Council be kept up to date and would entertain monthly or bi monthly meetings with their group in this regard.
- b) Mayor Abbass commented on Outgoing Letter #10 and suggested that in future the phrasing used in the letters be changed to read *“the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay does not carry out inspections of individual properties.”*

*At this point in the meeting, (7:50 p.m.) the Town Manager had to leave to man the Fire Hall due to a Fire Call.*

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

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the Municipal Services Report with the addition of a request from Colby Construction Ltd. Motion Carried unanimously.

**a) Development Request for 1 Laurier Drive**

Request received from Dan Bursey to renovate the existing building located at 1 Laurier Drive into a six unit apartment dwelling.

Committee recommends approval subject to the development complying with the Town's Development Regulations.

**b) Land Application and Rezoning Request – Jimmy Saunders**

Request received from Jimmy Saunders for Crown Land located across from Juniper Street to allow for the construction of 3 RMD building lots to be used for the construction of three four unit apartment dwellings. Committee recommends that Council approve the request subject to:

- a) the proposed area to be zoned RMD from COM
- b) the proposed lots (3) are to have equal frontage and must not extend past the asphalt road surface
- c) proposed water and sewer service to the lots shall be approved by the Town
- d) all costs associated with servicing the lots are to be the sole responsibility of the application, and
- e) all costs associated with the potential remediation to the existing underground utilities are to be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

**c) Request – Tammy Powell**

Request received from Tammy Powell to subdivide her property located at 1 Mesher Street to allow for the construction of a new four unit row dwelling. Committee recommends denying the request due to:

- a. the proposed lot if subdivided has no access from Mesher Street, and
- b. Churchill Street is considered a collector street and access for residential purposes is not permitted.

**d) Land Application – Jackie Compton**

Land application received from Jackie Compton for Crown Land 45 x 90 meters at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

**e) Land Application – Henry Shouse**

Land application received from Henry Shouse for Crown Land approximately 350 x 250 meters located behind his existing lot located on North West River Road to be used as Agricultural. Committee recommends approval.

**f) Letter – 5 Wing Goose Bay**

Committee recommends that Council arrange a meeting with L.Col. LeGresley, of 5 Wing Goose Bay, and Crown Lands to discuss land development in this area.

**g) Letter of Conduct**

Discussion was held on the requirement of a “letter of conduct” required from taxi drivers. Community Constable Sampson was requested to contact other municipalities and to report back to the next Municipal Services Committee.

**h) RMD Land Development**

Discussion regarding residential medium density lot development behind Churchill Street down to the Salvation Army Church. Municipal Technologist Linehan was requested to have a draft plan submitted for review at the next Municipal Services Committee

**i) Municipal Number 10496**

Municipal Technologist Linehan is requested to review the status of the property with regards to ownership, etc and report findings back to the next Municipal Services Committee.

**j) Landfill Committee**

Committee recommends that Council write the communities of Mud Lake, the Town of North West River and Sheshatshiu to discuss the formation of a municipal landfill committee.

**k) Request – Colby Construction Ltd.**

Committee recommends that Council approve in principal, subject to conditions, a request from Colby Construction Ltd. that the zoning of a portion of land at the Amaruck Golf Club be changed from recreational to commercial for the proposed hotel complex .

**7 TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor B. MacKey**

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report as presented.

Motion Carried unanimously.

**a) Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report for the period January 19 – February 19, 2008.

**b) Other Items Discussed**

- a. Big Land Dog Team Challenge – March 8, 2008
- b. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Land Loppett – March 15, 2008
- c. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Awards – April 26, 2008
- d. Cain's Quest – departs Labrador West on March 9, 2008 and should arrive in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on March 10-11, 2008

**c) Entertainment**

Committee recommends that Council approach Ben Malone Productions to do a show in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

**d) 2011 Come Home Year**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. MacKey that 2011 be declared the official Come Year for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

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

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

**a) Information Items**

The following items were presented and information was attached:

- a) 2008 Northern Lights Conference
- b) Arctic Gateway Concept
- c) Minutes of meetings with officials in Ottawa
- d) 2008 Pre budget consultation

- e) Consultant meetings
- f) CLEDB minutes and workplan held on January 8, 2008
- g) Provincial Government – Immigration Website Portal
- h) Strategic Planning session will be held on Friday, February 29 at 9 am

b) **Immigration Website Portal**

Committee recommends that Council enter into an agreement with the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism to participate in the immigration website portal project.

- c) It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister responsible to have our proposal put forward for a regional sports complex for our community. It was requested that Ron Bowles be contacted regarding this recreational facility and request an update on the needs assessment for this facility.

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

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report with additional items presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Request – Expo Labrador**

Committee recommends that Council continue their support for 2008 Expo Labrador.

b) **Request – Airline Taxi**

Request received from Airline Taxi to approve the flat rates for deliveries:

- i. \$21.00 delivery to Valley area
- ii. \$15.00 deliver to Hamilton Heights and/or Spruce Park
- iii. \$10.00 delivery on Base

Committee recommends approval.

c) **Gas and Fuel Pricing**

Enclosed in Council's package was the gas and fuel pricing for January 17, 31 and February 14, 2008.

**d) IEMR**

Committee recommends that Council host a lunch at the IEMR meetings being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay April 2008.

**e) Request UMC Committee – Information Item**

Request received from the Municipalities NL – UMC Committee for a letter of support for their issue of mandatory winter tires for this province.

**f) Newfoundland Historic Trust**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the call for nominations for the 2008 Southcott Awards for built heritage preservation. Deadline is April 15, 2008.

**g) Heritage Proclamation**

Committee recommends that Council sign the following proclamation declaring February 18, 2008 as Heritage Day:

**Heritage Day Proclamation 2008**

WHEREAS, the third Monday in February is recognized provincially as Heritage Day; and

WHEREAS, Heritage Day is a time to reflect on the achievements of past generations and to accept responsibility for protecting our heritage; and

WHEREAS, our citizens should be encouraged to celebrate Newfoundland and Labrador's uniqueness and to rejoice in their heritage and environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador will celebrate their rich and diverse heritage.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Leo Abbass, on behalf of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador do hereby proclaim, Monday, February 18, 2008 as Heritage Day, and call upon all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the promise of our future.

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Mayor

**h) Request Birch Brook Nordic Ski Club**

Request received from the Birch Brook Nordic Ski Club for financial support, use of the zamboni room at the old arena and also snow clearing on Goose River Road from

the municipal landfill for about one third of a kilometer. Committee recommends contributing \$250.00 towards the Big Land Loppett and also the requested in-kind services.

**i) Request – Lung Association of NL**

Request received from the Lung Association of NL for the association's campaign for smoke free cars with kids. Committee recommends writing a letter of support of their campaign.

**j) Traffic Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council's package for Council's information was the Traffic Fines Report for January 2008

**k) Horizons – Business and Industrial Review**

Request received from *Horizons* to advertise in their March 1 and 8 editions at a cost of \$2,550.00 for a full page or \$1,350.00 for a half page ad. Committee recommends denying this request.

**l) Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the complaints report for December 2007.

**m) Annual Fire Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the 2007 annual fire report.

Committee recommends that Council write the Fire Department thanking them for their service and commending them on a job well done and their commitment to the community.

**n) Request – Big Land Challenge Dog Team Race**

Request received from the Big Land Challenge Dog Team Race Committee for financial support. Committee recommends contributing \$250.00.

**o) Letters of Perfect Attendance for Employees**

The following employees had a perfect attendance for 2007: Gary Czopko, Roderick Curlew, Albert Elson and Dwayne Rumbolt. Committee recommends that a \$75 dinner gift certificate be given to these employees

**p) Request Makkovik Recreation Department**

Request received from the Makkovik Recreation Department for Council to sell the old arena to the

Makkovik Recreation Department. Committee recommends that the Town Manger enter into discussion regarding the sale of the building.

**q) General In Kind request from Cain's Quest to the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay**

Race Route Materials  
Reflective vests from Labrador Winter Games \$250.00

Barricades w/ flashers for trail crossings near HVGB  
Checkpoint \$500 .00

Spectator tents at HVGB Checkpoint \$500.00

Snow clearing services at Hamilton Hotel \$500.00

Staff Support, Set-up assistance \$500.00

Transportation Driver \$750.00

Transportation Van B Goose Bay Checkpoint \$1,500.00

Signage-Promotional Signage at Goose Bay media  
event \$400.00

Remote Camp Set-up Labour, Cliff Sampson (one week)  
\$1,250.00

Total In-Kind: \$6150.00

Committee recommends contributing \$2,000 to Cain's  
Quest 2008 for expenses incurred with the event.

**r) Information Items**

- FCM Members' Advisory February 22, 2008
- MNL Info Note for February 22, 2008
- Statistics Report from RCMP Happy Valley-Goose Bay Detachment
- Wayne Earle Community Service Award

**10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve cheques in the amount of \$113,878.86. Motion Carried unanimously.

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Pay to the order of:</b>	<b>Cheque Amount</b>
60018042	Federal Equipment	\$ 1,213.44
60018106	Toromont Cat	5,982.74
60018112	Switch Electrical Inc.	768.40
60018115	Canada Colors & Chemicals	8,563.83
60018117	Davis & Flanigan Electrical	3,909.80
60018119	Federal Equipment	801.89
60018120	Goose Bay Motors	525.98
60018122	Henderson Recreation Equip.	10,853.65
60018123	Hilliers Trades Limited	1,344.53
60018124	Labrador North Chamber of Commerce	3,500.00
10018125	Lewis Concrete Foaming Ltd.	17,328.00
60018127	Melville Trucking & Excavating	900.60
60018128	Morneau Sobeco Ltd.	2,508.00
60018131	Parts for Trucks	571.80
60018133	Ron Fougere Associates Ltd.	11,277.40
60018136	Transport Segoe	1,678.05
60018146	Gary Cull	575.00
60018147	Dobbin Freezotech Ltd.	25,786.46
60018148	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	2,106.53
60018149	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	1,353.11
60018158	Western Pump Services	920.95
60018171	Melville Communications	1,673.34
60017177	Saunders Equipment Ltd.	767.68
60018196	K & D Pratt Ltd.	785.35
60018206	ULU Industrial Services Ltd.	745.35

60018222	Arvo McMillian	1,316.73
60018224	Envrio-Safe Fuel Systems Ltd.	1,165.49
60018225	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	1,136.15
	Citizens on Patrol	1,000.00
60018230	Snap on Tools	531.04
60018232	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	931.57
60018235	Tosss Signs Inc.	1,356.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 113,878.86</b>

#### 11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor MacKey encouraged everyone to get involved with SnoBreak as there are a lot of activities planned for this event.
- b) Councillor Tsibidis advised he has had a few complaints regarding water in the valley area.
- c) Councillor Tsibidis thanked town staff for the excellent job in snow clearing.

*At this point the Town Manager returned to the meeting (8:30 p.m.)*

- d) Councillor Kelly advised she attended the Municipalities NL meeting in Corner Brook.
- e) Councillor Saunders updated Council on the NL Association Fire Services and Fire Emergency Services seminar he attended on the weekend of February 23.
- f) Councillor Clarke commented on the demolition of base buildings.
- g) Mayor Abbass commented on the excellent job carried out by snow removal crews on the town streets.
- h) Mayor Abbass updated Council on the Northern Lights Conference he attended in Ottawa.

- i) Mayor Abbass advised he attended the public meeting regarding the environmental cleanup project on base. Mayor Abbass queried how close their monitoring wells are to our well field.
- j) Mayor Abbass advised that he and Director Anthony attended Cruise meetings in St. John's. Mayor Abbass advised that Randy Letto of Destination Labrador will be the Labrador representative on the Cruise Authority. The town will have a partnership role.
- k) Mayor Abbass advised that he had a call from the community of Nain when they were experiencing freeze up problems. The town would be willing to assist in the future but would send town staff to use the specialized equipment our town uses for water thawing.
- l) Mayor Abbass remarked that the time has come for our community to put a Port Authority in place. He suggested a meeting be organized to start discussion on such an authority.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. for a 5 minute recess, reconvening at 9:05 p.m. with a Business Session.

**12 BUSINESS SESSION**

**a) Liability**

Discussion took place on the town's liability responsibilities concerning land that the town has sold on the Canadian Side.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

- MAYOR LEO ABBASS -

- TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD -