

The 39th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on August 26, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Dean Clarke arrived 6:25 pm (work commitment)
Councillor Bill MacKey arrived 6:35 pm (work commitment)
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Madelyn Kelly on vacation
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Recording Secretary Donna Jones on vacation

A minute of silence in memory of Everett Mclean, employee and Councillor of the Town who passed away earlier today.

1 DELEGATION- Arnold Rich

Mr. Rich stated he was applying for a Taxi license to put a car on the taxi stand. He had a vehicle on before but because he needed an attendant with him, he received complaints that the vehicle was too small so he took the vehicle off the stand and is now in the process of purchasing a larger vehicle. Town Manager advised Council that there is not a problem in giving Mr. Rich a driving permit, but that our regulations state that "no owner or driver shall permit any non-paying person to accompany him/her whilst paying for hire. An amendment to the taxi regulations will have to be made. Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Rich that discussion will be held with the Community Constable and staff will contact him tomorrow.

DELEGATION- George Morris

a) Mr. Morris queried as to what action has been taken with personal use of town vehicles by town staff. Staff is clearly breaking town policy. Staff are using the vehicles to go to cabins on Mudlake Road and to go to Omar Lake. Deputy Mayor advised that progressive disciplinary action is used for any staff that step outside any town policy: verbal warning, written warning, suspension then termination.

b) Mr. Morris questioned Council as to why they are going outside the Union Agreement and offering raises to town staff. This will cause his taxes to increase. He has a copy of the increases and will give it to the press. Mayor Abbass advised that the town is working on recruitment and retention problems within the town and will not discuss this item in public at this time.

c) Mr. Morris stated that a few weeks ago the local newspaper reported that there was sexual harassment

charges against one of the town employees. He wanted to know if it was safe for his children to enter town facilities. Mayor Abbass stated that he is not prepared to discuss this item in public and yes, it is safe for anyone to enter town facilities.

d) Mr. Morris queried the towns hiring procedures. Mayor Abbass stated that he is not prepared to discuss this in public..

DELEGATION- Gerald Dyson

a) Mr. Dyson commented on the tugboat in the Churchill River and queried whether there was any new development with the proposed sewer treatment plant.

b) Mr. Dyson commented on the poor condition of the walkway in the Valley area, especially Hamilton River Road.

c) Mr. Dyson advised of the poor condition of Cartwright Road.

d) Mr. Dyson commented on the amount of trash and broken glass on Grand Street and that it needs to be cleaned up.

e) Mr. Dyson asked for Council support in getting salmon fishing licenses for other groups such as the Metis Nation and settlers of the community with DFO.

DELEGATION- Rick Harvey

a) Mr. Harvey queried if the town is in negotiations with the Union for salary increases. Mayor Abbass stated that this is not a topic for public discussion at this time.

b) Mr. Harvey queried if the town Union contract is public knowledge. Mayor Abbass advised that once it is adopted by Council that it is a public document.

c) Mr. Harvey queried the alleged sexual harassment involving a town employee. Mayor Abbass advised that the topic is gone to arbitration and is not willing to discuss it in public.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 39th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 39th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with 13 additional items. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor P.Tsibidis seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

Mayor Abbass commented on item 5(b) of the 38th Meeting and whether barriers were in place. The Town Manager advised that no action has been taken to date. The Community Constable is just back from vacation and he will be doing patrols in the area.

Councillor Saunders commented that there are bikes and ATVs tearing up grassed areas. The Town may have to revisit banning bikes within Town boundaries.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that during their monthly meeting with the RCMP this item was discussed and patrols on Ikey Street will be increased.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 6 Incoming Letters and 23 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor Paul Tsibidis

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Councillor Tsibidis to refer item 10 of the Municipal Services Committee report back to the next Municipal Services Committee meeting.

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the Municipal Services Committee Report. Motion Carried unanimously.

a. Grading of roads

Committee recommends that council grade the access road to Grove's Point Road & Wilburn Bay Road when equipment and personal are available once per year.

b. Land Application

Land application received from Lorraine Hagerty, Gerald Hagerty, Kenneth Michelin and Jennifer Michelin for land

on Churchill Falls Road adjacent to Quarry Road. Committee recommends that these applications be placed on hold due to the present development at the Base as requested by DND.

c. Land Application- NL Hydro

Request received from NL Hydro for Crown Land behind 9 & 11 Burnwood Drive. Committee recommends approval.

d. Land Application-Arch Hanrahan

Request received from Arch Hanrahan for land adjacent to Sandhill Reservoir. Committee recommends to deny this request as the land is a sewer line easement.

e. Land Application- Arch Hanrahan

Request received from Arch Hanrahan for land 32x10 meters behind 104-106 Park Drive for residential use. Committee recommends approval.

f. Land application- Kirk Hanrahan

Request received from Kirk Hanrahan for land 45x45 meters on the corner of Woodland Crescent & Park Drive. Committee recommends to deny this request as the land is a green space area.

g. Land Application-Kirk Hanrahan

Request received from Kirk Hanrahan for land 37x10 meters behind 102-104 Park Drive for residential use. Committee recommends approval.

h. Land application-Hubert Loder

Request received from Hubert Loder for Crown land 15.45x15 meters behind 70 Roberts Road for residential use. Committee recommends approval.

i. Land application- Victoria Lee

Request received from Victoria Lee for Crown land 15x15 meters behind 68 Roberts Road for residential use. Committee recommends approval.

j. Land application- White Bear Construction

Request received from White Bear Construction for Crown land located on Lake Crescent between 47 Lake Crescent and the playground for residential use. Committee recommends the request be denied

as council will be purchasing and developing the land for resale.

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Councillor Tsididis to refer item 10 of the Municipal Services Committee report back to the next Municipal Services Committee meeting.

k. Request- Rod Curlew

Request received from Rod Curlew to purchase 26 Davis Crescent for the sum of \$4,000.00 plus HST. Committee recommends approval subject to the following condition:

a.) Both parcels of land 26 & 28 Davis Crescent be consolidated to form one parcel.

b.) At no time shall this parcel be subdivided to form an additional mini home lot.

l. 40 Lake Crescent

Committee recommends that Council purchase 40 Lake Crescent from the Province at a cost of \$22,900.00 plus HST and applicable fees of resale.

m. Building request- Frank Pye

Request received from Frank Pye to construct a residential home 54x38 feet at his farmland on Mud Lake Road. Committee recommends approval condition upon approvals bring received from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and also subject to public advertisement.

n. Business application-Primerica (Citi Group)

Request received from Joanne Dostie to operate a home based business at 19A Corte Real Road, re: Financial Assistance. Committee recommends approval subject to public advertisement.

o. Clean up request

Committee recommends that the owner of the property located at 4 Davis Crescent be advised to clean up their property.

p. Water Supply

Committee recommends that Council arrange a meeting with Municipal Affairs Engineering Department, DND and Council to discuss water issues.

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

It was moved by Councillor Tsibidis and seconded by Councillor Saunders to approve the Tourism, Parks & Recreation Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Abbass requested that Councillor Mackey and Constable Sampson do some media interviews regarding the recent vandalism at the Skateboard Park.

a. Report

Enclosed in Council Package is the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report for the period July 1-August 23, 2008.

b. Goose Jam

Goose Jam will take place Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the Skate Board Park.

c. Teddy Bear Picnic

Teddy Bear Picnic will be held at Kinsmen Park on Sunday, August 31/08.

d. Big Land Fair

The Big Land Fair will be held at the Arena on September 12-13/08.

e. Meeting

Committee recommends that a meeting be held with the E.J. Broomfield user groups to discuss the 2008-2009 user schedule.

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

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

Mayor Abbass requested that a list of proposed in kind services with cost attached and also a list of

contributions to date be prepared with regard to the Regional Marketing Committee.

a. Information Items-Sustainability Tool Kit Session

Enclosed in Council package is info on the Sustainability Tool Kit Session.

b. Information Session-Resolution for MNL

Enclosed in Council Package is info on the resolution for MNL.

c. Information Item- UVS Canada Conference

Enclosed in council package is info on the UVS Canada Conference being held in Ottawa November 4-7, 2008.

d. Regional Marketing Committee

Enclosed in council package is info on the Regional Marketing Committee.

Committee recommends that \$25,000.00 be contributed by the Town of HV-GB for the core start up costs of the Regional Marketing Partnership. Mayor Abbass requested that a list of proposed in kind services with cost attached and also a list of contributions to date be prepared with regard to the Regional Marketing Committee.

e. Resolution

Committee recommends that council forward the following resolution to the MNL on:

- Property tax on cabins
- Land cost to the Town for Crown Land
- Bike helmets

**9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
– Councillor B. MacKey**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the Finance and Administration Committee as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a. MNL- Labrador & Western Nfld Night

Committee recommends that Council contribute \$150.00 to the MNL- Labrador & Western Nfld Night

b. Meeting

A meeting will be held on August 21, 2008 at 4:30 pm with Mr. Mike O'Connell to review the town pension plan.

c. Fuel Prices

Enclosed in council package is the fuel pricing notices for July 17, 24, 31 and August 14, 2008.

d. Approval to borrow

Committee recommends that council approve a line of credit of \$1,500,000.00.

e. Traffic Fines Report

Enclosed in Council Package is the Traffic Fine Report for July 2008.

f. Request-Them Days Magazine

Request received from Them Days Magazine for the town to purchase a year subscription to Them Days Magazine. Committee recommends approval.

g. Special Olympics T-shirts

Request received to supply twenty two t-shirts to the Special Olympians. Committee recommends that council order shirts for 2009 Olympics.

h. Sign- Laurier Loop

Committee recommends that council place a "Children at Play" sign at Laurier Loop.

i. Information Item- Town Clock

Enclosed in council package is information on a Town Clock.

j. Information Item-Municipal Tree Planting Ceremony

Enclosed in council package is information regarding the Municipal Tree Planting Ceremony that will take place in our community during September 21-27, 2008.

k. Information Item- Main Gate Remediation

Enclosed in council package is information on the Environmental Cleanup activity on the Base property near the main gate south of Loring Drive.

10 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a. Request- Planning Division-Municipal Affairs

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to grant permission to the Engineering and Land Use Planning Division of Municipal Affairs for them to be able to copy and distribute the Town's Plan & Regulations document on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Request- Labrador Grenfell Health

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to approve the request from Labrador Grenfell Health for a parcel of land at the rear of their property at the hospital site and administration building. Recommend approval. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Cost estimate for Hydrogeological Investigation

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to approve the proposal cost from Fracflow to complete a hydrogeological investigation of the proposed area for future groundwater supply development for the amount of \$93,376.40 plus HST \$6,536.35 to total \$99,912.75. This is a Budgeted item. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Invitational Tender

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to have a scope of work prepared and to go to invitational tender for the electrical supply and installation for the camera security system. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Resolution

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to approve the attached resolutions re: "call for transfer of crown lands within Municipalities"

and “call for Bike Helmet legislation” and that they be presented to the MNL for referral to the Provincial Government. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Crown Lands Fees- Information Item

Enclosed in Council Package is information on Crown Land Fees.

g. MNL News Release-Information Item

Enclosed in Council Package is the MNL News Release

h. Letter - White Bear Construction

Letter from White Bear Construction appealing Councils decision to develop Crown Land on Lake Crescent for resale after they made an application for land. Referred to Committee.

i. Canadian Evaluation Society –Information Item

Enclosed in Council Package is information from Canadian Evaluation Society NL Chapter on the essential skills in evaluation series, improving services and accountability through evaluation workshop.

j. Group Pension Plan

Committee met with Mike O’Connell from Morneau Sobeco re Actuarial Report required by superintendent of pensions with regard to repayment of solvency deficiencies. This is required regardless of the outcome of the presentation from MNLEB Inc. about transferring our plan to the MNL Plan. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Tsihidis to go with option 1as presented by Morneau Sobeco. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Information Item

Enclosed in Council Package is a Report from RCMP.

l. Information Item

Interviews were held for the position of Water/Sewer-Water Treatment Plant Operator. (Closed session) The position to be offered to William Anderson.

m. Parks & Recreation Director

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Tsihidis to hire Kevin Lane on a one

year contract. Motion carried unanimously.

11 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor Mackey to approve cheques in the amount of \$114,622.33. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60019129	Aims	\$ 735.63
60019134	Hercules SLR Inc.	1,681.70
60019138	Mark's Work Warehouse	4,825.15
60019142	Ron Fougere Associates Ltd.	16,910.17
60019144	Toss Signs Inc.	579.69
60019147	Uptown Audio Video	3,500.00
60019149	Notrax	887.79
60019152	Rumbolt, Dwayne	600.00
60019153	Switch Electrical Inc.	5,371.68
60019161	Emco Limited Waterworks	4,729.05
60019163	Hamilton Contracting Ltd.	621.50
60019167	Newcap Broadcasting	678.00
60019176	Serco Facilities Management	1,491.60
60019182	A.L.P.A. Equipment Ltd.	574.56
60019180	Davis & Flanigan Electrical	3,005.80
60019191	Emco-Limited-Waterworks	47,180.17
60019193	Furlotte & Furlotte	1,292.32
60019195	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,272.62
60019202	Labrador Motors Ltd.	818.79

60019203	Labrador Construction Ltd.	11,300.00
60019214	Strongco Equipment	691.34
60019219	Western Star & Sterling Trucks	915.29
60019226	Emco-Limited- Waterworks	2,108.58
60019229	Speedy (Labrador)8143	929.80
60019230	Thomas Industrial Sales Ltd.	610.88
60019235	Bentley's Beer Market	1,310.22
	TOTAL	\$ 114,622.33

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

Councillor Mackey queried as to the status of the "Safe & Respectful Workplace" Seminar. The Town Manager advised that arrangements are being made.

Councillor Tsibidis commented on the town vehicle policy and that action must be taken with regard to employees using town vehicles for personal use.

Deputy Mayor Oliver asked staff to contact the College as to the status of their property located on the corner of Hamilton River Road and Hillcrest Road.

Deputy Mayor Oliver requested that Council write the Provincial and Federal Environment Ministers requesting that the Secretariat Office for the Lower Churchill be located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Councillor Saunders commented on the delegations that were heard earlier. Mayor Abbass requested the Town Manager contact Municipal Affairs with regard to the topics of the delegation.

Mayor Abbass commented on the soccer nets we have purchased.

Mayor Abbass queried the status of registered property owners of the Northside. Staff to prepare report for next committee meeting.

Mayor Abbass commented on the number of boil orders in the Province.

Mayor Abbass requested the staff to check with other municipalities regarding attendants in taxi cabs and also the taxi stand owners.

Mayor Abbass stated that staff are flushing water lines and asked if this is causing other work not to be done. Town Manager advised that by fall all flushing should be complete.

Mayor Abbass queried the status of the mechanic position. He requested staff to review and have a recommendation for next committee meeting.

13 **BUSINESS SESSION**

There being no business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD