

The 13th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on July 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 Paul Tsibidis
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Betty Collins-Menne
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

1 DELEGATION, Carol Best

- a) Carol Best addressed the Council meeting inviting Council to the grand opening of the skate park on July 28. She advised that the kids are grateful for this skate park and the parents are also grateful for a safe environment for their kids to skate.

The Mayor will unveil the sign for the skate park at the grand opening. The Town, the Rotary Club and the Community Youth Network were all partners in spearheading this skate park.

b) DELEGATION, Carol Best

Carol Best addressed the Council as a long time resident of Michelin Street and in relation to the proposed subdivision the Council is looking into for the Michelin Street extension. She presented Council with a list of suggestions to take into consideration for this subdivision. Her listing of suggestions was referred to the Municipal Services Committee for recommendation to Council.

c) DELEGATION, Clarise Blake-Rudkowski

Ms. Blake-Rudkowski addressed the Council and expressed her views of what it is like to live near the riverbank next to the sewage going into the Churchill River. She noted that if the wind blows on shore the stench makes you physically gag, the odour is so strong that when it gets in your throat it makes you feel nauseous. Her windows and doors have to be shut when the wind is blowing on shore. She remarked the kids can't play in the water and there is certainly hazards to health and there are no signs warning the public to stay away, and don't swim.

Ms. Blake-Rudkowski requested:

- copies of the estimates for a sewage treatment plant, a tertiary treatment plant
- to see all permits issued for the last 25 years
- the Terpstra Study that was done on a sewer treatment facility

She questioned why the Council keeps suggesting you have to raise taxes to have a sewer treatment plant and the additions to the arena and the Town Hall was not done with a threat of raising taxes.

Mayor Abbass advised that the town has had talks with a consultant on a sewer treatment plant. An application for funding has been sent to the Provincial government and this has to be forwarded on to the Federal government.

Ms. Blake-Rudkowski asked for a commitment from Council that a sewer treatment plant is on top of the priority list. Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that this is a top priority for Council along with water. This is not acceptable that sewer is going into the river; we have to find a way to do this sewer treatment facility.

d) DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council and commented on his first visit to the coast since arriving in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in 1969. He was very impressed with the cleanliness of the communities and friendliness of the people.

Mr. Loxton queried the progress of the kidney dialysis machine slated for our area. Councillor Clarke suggested we could follow up on the status of this equipment with the Labrador Health Centre.

e) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council and gave his reasons as to why the B8 area of the ramp should be the location of the new airport terminal.

Mr. Dyson also commented on the high cost of \$1,842.36 in marine fares and berth for two adults and two children to travel to Nain.

f) DELEGATION, Tara McLean

Ms. McLean addressed the Council with suggestions on keeping the community clean by attaching garbage bins on the poles around the town. She also queried whether Council had figures on how much sewage flows out into the river.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 13th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKay to adopt the agenda of the 13th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with three additional items for the Finance and Administration Committee and two items for Business Session. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 12th MEETINGS

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

Deputy Mayor S. Oliver made a friendly amendment to Finance and Administration Committee item 10 (e). It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that Committee recommends paying Allan Snelgrove for costs incurred for damage to fencing, less labour costs, and based on invoices being provided to the town. Motion Carried unanimously.

- a) 12th minute 2 (c) was commented on by Councillor MacKey. He advised that he brought Mr. Davis' request back to the Expo Labrador Committee and at next year's conference they will be looking at having a full day of viewing for the general public.
- b) Mayor Abbass commented on his meeting with Minister David O'Connor on July 15. The Minister reconfirmed a Rapid Response and UAV Squadron for the Base. Plans are still moving forward but no dates are set.
- c) Councillor Mackey commented on No Parking signage during softball games at Husky Park. The Town Manager advised that official signage has been ordered.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 23 Incoming Letters and 12 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Councillor Clarke queried Incoming Letters #9 and #10 from the Minister of National Defence and asking whether these letters could be made public. Copies of these letters were sent to GBAC and the Coalition.
- b) Mayor Abbass requesting a letter of support under his signature be sent concerning Incoming Letter #21 from MP Todd Russell in support of the group "Listening for Labrador".

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

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

A delegation was made to the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 18 by Max Peddle of the Royal Canadian Legion regarding the Federal Policy & the Royal Canadian Legion Policy on the raising and lowering of flags.

a) **Permit Report**

Enclosed in Council Package was the Permit Report as of July 18, 2006.

b) **Land Request-Shawn Hagerty**

Request received from Shawn Hagerty to purchase Lot 18 Davis Crescent. Committee recommends that Council approve the request subject to the following conditions:

- a) Town to have land assessed and sold at market value.
- b) Both parcels of land 16 & 18 Davis Crescent be consolidated to form one parcel of land
- c) At no time shall this parcel be subdivided to form an additional Mini Home Lot and
- d) When the combination of both lots are done, then the new lot will also fall under the Mini Home Regulations as per the subdivision.

c) **Land Request-Cecilia Brown**

Request received from Cecilia Brown to purchase a parcel of land identified as 38 Tenth Street. Committee recommends that the lot be sold to the applicant at Fair Market Value and if refused then the lot is to be advertised for sale.

d) **Request Labrador FASD Advisory Committee**

Request received from the Labrador FASD Advisory Committee for permission to have a sign erected on Kelland Drive. Committee recommended approving the request subject to the location of the sign being discussed by Town Staff.

e) **Request**

Committee recommends that Town Staff investigate areas within the Town that have scrap vehicles on their property i.e. Markland Road, Mackenzie Drive, Juniper Street and Northside and prepare a report for the next Committee Meeting.

f) **Meeting**

Committee recommends that a meeting be scheduled to review the proposed new Municipal Plan.

**8 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 report as presented.

a) **Report**

Enclosed in Council Package was the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report for June 23-July 18, 2006.

b) **Calendar of Events**

Annual Big Land Fair- September 15-17, 2006
Snowflake Skating Club- Regular program schedule
October 9, 2006
Goose Jam Skateboard Challenge- July 28-30, 2006
Kids of Steel Triathlon- August 19, 2006

c) **Board Tender**

Committee recommends that Council review the Tender with Municipal Affairs and the successful bidder to see if we can accommodate only the areas that need to be done and if this cannot be done then the tender is to be re-advertised.

d) **Ice Rental Fees**

Committee recommends that the Arena users be notified that Council is reviewing the rates and that effective January 1, 2007 there will be a high possibility that the rates will increase.

e) **Info Item**

Enclosed in Council Package was a request of in-kind service for the Aerospace Conference.

e) **Letters**

Mayor Abbass requested letters under his signature be sent to Special Olympians Jodie Hamel and Brian Allingham congratulating them on the medals they won at the Special Olympics event in swimming.

f) Letters

Mayor Abbass commented on the provincial team tryouts, the amateur, the mid-amateur, the seniors and the super seniors which were held at the Amaruk Golf Club during July 20-22. He requested letters under his signature be sent to:

- Chuck Conley the 2006 Amateur Champion and also Mid Amateur Champion and also winning a place on the NL 2006 Mid Amateur Team
- George Cabot winning a place on the NL 2006 Mid Amateur Team
- Steve McLean 2006 NL Senior Team win
- Devin Pittman, Amaruk Junior and placing 5th and being named an alternate on the NL 2006 Amateur Team

g) Soccer Pitch

Councillor MacKey requested details regarding topsoil for the soccer pitch. The Town Manager, the contractor, and CBCL will be meeting on Wednesday, July 26 regarding this topic.

**9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor D. Clarke**

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

a) Info Note

Enclosed in Council Package was an info note from NL Federation of Labour.

b) Information Item

Enclosed in Council Package was information regarding the Halifax Report.

c) **Information Item**

Enclosed in Council Package was the Research Highlights Newsletter from the Institute for Environmental Monitoring & Research.

d) **Info Item-UAV CBC Interview**

Enclosed in Council Package was a copy of the UAV CBC interview with Andrew Carryer and Cindy Wall.

e) **Info Item- Interview**

Enclosed in Council Package was a copy of the UAV CBC interview including Mayor Abbass.

f) **Info Item**

Enclosed in Council Package was a copy of the UVS Press Release issued by the Town.

g) **Press Release**

Enclosed in Council Package was a copy of the Press Release issued by the Town congratulating Minister Hickey.

h) **News Release**

Enclosed in Council Package was a copy of the News Release issued by the Provincial Government for \$80,000.00 for Fire Services and Fire Prevention.

i) **Northern Strategic Plan**

Enclosed in Council Package was a memo regarding the Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador. Councillors are requested to review the info and return the questionnaire to the Director of Economic Development by July 31, 2006.

10 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) **Request**

Request for funding support for Christopher Cocarell-Motty to attend the Provincial Elite Volleyball Program.

Committee recommends denying this request as it does not conform to the donation policy.

b) **Request- Air Labrador/ATCO Frontec**

Request received from Air Labrador/ATCO Frontec for the Town to participate in the Cancer Memorial Golf Tournament at a cost of \$500.00 for a 4 member team, on August 10, 2006. Committee recommends approval.

c) **Information Item**

Enclosed in Council Package was info on the NLFM 57th Annual Convention & Trade Show being held in Gander October 5-7, 2006.

d) **Letter**

Enclosed in Council Package was a letter from HV-GB Early Childhood Development Association concerning the Robin's Nest Daycare offering DND rates to all Serco Employees and creating unfair competition. Committee recommends that Council write the ECDA advising them that unfortunately they cannot be involved.

e) **Petroleum Pricing**

Enclosed in Council Package was the Petroleum Pricing information effective June 15, 2006.

f) **Info Item- Landfill Hours**

Enclosed in Council Package are the Landfill hours of operation.

g) **Traffic Fines**

Enclosed in Council Package was the Traffic Fine Report for June 2006.

h) **Garbage Contract**

Committee recommends that Council call for Tender a three year contract with an extension for 5 years.

i) **Info Item**

Enclosed in Council Package was a letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding Early Engineering Initiative for Mealy Mountain Auditorium Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

j) **Request-SPCA**

Enclosed in Council Package was information from the SPCA regarding a microchip reader. The SPCA is

requesting that the Town purchase a microchip reader at a cost of \$295.00 plus freight and HST. Council recommends approval.

k) **Dog / Cat Regulations**

Committee recommends adopting the amended Dog/Cat regulations as presented.

l) **Request- Canadian Cancer Society**

Request received from the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life Event to allow the entertainment at the yearly event to continue for the full event. Committee recommends looking at ways and means to accommodate this event.

m) **Letter- Rideout's Construction**

Request received from Rideout's Construction to allow them their discount after being one day late in paying. Committee recommends denying this request as it does not conform to the Town Policy.

n) **Request- The Sheppard Group**

Request received from The Sheppard Group for a donation of \$5000.00 for the Night Strike Freedom of Flight Conference. Committee recommends contributing \$5000.00 to the Aerospace Conference.

o) **Info Item- HMCS Goose Bay**

The HMCS Goose Bay has tentatively scheduled a visit to Happy Valley-Goose Bay August 5th and 6th, 2006.

p) **Crown Land Agreement**

The town requested a law firm draft an agreement between applicants requesting Crown Land for the purpose of a cottage and the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. This agreement was presented to Council and was deferred to the next Finance and Administration Committee for recommendation.

q) **Date for Public Meeting re Rezoning**

The Town Manager will arrange a date for this meeting.

r) **Municipal Assessment Agency Provincial Board**

Nominations are being requested for the Municipal Assessment Provincial Board.

s) **Meeting in Ottawa**

Mayor Abbass has been invited to Ottawa for meetings on August 1 with Minister Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport. The Mayors of Labrador City and Wabush, and Minister John Hickey will also be in attendance.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that Mayor Abbass attend the provincial delegation to Ottawa on August 1. Motion Carried unanimously.

t) **Invitation to B17 Aircraft Tour**

The Deputy Mayor will represent the Mayor at a dinner in Happy Valley-Goose Bay to welcome the crew of the B17 Aircraft Tour. This tour is sponsored by the North Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander.

11 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the cheques in the amount of \$133, 781.73. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60014869	Trevor Paine	\$ 935.00
60014900	Canex	862.49
60014901	Chiasson Construction Ltd.	1,265.00
60014902	Emco Limited-Waterworks	603.75
60014911	K & K Trucking Ltd.	3,881.25
60014917	Municipal Assessment Agency	24,947.00
60014925	Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd.	12,721.59
60014928	Allan Snelgrove	573.21
60014930	Stewart McKelvey	1,004.26
60014950	EDM Consultants Ltd.	44,654.79
60014952	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	2,000.38
60014953	Goose Sales & Services	2,571.55

60014958	Labrador Motors Ltd.	783.74
60014959	Michael Lethbridge	900.00
60014963	Northern	817.50
60014970	Two Seasons Greenhouse	1,076.40
60014973	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	1,092.49
60014978	Desjardins Financial Security	14,151.00
60014979	Goose Bay Areospace Conf	5,000.00
60014980	Guillevin International Inc.	507.30
60014981	K & D Pratt Ltd.	552.11
60014982	Labrador Construction Ltd.	12,880.92
	TOTAL	\$133,781.73

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Mackey commented that on a recent trip on the Trans Labrador Highway the road was not fit to drive on and the dust was the worst he has experienced.

Councillor Mackey commented we have the highest price for gas here, the highest air fare.

- b) Councillor Tsibidis asked when the dump road was graded last as it is in poor condition.
- c) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on the barricade across the small dock at Terrington Basin. It was suggested a letter be written to the Minister to find out the status of when the dock will be repaired.
- d) Councillor Clarke had comments made to him by tourists about the lack of garbage bins on the Churchill River beach. The Mayor responded this river is an unsafe area to swim and did not want to encourage use of this site.
- e) Councillor Clarke requested a letter be sent to the architect of the auditorium on Mealy Mountain Collegiate. Councillor Clarke was advised that while he was away an Early Engineering Initiative has been started on this project.

- f) Councillor Clarke commended Director of Economic Development for chairing the Aerospace meetings in his absence.
- g) Councillor Clarke suggested maybe an official request could be put in to obtain some of the excess material being removed from the runway repairs.
- h) Councillor Clarke queried whether a site has been chosen yet for the new terminal. He was advised no site has been selected as yet.
- i) Councillor Clarke queried the town support deployment out of Goose Bay in regard to the Alert Contract. Information will be provided to the Town Manager on this.
- j) Councillor Tsibidis queried whether the wolf that has been seen in various areas of town was caught. He was advised that Wildlife is dealing with this matter.
- k) Mayor Abbass commented on the high grass that needs cutting on the bike path between Queen of Peace and Grenfell.
- l) Mayor Abbass commented on the ramps at the skate park.

There being no further business the Open Session adjourned at 9:40 p.m. reconvening at 9:50 p.m. with a Business Session.

13 BUSINESS SESSION

a) Upgrades to Town Plan

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the travel and associated expenses of Planner Avro McMillan traveling to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to conduct upgrades of the Town Plan. Motion Carried unanimously.

b) Donald & Deborah Singleton vs the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

It was the consensus of Council not to accept liability and to go to court to settle this case but if the insurance company wants to settle out of court they can do that.

c) Topsoil for back of Town Hall

Staff was instructed to inquire about getting topsoil, grass and flowers for the back of the Town Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS -

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD -