
The 42nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on November 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

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

1a) DELEGATION, Monica Surina

Ms. Surina addressed the Council in her position as Chair of the Melville Public Library board. She updated Council on the new improvements and changes at the library, and also the new programs being offered for seniors and shut ins. She extended an invitation to Council to attend the AGM in March. Ms. Surina also presented a letter to Council requesting continued assistance to the library.

b) DELEGATION, Lorraine Hagerty

Ms. Hagerty addressed the Council concerning her request for a lot of land on the Trans Labrador Highway which has been turned down due to base development. The Mayor advised that the Town is not granting any more cottage applications in the flight path that has been outlined to Council.

The Mayor asked the Town Manager and Town Clerk to review the policy for Crown Land applications and the process followed by the town.

Councillor MacKey noted the Council has to get a policy in place to protect those who have applied for land in the Trans Labrador Highway area and whose applications have been turned down by the Town. He asked where these applicants stand should things change in this area.

c) DELEGATION, Joyce Davis – 31 Corte Real Road

Mrs. Davis addressed the Council concerning the intersection at Corte Real/Saunders and the 5 accidents that have occurred in that area over the years. Traffic is not stopping at the Stop sign there and thus over the years numerous accidents have caused damage to her property. The latest incident on October this year caused \$13,000 to her car parked in their driveway.

She asked what Council could do to help protect their property and also her.

The Mayor advised that the Community Constable and the Municipal Technologist would look at the area to determine if a red or amber light or a pre-Stop sign would alleviate the problem. Also, Mrs. Davis will be advised of the outcome of their investigation into her concern.

d) **DELEGATION, Cyril Peach**

Mr. Peach addressed the Council in his role with the Independent living Resource Center. He would like Council to encourage businesses to be more accessible to the disabled.

Mr. Peach also informed Council of a wiring system for public places which aids the hearing impaired. Council Saunders was tasked with getting information on this system and to bring it back to Council.

e) **DELEGATION, Fred Loxton**

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council concerning a yearly survey he completes for an environment committee in St. John's on the migration of birds on the Grand River. He has noticed how the mergansers, ducks, osprey and frogs habitat has changed with the sewage that is appearing in the creek behind his residence. He provided Council with pictures he had taken of the creek. He advised that the creek is not freezing as it is so full of contaminants and advised Council they should put signage in place to warn snowmobilers of the danger of this area. He feels the whole length of the creek is going to have thin ice this year.

Mayor Abbass requested that the town put an ad on the cable roll up channel warning the public of ice conditions in this area.

f) **DELEGATION, John Penny**

Mr. Penny advised that he applied for a cabin lot and purchased the land about 4 years ago up the Trans Labrador Highway. He wants to get electricity to the structure and cannot get this as Council would not approve the easement to hydro for the electric line He asked why is this? He said DND is not putting a stop to this it is Council.

g) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council and asked if there was anything new on the sewer treatment facility.

Mr. Dyson also commented on the price of gas on the coast of Labrador.

Mr. Dyson asked if there was any new information on the new Labrador border as shown on Quebec maps. Mr. Dyson was advised that Intergovernmental Affairs was contacted and the Labrador border is constitutionally protected. With regard to Mr. Dyson's query on the Quebec five rivers project he was advised that an environment assessment is now ongoing on this; the Romaine Project.

Mr. Dyson asked what happened to the 30km of pavement that was supposed to be put on the Trans Labrador Highway.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 42nd MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to adopt the agenda of the 42nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF the 41st MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 41st meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Deputy Mayor S. Oliver queried 41 minutes item (i) and advised that a letter of response has been received concerning appointment to the CNLOP.
- b) Mayor Abbass queried 41st minutes item 6(g) as to what type of drilling DND was conducting and was advised that it was environmental test well drilling.
- c) Mayor Abbass queried 41st minutes item 9(l) and advised that the Atlantic Mayors Conference will be held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in 2011.
- d) Councillor MacKey queried 41st minutes item 12 (a) as to any reply from the letter sent to Labour Management This is still ongoing.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 8 Incoming Letters and 15 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

a) Deputy Mayor Oliver queried whether there was any response to Outgoing Letter #4 concerning regional sport facilities study. Mayor Abbass requested staff to follow-up with the communities of St. Anthony and Port aux Basque as to what their contribution has been to such a facility. It was also suggested that a meeting be arranged with Mr. Ron Bowles as to how we can get such a recreation facility going forward for our community.

b) Mayor Abbass commented on Incoming Correspondence Letter #5 regarding the Jessica Campaign.

6 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 as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Delegation - Todd Janes

Todd Janes made a presentation to Council at the Committee meeting held on November 18 regarding the application he made for land on Lake Crescent.

b) Land Application – Lester Powell

Request received from Lester Powell for Crown Land 45 x 90m to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

c) Land Application – Johanne O’Neil

Request received from Johanne O’Neil for Crown Land 150 x 300 ft located on the Trans Labrador Highway to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends denying this request due to implementations with respect to 5 Wing.

d) Land Application – Joseph Michelin

Request received from Joseph Michelin for Crown Land 150 x 300 ft from Trans Labrador Highway to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends denying this request due to the economic development implications with respect to 5 Wing.

e) Land Application – Ramsey White

Request received from Ramsey White for Crown Land 50 x 50 meters located on Markland Road to be used for the construction of apartments.

Committee recommends that the request be referred back to Municipal Services for further investigation.

f) Land Application – Debbie Rumbolt

Request received from Debbie Rumbolt for Crown Land 65 x 180 feet located on the corner of Cabot Crescent and Courte Manche Street to be used for residential apartments. Committee recommends denying the request due to the parcel in question forming part of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay's natural drainage system.

g) Land Application – Rodney Warford

Request received from Rodney Warford for Crown Land 10 x 60 m located adjacent to his property located at 51 Spruce Avenue, to be used for the residential apartment.

Committee recommends denying this request due to, a) the parcel in question is not a viable site for residential expansion, and b) the proposed parcel could interfere with the operation of the adjacent existing commercial operation.

h) Land Application – Allan McLean

Request received from Allan McLean for Crown Land 122 x 200 ft located adjacent to 5 Saunders Street to be used for a residential single family dwelling and also for Crown Land 100 x 200 ft located adjacent to 13 Saunders Street to be used for a residential single family dwelling.

Committee recommends that both requests be denied due to the parcels in question forming part of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay's natural drainage system.

i) Land Application – Caplyn Holdings

Request received from Caplyn Holdings for Crown Land 120 x 66 meters located behind their privately owned commercial properties at 422-428 Hamilton River Road to be used for the construction of a new hotel, and also to purchase from the Town the land behind their commercial properties at 430-438 Hamilton River Road.

Committee recommends approval subject to a) both the Crown land parcel and the lots fronting Hamilton River Road required for the construction of the proposed hotel to be consolidated to form one parcel, and b) the Town to sell parcel of land at market value (appraisal required) and to be consolidated individually with the lots fronting on Hamilton River Road.

j) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write 5 Wing Commander LtCol Bowerman requesting an update on the airport flight path.

k) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write NL Hydro advising that hook up of cottages, cabins, houses, etc., is a decision and responsibility of NL Hydro and not the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Furthermore, we request an immediate meeting to discuss this issue.

l) Info Item

Letter received from Lorraine Hagerty regarding their land application.

m) Drainage Lots

Committee recommends that the Municipal Technologist prepare a map showing all drainage lots within the municipality.

n) Letter

Committee recommends that Town Manager contact Municipal Affairs for a ruling on Council's decision to deny an applicant the purchase of residential land.

o) Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was a letter from Joyce and Gilbert Davis regarding problems with traffic on their street.

**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) Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the Parks and Recreation Committee Report for the period October 16 – November 17, 2008.

b) Request – Jackie Compton

Request received from Jackie Compton to book the Kinsmen Park on August 14, 2009 to host her wedding reception for approximately 300 guests.

Committee recommends that staff meet with Ms. Compton and prepare a list of her requirements for the next committee meeting.

c) Upcoming Events

Santa Parade	December 6, 2008	6pm
Tree Light	December 4, 2008	6pm

d) Info Item – Community Recreation / Sports Complex Phs 2

Enclosed in Council's package was a copy of the representation made to the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Rotary Club on October 22, 2008.

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 as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Item

The following items are included in Council package for information items:

- IEMR Board meeting minutes held October 22, 2008
- Minutes from the UVS Canada conference held November 4-7, 2008
- NL Hydro presentation regarding employment opportunities related to the Lower Churchill Project
- Minutes from the Labrador Iron Mines meeting held on November 21, 2008
- Minutes from the Offshore Petroleum Workshop held on October 29, 2008
- Information regarding the Olympic Torch Relay

b) The Jessica Campaign

Enclosed in Council's package for Council information was information regarding the Jessica Campaign. Superintendent of Works Road Transport, Wally Nippard is to review the provided web site for discussion at a later date.

**9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
– Councillor M. Kelly**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report with the additional item presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was a letter from the Labrador Creative Arts Festival. Their request has been accommodated by the Recreation Department.

b) Request – Cain's Quest

Request received from Cain's Quest for financial support to host the 4th annual Cain's Quest Snowmobile Endurance Race.

Committee recommends contributing \$3500.00 plus in-kind services as in previous years.

c) Info Item – RCMP Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the RCMP September 2008 report.

d) Fines Report

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

e) Complaint Report

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

f) Fuel Pricing

Enclosed in Council's package was the fuel pricing for November 6, and November 13, 2008.

g) Sewer Treatment Plant

Enclosed in Council's package was information from the Federal Government regarding the sewer treatment plant.

h) December Council meeting

The December council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 5pm and committee of the whole will meet on Tuesday, December 9 at 5 pm.

10 APROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve cheques in the amount of \$800,092.93. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60019582	Commodity Tax Consultants	\$19,390.10
60019587	Emco Waterworks	\$7,413.30
60019590	Furlotte Law Office	\$1,535.78
60019594	Goose Sales	\$4,510.14
60019599	Henderson Recreation	\$8,710.35
60019600	Hillcrest Automotive	\$550.76
60019608	Labrador Construction	\$4,646.56
60019610	Melville Trucking	\$1,796.70
60019611	Moktech 2000 Limited	\$683.74
60019612	Morneau Sobeco	\$3,327.85
60019632	Switch Electrical	\$1,228.31
60019630	Speedy Labrador	\$2,594.36
60019631	Strongco Equipment	\$1,038.29
60019633	Telephone Directory Advert.	\$558.67
60019634	Terry's Tents	\$645.60
60019640	United Rentals	\$1,807.66
60019642	Western Pump	\$8,395.90
60019690	Dwayne Rumbolt	\$700.00
60019647	Alpa Equipment	\$1,003.01
60019648	Air Labrador	\$1,750.02
60019650	Atlantic Industries Ltd	\$9,943.29
60019652	Bowman Distribution	\$1,024.81
60019656	Downhome Inc.	\$678.00
60019657	East Chem	\$70,546.04
60019663	Goose Bay Wholesalers	\$2,605.45
60019666	Goose Sales & Service	\$2,285.93
60019673	Labrador Specialty Services	\$1,142.24
60019674	Labrador Motors	\$615.07

60019675	Luminaires Paul Gregoire Inc	\$16,368.05
60019676	Mista Shipu Construction	\$547,529.08
60019677	Moktech 2000 Ltd	\$1,399.54
60019684	Parts For Trucks	\$1,262.24
60019688	Ron Fougere Associates	\$32,227.60
60019692	Sms Equipment	\$2,074.91
60019693	Strongco Equipment	\$1,935.18
60019721	Curtis Dawe	\$5,333.61
60019723	East-Chem	\$2,354.98
60019732	Micmac Fire & Safety	\$3,740.30
60019736	Morneau Sobeco	\$688.17
60019743	Stewart Mckelvey	\$4,502.34
60019644	Leslie Noseworthy Ltd	\$3051.00
60019749	Davis & Flanigan Electrical	\$16,498.00
	TOTAL	\$800,092.93

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Clarke – no items
- b) Councillor Saunders – no items
- c) Councillor Kelly advised that she will be attending a board meeting with MNL and will not be available to participate in the Santa Claus Parade. She asked Council to provide her with any items they might want brought forward at the board meeting.
- d) Councillor MacKey – no items
- e) Deputy Mayor volunteered to sit on the committee being set up to plan a policy for land application process.
- f) Deputy Mayor advised that a committee has been organized to plan an option study as what happens to the Paddon Home once the long term facility opens.
- g) Councillor Tsididis had an item for Business Session.
- h) Mayor Abbass advised he will write Lawrence Paul advising him that the town has a policy of keeping the cemetery road open during the winter.

- i) Mayor Abbass advised that he would like a written policy prepared that the Town will snow clear driveways for those management staff who are on call 24/7.
- j) Mayor Abbass advised that Serco negotiations are ongoing and he has encouraged both sides to try and reach a deal.
- k) Mayor Abbass requested that the names Shiwak and Hope be added to the list of new street names.
- l) Mayor Abbass would like a letter sent to Transportation and Works informing them of the deplorable condition of the Trans Labrador Highway in the vicinity of Pinus River and Cache River. He also requested the Town Manager phone Dion Tee to see if anything has been done to the area.

At this point the Mayor passed the Chair over to the Deputy Mayor.

- m) The Town sent a letter on September 30, 2008 to NL Hydro and while this letter is on file at Hydro they will not be taking any action on hooking up existing infrastructure that the town has allowed on the Trans Labrador Highway. In this regard the Mayor made the following motion.

It was moved by Mayor L. Abbass seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis that a letter be written to Hydro, under the Mayor's signature, rescinding the September 30, 2008 letter sent to Hydro concerning their placing a distribution line maintenance line up the Churchill Falls Road.

Motion Carried.

Against: Councillor J. Saunders, Councillor B. MacKey, and Councillor D. Clarke

Councillor Clarke noted voting in favour of this will drive away economic activity from the town and is counter productive. The town did not make decision to put hydro there as it is hydro's line.

The Mayor noted that Council will not approve any more land applications in this area; the last application approved was November 27, 2007.

The base will be written regarding this motion.

Deputy Mayor turned the Chair back to the Mayor for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned for a short recess reconvening with a Business Session.

12. **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) **First Air Ticket**

It was the consensus of Council that the First Air Ticket that was won by Council at the Northern Lights Conference last year be donated to the Mayor of Iqualuit as Council will not be making use of the air line ticket.

Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

b) **Town Pension, Staffing issues**

Councillor Tsibidis requested an update on town pension and staffing issues with a view of getting these matters resolved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD