

The 27th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on September 25, 2007 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 Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor Dean Clarke
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Recording Secretary Dona Jones

Absent: Councillor Bill MacKey

1a) DELEGATION, Max Blake

Mr. Blake addressed the Council and stated he left Happy Valley-Goose Bay 26 years ago to live in Rigolet. Birch Island at that time was a swimming place and a park and now today 26 years later there is sewage on the beach, rundown streets and no sidewalks in town. He commented on all the money being taken away from the area and nothing being done and as leaders the town should have more of a share of Labrador's wealth of resources. He remarked it is up to our communities' leaders to get more for Labrador.

b) DELEGATION, Kirk Lethbridge

Mr. Lethbridge commented that the Labrador Metis Nation just recently sent out a Press Release in favour of the Combined Councils of Labrador's stand on the government's Energy Plan. He commented he was upset and angry with the Energy Plan.

c) DELEGATION, Claris Blake Rudkowski

Ms. Rudkowski addressed the Council in her role as Chair of the Metis Development Corporation and in reference to the Energy Plan. They would like Council to support them in their lobby regarding a 100MW wind farm for Labrador. This would result in 2000 construction jobs, 200 permanent jobs and a manufacturing facility for windmill components.

d) DELEGATION, Daphne Roberts

Ms. Roberts addressed the Council as a citizen commenting she was very upset with the government's Energy Plan.

e) DELEGATION, Roberta Benefiel

Ms Benefiel addressed the Council concerning the government's Energy Plan and their blaming Hydro for not putting a transmission line through Labrador. She stated it is Hydro's mandate from government to provide the cheapest electricity possible, and not a mandate to supply expensive diesel power on the coast.

f) **DELEGATION, Melvin Hamel**

Mr. Hamel addressed the Council concerning the government's Energy Plan and stated he was in support of the Combined Councils of Labrador's stand on the Energy Plan.

g) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson expressed the view that government is gone out of control as far as Labrador is concerned. They are trying to destroy our river to bring power to Newfoundland.

Mr. Dyson also queried an update on the proposed sewer treatment facility and this update was given by the Town Manager.

Roberta Benefiel commented on a report presented at a meeting she attended concerning innovative ways to reduce costs with water and this might be useful to the town. She was requested to pass this report on to our staff.

The Mayor advised the various delegations that the Press Release issued by the Town Council stated that Council will not support the government's Energy Plan in its current state and that further consultation be held with the people of Labrador.

Concerning the hydro plan wind park Kirk Lethbridge requested the Town Council and the Combined Councils of Labrador support the hydro plan wind park. The Mayor requested Mr. Lethbridge put this request in writing and Council will make the decision as to whether to support it. Clarice Blake Rudkowski offered to make a presentation on the wind farm to the Council before they make this decision.

h) **DELEGATION, Chris Montague**

Mr. Montague addressed the Council concerning the province's Energy Plan and asked Council to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Labrador people so there is power to all Labrador communities.

i) **DELEGATION, Howard Bishop**

Mr. Bishop addressed the Council concerning an incident in August when a Russian plane was escorted outside our air space. He queried why this was not covered by the media.

The Mayor responded this was jumped on through the politicians.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 27th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the agenda of the 27th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 26th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Mayor Abbass queried 26th 6(i) and was advised that the Community Constable is monitoring the area in question.
- b) Mayor Abbass queried 26th 6(j) and was advised that the Clean Up letters were sent in today's mail.
- c) Mayor Abbass queried 26th 7(b) and requested Director Wheeler and Anthony check to see that all upcoming events are sent for inclusion in government tourism literature.
- d) Mayor Abbass queried 26th 7(f) and was advised that the lime and fertilizer has been spread on the soccer field.
- e) Councillor Clarke queried 26th 8(j) and requested the Mayor follow up with a letter concerning the fact that National Defence has commissioned a study for the closure of 444 Squadron.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 8 Incoming Letters and 23 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Outgoing Letter #1 from Ron Fougere and Associates – the Town Manager advised that on September 26 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a meeting at the Town Hall to sign the contract for the auditorium on Mealy Mountain Collegiate.
- b) Incoming Letter #8 was the Press Release on the Energy Plan from the Nunatsiavut Government.

Councillor Kelly asked that this Press Release and those from the Combined Councils of Labrador and the Town on the same topic be compiled with the hydro file.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the Municipal Services Report with the exception of item (g). Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Land Application – Stanley Noble

Land application from Stanley Noble for a cottage lot on Trans Labrador Highway. Committee recommends approving subject to cabin lot approval policy.

b) Land Application – Martin and Glenda Schwalbe

Land application from Martin and Glenda Schwalbe for land located at the rear of his property next door to Goose Bay Motors on Hamilton River Road to be used for a back yard and garden. Committee recommends approval subject to no dwelling being permitted on this lot and both parcels being consolidated into one with survey documents to be copied to the Town.

c) Land Application – Sandy Hillier

Land application from Sandy Hillier for land at the rear of his property at 3 Montagnais Road to be used for a backyard so he can extend his shed and to use the remainder for a gardening lot 75 feet wide by 50 feet deep. Committee recommends approval subject to both parcels being consolidated to form one and the survey documents to be copied to the Town.

d) Request – 6 Markland Road

Request received from Mene Conley to renovate 6 Markland Road and put in up to 12 apartments. Committee recommends approval in principle subject to:

- 1) approval being received from Government Services Centre for Fire, Life Safety and Accessibility, and
- 2) that the proposed development meet all aspects of the Town's Development Regulations (site plan, lot area and parking requirements)

e) Request – Richard Manning

Request received from Richard Manning for commercial land at 218 Kelland Drive (vacant undeveloped land next

to TOSS signs) Committee recommends that this request be deferred pending further research relative to rules governing land development by the town.

f) Municipal Plan Meeting

Meeting scheduled for October 9 at 5:00 p.m.

g) Taxi Regulations

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to refer back to Committee that the Town Council phase in a regulation that taxis in the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay have a maximum age of seven years by phasing in this over three years, i.e.:

May 31, 2008	oldest allowable model 1999
Jan 1, 2009	oldest allowable model 2001
Jan 1, 2010	oldest allowable model 2003

And in future years all vehicles will not exceed seven years.

Motion Carried unanimously.

7 TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councillor D. Clarke

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report

Report of August 22 to September 18 presented for information

b) Arena Operators/Ice Maintenance Clinic

Committee recommends, in partnership with Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador Facilities Association, the Department of Tourism Recreation and Culture and the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, to investigate the hosting of a one week arena operators/ice maintenance clinic, inviting arena personnel throughout Labrador.

c) Town Social

Committee recommends that Council support a town golf and barbeque social on September 21 to an amount not to exceed \$500.

d) Report

A report from a meeting with Provincial Government Officials and Town Council and Staff to discuss “Needs and Wants” for a regional recreational facility for our town was presented.

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

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to approve the Economic Development Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Cooper Park Monument Update

Information and update presented on this project.

**b) Meeting with Intergovernmental Affairs and Labrador
Aboriginal Affairs**

Report presented on this meeting held on September 11, 2007.

c) Information Item – Briefing Notes

Briefing Notes from Col. Matheson were presented for information.

d) Information Item – Provincial Energy Plan

The Provincial Energy Plan News Release and Backgrounder presented for information.

**e) Information Item – DEFSEC Atlantic 2007
Conference**

The PowerPoint Presentation by Alan Parslow was presented for information.

**f) Aerospace and Defence Industry Association of
Newfoundland and Labrador**

Committee recommends that the Town Council apply for membership to Aerospace and Defence Industry Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (ADIANL) at a cost of \$250 per year.

g) Meeting

Committee recommends that a meeting be convened between community stakeholders and hotel owners regarding the issue of using barracks on the base while there are still vacancies in town. Furthermore, it is recommended that a facilitator preside over this meeting.

h) UVS Canada Conference/IEMR General Meeting

UVS Canada Conference information was presented for information.

Committee recommends:

- a) that the Town Council support the UVS Canada sponsorship opportunity in partnership with GBAC and LNCC for the opening icebreaker social in the amount of \$900, and
- b) that the Mayor and Director of Economic Development attend this conference as delegates.
- c) That the Economic Development Director attend the IEMR general meeting as an observer

i) SAREX

Committee recommends that the Town have the booth at the SAREX event.

j) Provincial Energy Plan Meeting

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 26 September at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Office to discuss and review the Provincial Energy Plan will be rescheduled

k) Northern Lights 2008 – Information

Committee recommends that:

- i) Council meet with representatives from Northern Lights 2008 to hear first-hand the opportunities available, and
- ii) That Council approve Karen Wheeler's invitation to sit as a member on this conference committee

l) DownHome Magazine

Committee recommends that the Town advertise their new brand in the November and May 2008 issues, as has been done in the past, at a cost of \$590 plus tax.

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsidis to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report with the exception of item (h) which will be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Request to Advertise**

Request received from The Labradorian to advertise in their cookbook project, "Serving It Up to those Who Serve", Committee recommends purchasing a full colour divider page 6" x 9" at a cost of \$350.00 in this publication.

b) **Restorative Justice Week**

Committee recommends proclaiming November 18 – 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week 2007.

WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "**Facing the Questions**", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Leo Abbass of Happy Valley-Goose Bay do hereby proclaim **November 18 - November 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week in the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.**

c) **Fines Report**

The Fines Report for 7 September 2007 was presented for information.

d) **Assessment Review Commissioner**

Committee recommends advertising for an Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

e) **Request from Labrador North Chamber of Commerce (LNCC)**

Request received from the LNCC that the town provide sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 to help offset costs

with the 6th Circumpolar Agricultural Conference being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from September 30 to October 3, 2007. Committee recommends denying this request.

An amendment moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve sponsoring a nutritional break up to \$500.00 Amendment Carried. Motion Carried.

f) Heating and Gas Pricing August 30, 2007

Information received from the Petroleum Pricing Office on Heating and Gas Prices effective August 30, 2007,

g) Dale Carnegie Course Information

Committee recommends denying enrolling candidates in the Carnegie Course program.

Mayor Abbass left the Chambers while the next item was discussed and voted on and Deputy Mayor Oliver took the Chair.

h) Request from D. Abbass on behalf of Kaitlyn Abbass

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Olliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to donate \$150.00 to Kaitlyn Abbass who has been selected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Under 18 Female Provincial Hockey Team. Motion Carried unanimously.

Mayor Abbass returned to the Chambers.

i) Letter re Canso Water Bomber

A letter will be sent to Lt Col. Acting Wing Commander M.F. LeGresley advising him that the Town will work with them regarding the Canso water bomber being located in the aviation park. The town will also be responsible for the long term maintenance of the Canso.

Staff was requested to contact Goronwy Price and Aiden Cox concerning storage of the water bomber over the winter.

k) Assessment Act

Correspondence was presented on the proposed changes to the Assessment Act.

l) **Canadian Cancer Society**

A letter was received from the Canadian Cancer Society concerning their *Walk a Mile in His Shoes* fundraiser for prostate cancer to be held on October 7 starting at 2:00 p.m. from the Town Hall.

m) **Training Courses**

Committee recommends approval for Town Clerk Sheppard and Superintendent Normore to attend an Access to Information course on October 14, 2007 in St. John's, NL.. and to attend a course on October 15 on Employment Law with Occupational Health and Safety, also in St. John's, NL.

n) **Policy Manual Update meeting**

The Deputy Mayor will be setting a date for a meeting to review the town's Policy Manual.

10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve cheques in the amount of \$84,145.48. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60017226	Arvo McMillian	\$ 4,246.54
60017229	Emco Limited- Waterworks	6,429.60
60017230	Flotech Enterprises Ltd.	13,201.20
60017231	Furlotte & Furlotte	727.38
60017236	Labrador Specialty Service Inc.	546.96
60017238	Moktech 2000 Limited	1,262.49
60017239	National Shoe	520.30
60017240	Newcap Broadcasting	964.44
60017244	Prestige Promotions Inc.	3,442.84
60017247	Saunders Equipment Ltd.	549.56

60017250	Speedy (Labrador)	743.20
60017254	Western Pump Services	601.07
60017257	Melville Communications	10,820.88
60017275	Emco Limited- Waterworks	547.29
60017278	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,537.71
60017279	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	1,113.92
60017283	J.J 's Trucking	3,847.50
60017284	Jet Ice	2,750.02
60017285	Kem Manufacturing Canada	3,123.60
60017286	Labrador Specialty Service	866.17
60017287	Labrador Inn	527.65
60017288	Labrador Rewinding Inc.	4,272.72
60017295	Noseworthy, Leslie H Ltd.	5,358.00
60017298	Pioneer Enterprises	1,731.66
60017302	Royal Inn	616.74
60017303	Sansom Equipment Ltd.	833.34
60017304	Serco Facilities Management	649.52
60017307	Thomas Industrial Sales Ltd.	10,401.36
60017309	TST Overland Express	578.06
60017318	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,333.76
	TOTAL	\$ 84,145.48

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Tsibidis commented that everyone has to work together for all the concerns of all of Labrador.
- b) Deputy Mayor Oliver had no items
- c) Councillor Kelly queried whether the Town has received funding under the Gas Tax. The Town Manager advised that funding has been applied for.
- d) Councillor Kelly passed on condolences to Dave and Jeannette Head and family on the sudden death of their daughter.
- e) Councillor Saunders remarked he would like everyone to get involved in the Municipal Plan meeting scheduled for October 9 at 5:00 p.m.
- f) Councillor Clarke commented that we have to be quick on our feet about 444 Squadron and start a letter writing campaign. Deputy Mayor Oliver noted that the Aboriginal groups would also be supporting this as they would not want to see 444 Squadron go.
- g) Mayor Abbass commented on the good road conditions going to the landfill site.
- h) Mayor Abbass advised he attended the Change of Command on the Base.
- i) Mayor Abbass advised that he, Karen Wheeler and Goronwy Price attended the HMCS Goose Bay change of command while in Halifax attending the DEFSEC Atlantic 2007 Conference.
- j) Mayor Abbass commented on the wind damage during the wind storm on September 20. A lot of damage to roofs, fences, buildings and fallen trees were the result of the high winds.
- k) Mayor Abbass requested a letter of congratulations be sent to the community of Labrador City on the Roman Catholic Church receiving Minor Basilica status.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

12. BUSINESS SESSION

No items

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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