

The 21st meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on March 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor James H. Saunders
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony on vacation
Recording Secretary Donna Jones on vacation

1 **DELEGATION, Presentation**

a) Mayor Abbass presented Fire Chief Carl Oldford with an appreciation award and thanked the Fire Department for their valuable service.

b) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council regarding the upcoming election for October 07, Quebec's Five Rivers Project and the sewer outfall.

c) **DELEGATION, Fred Loxton**

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council regarding the Forestry meeting he attended.

2 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 21st MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 21st meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 20th MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. Mackey to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 20th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Mayor requested an update on item 7(D). Town Manager advised speaker confirmed, entertainment confirmed, nomination packages are being picked up and dinner is being planned.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 6 Incoming Letters and 7 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

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 as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Permit Report**

Enclosed in Council's Package is the permit report as of March 20, 2007.

b) **Land Application – Harry Coates**

Request from Harry Coates for lot of land on Churchill Falls Road for a cottage. Committee recommends to refuse his application as this area is being studied for future water supply.

c) **Land Application- Martin Burton**

Land application from Martin Burton for a parcel of land off Grand Lake Road adjacent to his existing land to be used for Agricultural purposes. The zoning is correct. Committee recommends to approve.

d) **Land Application- Conseil Scolaire Francophone**

Application received from Conseil Scolaire Francophone de Terre Neuve et Labrador for land 45 x 180 Meters on Hamilton River Road between the Hospital and Kinsmen Park for a school. Committee recommends approval in principal.

e) **Animal Control Report for March 2007**

Enclosed in Council Package is the Animal Control Report for March 2007.

**7 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 Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report for February 16 – March 20, 2007 enclosed for information.

b) Events

- Indoor Soccer season starts April 23, 2007 with the Indoor Soccer Cup scheduled for May 30-June 3, 2007.
- Snowflake Figure Skating Club Annual Ice Show March 31-April 1, 2007.
- Lake Melville Extreme Minor Hockey Association hosting the Provincial Midget D Hockey Championship April 9-11, 2007.
- Recreation Hockey League year end tournament April 14, 2007.
- Final day of ice for the 2006-2007 season April 15/07.
- Community Awards Presentation & Banquet April 21, 2007.

c) Tender

Committee recommends that Council call tender for soccer nets in partnership with Minor Soccer.

d) Rec Plex

Committee will review the spring maintenance of the Soccer Pitch at the next Committee Meeting.

e) SnoBreak 2007

Town Clerk to do a finance report on this event for the Committee Meeting.

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

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. Mackey to adopt the Economic Development Committee Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

a) **Miss Teen NL 2007**

Enclosed in Council's package is info on Miss Teen NL 2007 Danielle Seaward.

b) **Director of Economic Development**

Councillor Kelly will arrange a meeting at a later date to be announced.

c) **North Eastern Trade Corridors Study-Info Item**

The North Eastern Trade Corridor Study working group will be held in the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce Boardroom March 21, 2007 at 2 pm.

d) **Mealy Mountain Auditorium Meeting**

There will be a meeting with the committee and Council, if available, will be held April 1/07 at 1pm at the Town Office.

**9 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 & Administration Committee Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

a) **Fuel Report**

Enclosed in Council Package are the Fuel Reports for March 1, 8, 15, 2007.

b) **Purchase of Chairs**

Committee recommends that Council call tenders to purchase chairs in partnership with Expo Labrador.

c) **Ad- Downhome Magazine**

Committee recommends that Council advertise in the May 2007 Downhome Magazine at a cost of \$610.00 plus HST for a 3 x 4 inch size ad.

d) **Request- Newco Metal & Auto Recycling**

Request received from Newco Metal & Auto Recycling to renew their annual metals contract at the Municipal Landfill Site. Committee recommends approval.

e) **Request MMSB- Household Hazardous Waste**

Committee recommends that Council enter into an agreement with MMSB to cost share the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in HV-GB at a cost of \$3586.00.

f) **Traffic Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council Package is the Traffic Fines Report for February 2007.

g) **Request- St. Theresa Youth Group**

Request received from the St. Theresa Youth Group for a contribution to assist six youths to participate in the World Youth Day celebrated in Sydney, Australia in July 2008. Committee recommends to contribute \$250.00.

h) **Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council Package is the Complaints Report for December, January and February 2007.

i) **Request- Breast Cancer Retreat**

Request received from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation to share the cost of those participating from the Town attending the 8th Annual Breast Cancer Retreat June 1-4, 2007 in Port Aux Basques, NL. Committee recommends contributing \$250.00 to this event.

j) **Request- NLFM**

Request received from the NLFM for the Town to donate to the NLFM to assist with paying off the mortgage on their building. Committee recommends to deny this request.

k) **NL AMA – Annual Conference**

Committee recommends that Town Clerk Valerie Sheppard and Superintendent of Works, Water & Sewer Sheldon Normore attend the Annual Conference being held in St. John's, NL April 19-21, 2007.

l) **Info Note**

Enclosed in Council Package are Info Notes dated February 23 & March 16, 2007.

m) **Trans Labrador Highway**

Enclosed in Council Package is a letter regarding the Trans Labrador Highway.

n) **Municipal Symposium**

Committee recommends that Council send a representative to the Municipal Symposium 2007 being held in Gander, NL May 11-13, 2007.

o) **Request- Labrador School Board**

Committee recommends that Council contribute a set of Them Days Books to the Labrador School Board Heritage Fair being held in HV-GB May 8-9, 2007.

p) **NLFM Info Note**

Enclosed in Council Package is an Info Note dated March 23, 2007.

q) **Letter- Birch Brook Nordic Ski Club**

Enclosed in Council package is a letter from Birch Brook thanking Ken and the Heavy Equipment operators for their support.

r) **Letter- Birch Brook**

Enclosed in Council Package is a letter from Birch Brook thanking Council for their continued support.

s) **Letter- Royal Bank**

Enclosed in Council's package is a letter from the RBC Royal Bank regarding grant to charities to host after school program.

t) **Statistics Canada- Letter**

Included in Council Package is a letter from Statistics Canada advising that they have released as of March 13/07 their 2006 census population & dwelling count.

u) **Lake Melville Public Library**

Enclosed in Council's package is an invitation for the Mayor to attend the Lake Melville Public Library Annual General Meeting on April 16/07 at 7 pm.

v) **NLFM News Release**

Enclose in Council Package is the NLFM News Release regarding the Building Canada Fund falling short in addressing crumbling infrastructure.

10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve cheques in the amount of \$86,087.55. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60016198	Receiver General (taxes)	\$ 9,613.39
60016199	NFLD Mun Financing	4,258.78
60016204	GB Curling Club	2,875.00
60016221	Workplace, Health Safety	2,947.55
60016254	Hamilton Systems	671.46
60016257	Lab Specialty	2,280.00
60016265	Stephco Electrical	902.88
60016266	Switch Electrical	5,064.83
60016276	Arvo McMillan	2,137.50
60016277	Goose Bay Wholesalers	1,031.26
60016282	Toromont Cat	1,207.21
60016297	CBCL Ltd	4,373.36
60016305	K&D Pratt	2,072.86
60016308	Moktech 2000	881.26
60016310	Moreau Sobeco Partnership	3,166.35
60016323	Workplace, Health, Safety	42,603.86
	TOTAL	86,087.55

11. Council Forum**a) Clarke**

Councillor Clarke queried the status of the letter to the province regarding the Pension Solvency Deficiency. Town Manager advised waiting on approval of the Union Agreement.

Councillor Clarke queried the status of the repairs to the Rec Plex. Town Manager advised documents are being prepared.

Councillor Clarke noted that he did not hear of any mention of the paving of the Trans Labrador Highway in the Federal Budget. Would like this placed on the next Economic Development Committee agenda.

Councillor Clarke noted that the Community Awards are being hosted in April 2007 and suggested that the public get involved. Councillor Clarke noted that he was encouraged and also disappointed with the Wing Commander's briefing.

Councillor Clarke requested a meeting of council with Minister Hickey to discuss the Trans Labrador Highway and the Base.

Councillor Clarke queried the status of the Town Municipal Plan. The Town Manager advised that Mr. McMillan is in Happy Valley-Goose Bay this week and staff and Municipal Services Committee is holding meetings with him. Plan should be completed by October 2007.

b) **Saunders**

Councillor Saunders advised that he attended a meeting in Fermont, Quebec regarding the Trans Labrador Highway. They are looking at dropping the 500 Route and developing what is called "The Loop" that takes them through Southern Labrador.

c) **Kelly**

Councillor Kelly advised that the engineering tender for the Lower Churchill has been advertised. What is Councils' position on the development of Lower Churchill without the Trans Labrador Highway paved. Request that Council meet to decide and record Councils' position on the matter.

Councillor Kelly asked what Council is getting for the Gas Tax for the Waste Management Authority. Town Manager advised that he has spoken to Mud Lake and is awaiting their reply. Once they come on board, the Town can be considered a Waste Management Authority. Councillor Kelly asked to have this item placed on the next Municipal Services Committee meeting.

Councillor Kelly advised that she attended the local Tourism Committee meeting and that SnoBreak went off well.

d) **Mackey**

Councillor Mackey advised that he also attended the briefing with the Base Commander and after the meeting he felt more positive than before.

e) **Tsibidis**

Councillor Tsibidis advised that Council should look at a mobile home area as this would be needed for construction of the Lower Churchill if it goes ahead.

Councillor Tsibidis stated that we also need water and that Councillor Saunders' Committee has found a place where there is good water and drilling and testing is needed for this area.

f) **Deputy Mayor Oliver**

Deputy Mayor Oliver inquired about the status of the arena boards. Town Manager advised that funding is still available, has spoken to Municipal Affairs if Council could do the work and still avail of the funding. Municipal Affairs is looking into this and will get back to him.

Deputy Mayor Oliver congratulated Councillor Mackey on getting the winning goal at the Trappers' Cup.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that our community has lost 500 residents in the new census figure.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that he attended the District 19 Forestry Plan Meeting last week. He requested that Council request a meeting with Forestry to discuss this plan.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that the Province is doing a study on the delivery of dairy products to Labrador.

Deputy Mayor Oliver thanked the staff for their involvement in the many funerals over the past two weeks.

g) **Mayor Abbass**

Mayor Abbass advised that there is Press Conference being held at the Hospital at 10:30 am., Wednesday, March 28. An announcement is being made regarding the Dialysis Machine.

Mayor Abbass dated that he was pleased with the Base Commanders Briefing last week. The Base is slow but steady. Growth is there.

Open Session adjourned at 6:25 pm and reconvened to Business Session at 6:40 pm.

12. Business Session

a) **Labrador Investments Ltd**

Request received from Labrador Investment Ltd for crown land application #115866 202 x 148 Meters on Hamilton River Road to construct a warehouse to receive and distribute freight for their coastal stores. It was moved by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Town Manager write Labrador Investments Ltd advising that the Town has land on the North Side that can accommodate their request.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting to attend out of town meeting.

b) **Request- Randy Stevens**

It was moved by Councillor Saunders and seconded by Councillor Tsibidis to approve a request from Randy Stevens to allow him to obtain a Taxi Licence in Happy Valley-Goose Bay without the Certificate of Good Conduct for Alberta until their Information System is repaired.

For: Tsibidis, Abbass and Saunders

Against: Clarke, Oliver and Mackey

Motion defeated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD