

The 33rd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor Paul Tsibidis

1 **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Abbass presented Fire Chief Carl Oldford, Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Volunteer Fire Department, with a plaque of thanks to the members of the Fire Department for the excellent work carried out during the year, as reflected in the Fire Department's annual report.

2a) **DELEGATIONS, Paula Parsons**

Ms. Parsons addressed the Council on behalf of a group of residents in her area who object to Council giving approval in principle for the construction of up to 12 apartments at 6 Markland Road.

Council advised that the area in question meets the zoning and Council is waiting on the applicant to provide them with her plot plan and other details regarding construction.

b) **DELEGATION, Eldred Davis**

Mr. Davis addressed the Council regarding the proposed Mealy Mountains National Park. He advised that the Steering Committee for the park has a postcard campaign going on now. They are requesting everyone to send a post card to Premier Williams supporting the proposed Mealy Mountains National Park.

c) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson asked how close we are getting to the sewer treatment project. Mr. Dyson also commented on the Lower Churchill Project.

3 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 33rd MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 33rd

meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with additional items added for the Finance and Administration report. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 32nd MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as corrected. The Finance and Administration Committee Report should reflect Councillor Kelly presented the report and not Deputy Mayor S. Oliver. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

- a) Mayor Abbass queried status of item 32nd 6(k). It was advised that no additional information has been received.
- b) Mayor Abbass queried 32nd 11(i) and asked staff to contact DND concerning the environmental cleanup on the base and ask what wells are showing contaminants to see how close they are to our wells.
- c) Councillor Saunders advised that regarding 32nd 6(j) the meeting was held with communities of Mud lake and North West River. The community of Sheshatshiu did not attend. A second meeting is planned for some time after April 8.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 8 Incoming Letters and 34 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass drew attention to Letter #3 which contained information on the 2008 cruise schedule. There are no scheduled stops at Happy Valley-Goose Bay in 2008.
- b) Mayor Abbass commented on Letter #7 and commented he would like Council to have discussion with Boyd Rowe on this topic and lend our support. Mayor Abbass also requested a letter be sent to 5 Wing asking them to reconsider their decision. Also, in the letter draw attention to Health Labrador's request and lack of response for housing units on the base

7 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Municipal Services Report with item (m) to be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Oliver noted that he attended the last few hours of the Committee of the Whole meeting having just returned back in town.

Delegation: Rob Pilgrim, Co-Chair Cain's Quest

Mr. Pilgrim made a presentation to Council on the 2008 Cain's Quest race.

a) Land Application – Chris Lethbridge

Request received from Chris Lethbridge for Crown Land 500 x 140 meters located on the Mud Lake Road to be used for a temporary mink farm. Committee recommends denying the request due to non compliance with the Town's Development Regulations. Further to this staff to arrange a meeting with Mr. Lethbridge, Crown Lands and Shelley Clemens to discuss an alternative site for the proposed mink farm.

b) Land Application – Steven Keating

Request received from Steven Keating for Crown Land located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

c) Home Base Business – Holwell's Construction

Request received from Bernard and Hedley Holwell to operate a home based business, a phone/fax service which will provide general contracting services to the general public, at 2B Kessessassiou Street and 1 Gear Street. Committee recommends approval subject to (a) no negative feedback from the general public, (b) at no time shall materials and equipment be stored on site, and (c) vehicle traffic to be kept to a minimum.

d) RMD Land Development

Committee recommends that Council approve the proposed RMD development subdivision and to advertise a call for proposals for potential land developers.

e) Historic Resources Impact Assessment

Committee recommends that Council proceed to advertise a call for proposals from potential archaeologist to complete a Historic Resources Impact Assessment as per the attached terms of reference.

f) Labrador West Waste Management

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding a waste management study from Minister Dave Denine, department of Municipal Affairs.

g) 5 Wing Infrastructure

Committee recommends that Council write Minister of National Defence requesting that the proper process be taken for the disposal of their buildings. (*Letter #3 in Outgoing Correspondence - letter to Minister McKay sent on March 3, 2008*)

h) Mechanic Position

Superintendent of Works Road Transport, Wally Nippard, briefed Council on the status of the mechanic position.

i) Light Bar and Bracket – Police Car

Committee recommends that Council purchase from Viking Police and Security Co. a light bar and bracket for the police vehicle at a cost of \$2,373.57 including freight and HST.

j) Town Security System

Committee recommends that Council purchase an alarm security system for Kinsmen Park, Skateboard Park, recreation complex, garage compound and the Town Hall, from ADT at a cost of \$36,500.00 plus taxes.

k) Shaw Field Subdivision

Committee recommends that staff investigate the development of RLD subdivision and report back to the next committee meeting.

l) National Park – Mealy Mountains Park Study

Enclosed in Council's package was a map showing the location and size of the Mealy Mountain National Park study area.

m) Notice of Motion

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that a notice of motion is given that

Council is in the process of assessing all properties within the Town's municipal boundaries, including land, cabins, and accessory buildings effective January 1, 2009. This motion will be brought to the April 2008 council meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

**8 TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE –
Councillor B.MacKey**

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to approve the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report as presented.
Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report for the period of February 20 – March 18, 2008.

b) Upcoming Events

- 4th Annual Arena Operators Course being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay March 31 – April 3, 2008
- Annual Labrador Regional seminar being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay April 3-5, 2008
- 10th Annual Community Awards Presentation and Banquet being held April 26, 2008
- Minor Soccer starting April 14, 2008
- Recreation NL 37th Annual General Meeting and Conference being held in Grand Falls-Windsor May 22-24, 2008

c) Meet and Greet – Recreation NL

Committee recommends that Council host a meet and greet up to a maximum of \$500 for the upcoming Recreation NL Annual Labrador Regional Seminar being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay April 3-5, 2008.

d) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write a letter to Cain's Quest Committee and organizers congratulating them on the great event this year. Further that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Team, George Rodgers and Paul Snelgrove.

e) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write a letter to the SnoBreak Committee congratulating them on this year's SnoBreak.

f) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write a letter to the Big Land Dog Team Challenge Race Committee congratulating them on this year's 2008 event.

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

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the Economic Development Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Items

The following items are information items:

- 5 Wing Goose Bay
- Immigration website
- Come Home Year
- Update on Consultants
- Port Authority
- UVS Canada Conference
- Lower Churchill Meeting
- Regional Marketing Partnership

Mayor Abbass requested that the Development Board make a presentation to Council on work they have done regarding a port authority.

b) 2008 Expo Labrador

Committee recommends that the Town attend the Expo Labrador 2008 Trade Show Exhibition being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay June 22-25, 2008, having both a booth and delegates attend.

c) IEMR Dinner

The dinner for the Board of Directors of IEMR will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Masonic Lodge.

d) Advertising – Downhome Magazine

Committee recommends that Council purchase a quarter page ad in the Downhome Labrador issues, May and November, for a total cost of \$678.00 including HST.

e) Nunavut Trade Show

The Nunavut Trade Show and Conference 2008 will be held in Iqaluit from May 6-9, 2008

**10 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 Report with the additional items presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Committee Structure

Enclosed in Council's package was the new committee structure information.

b) Gasoline/Heating Fuel Prices

Enclosed in Council's package was Gasoline/Heating Fuel report for February 21, 2008 and March 13, 2008.

c) Fines Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the traffic fines report for February 2008.

d) MNL Municipal Symposium 2008

The MNL Municipal Symposium 2008 will take place in Gander, NL May 8-10, 2008. Councillor MacKey and one staff member will be attending.

e) Hazardous Week

Committee recommends that Council participate in Household Hazardous Week at a cost of \$3,407.40.

f) Labrador Breast Cancer Retreat

Committee recommends contributing \$250.00 towards the 7th Annual NL Breast Cancer Retreat being held in St. John's, NL May 23-26, 2008.

g) 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic

Committee recommends that Council proclaim May 2-4, 2008 the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic by approving the following resolution:

Proclamation - Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic

WHEREAS the Battle of the Atlantic was the longest running battle of the Second World War and represents the outstanding contribution that Canadians made to the war effort; answering their nation's call during its time of greatest need to fight for the rights and freedoms of all Canadians;

WHEREAS May, 1943 was considered the pinnacle and

turning point in favour of the allies in the Battle of the Atlantic and is commemorated by Canada's navy, merchant navy, air force and other Veterans on the first Sunday in May;

WHEREAS this year, 2008, Sunday, May 4th, marks the 65th Anniversary of the turning point of the Battle of the Atlantic;

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. I hereby proclaim that on this 25th day of March 2008, Labradorians pause to honour the significant achievement of Canada's Second World War Veterans at the Battle of Atlantic and to recognize all those who served in Canada's Forces in times of armed conflict and in peace.

Mayor Abbass would like to discuss this event with representatives of the Legion and DND to see how we can celebrate this 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

h) Canada School of Public Service

Committee recommends hosting a meet and greeting on April 15, 2008 for the civil servants study tour visiting from across Canada.

i) Complaints Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the January 2008 complaints report.

j) Mealy Mountain Scholarship

Committee recommends participating in the Mealy Mountain Scholarship at a cost of \$1,000.00.

k) Request Account #13070

Committee recommends that Council deny the request from account #13073.

l) Info Item – MNL

Enclosed in Council's package was the Info Note for February 29 and March 7, 2008.

m) Combined Councils of Labrador

The Combined Councils of Labrador info book is available at the Town Office and the agenda for Council's information is attached.

n) Public Sector Accounting Standards

Enclosed in Council's package was info on the Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that at the auditor's meeting with council this item will be discussed

o) Dispute Resolution Policy

Information is available at the Town Office.

p) Urban Municipalities

Enclosed in Council's package was information from the February 29 – March 1, 2008 Urban Municipalities Committee meeting.

q) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write Minister Greg Flowers of the Nunatsiavut Government thanking them for their contribution in helping keep Pine Lodge open.

r) Request - Labrador School Board

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to contribute \$150.00 to the Labrador School Board Regional Heritage Fair scheduled for May 6-7, 2008. Motion Carried unanimously.

s) Request - HV-GB Minor Soccer

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to contribute \$150.00 each to Kelcie Winters, Kelcie Hope and Rebecca Ramey who will be attending National soccer competition this summer. Motion Carried unanimously.

t) Gas Tax Resolution

It was moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor S. Oliver Seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the following Gas Tax Resolution:

Whereas, under the Canada/Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement that was signed on August 1, 2006 relating to the transfer of Federal Gas Tax revenues

-and-

Whereas, the Province agrees to transfer a portion of those funds to the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay agrees to accept all the terms contained in the "Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement and its Schedules".

-and-

Therefore the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approves the attached Capital Investment Plan which includes the Capital Investment Plan form, written description and/or estimates

-and-

Therefore the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay apply for \$973,823.70 as its share of the Gas Tax Funds.

Motion Carried unanimously.

u) Advertising

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve in principle, condition on circulation being of a provincial or regional scope, a half page ad advertisement in the amount of \$500 in *The Labrador Experience* tourism magazine being published by The Labradorian. Motion Carried unanimously.

v) Resolution re Town Employees Retirement Plan

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY**

**Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Town of
Happy Valley-Goose Bay**

(As Amended and Restated to January 1, 1997)

Amendment No. 3

WHEREAS the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay (the "Town") maintains a registered pension plan for its employees called the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay (the "Plan"), as amended and restated to January 1, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Town has reserved the right under subsection 13.01 to amend the Plan in whole or in part;

AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to amend the Plan to increase participant required contribution rates;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Plan text as restated effective January 1, 1997, and amended by Amendment No. 1 effective December 13, 2001, and amended by Amendment No. 2 effective January 1, 2005, be further amended as follows, and that the provisions of this Amendment override and/or modify those terms of the Plan with which they are inconsistent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Amendment have effect from April 1, 2007;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval is also given in advance for any additional amendments to the Plan as may be required by the Canada Revenue Agency and the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Government Services, Consumer and Commercial Affairs. Financial Services Regulation Division, in order that this Amendment to the Plan be accepted for registration.

THE AMENDMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective April 1, 2007, Section 4.01 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

4.01 Participant's Required Contributions

- a) To March 31, 2007
Each Participant is required to make a contribution equal to 4% of Earnings, up to the YMPE, plus 5% of Earnings over and above the YMPE.
- b) From April 1, 2007
Each Participant is required to make a contribution equal to 6% of Earnings.

Participant's Required Contributions for any given year must not exceed the lesser of the following amounts:

- i) 9% of Participant's Earnings,
- ii) \$1,000 plus 70% of the total amounts, each of which represents the Participant's defined benefit pension credit during a fiscal year.

A Participant who postpones his retirement beyond Normal Retirement Date must continue to contribute to the Plan until his actual retirement date.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay at a meeting held on the 25th day of March 2008.

Motion Carried.

Against: Councillor D. Clarke, Councillor B. MacKey

w) NL Environment Awards Program – info item

x) Correspondence

- i) Copy of letter MP Todd Russell received from Minister McKay concerning infrastructure at 5 Wing
- ii) Thank you letter from Birch Brook Nordic Ski Club

11 APROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve cheques in the amount of \$7,500.85. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque #	Vendor	Amount
60018339	BOWMAN DIST.	1869.87
60018340	DESTINATION LABRADOR	625.00
60018319	GOOSE BAY WHOLESALEERS	2852.91
60018244	EC BOONE	2153.07
	TOTAL	7500.85

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor B. Mackey requested a letter of congratulations be sent to Dorrie Brown on receiving the Parks Canada Manning Award for the Labrador Mural Project.
- b) Mayor Abbass would like Council to investigate the possibility of installing an audio loop system in the Council Chambers to improve the acoustics in the room.
- c) Mayor Abbass expressed concerns with river ice breaking up and that this danger is brought to the attention of local residents.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. for a five minute recess before reconvening at 9:30 p.m. with a Business Session.

13. **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) **Regional Marketing Meeting**

Councillor Clarke updated Council on the Regional Marketing Meeting held today at noon.

b) **Expo Labrador**

Councillor Clarke updated Council on a planning session he attending regarding Expo Labrador. He brought forward items to consider for the next committee meeting.

c) **Comparison Mil Rates**

Information was presented on comparison mil rates.

d) **Mayors Congress Meeting**

Mayor Abbass advised that the Mayors Congress will be meeting in Ottawa on April 10-12 and requested a member of Council represent him as he is unable to attend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD