

The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on May 27, 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  
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler – out of town

**1 DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council stating his disappointment with the Federal government with regard to 5 Wing Goose Bay. Mayor Abbass advised that a letter has been sent to the Prime Minister regarding the promises his government has made to our area concerning 5 Wing.

Mr. Dyson felt that a message has to be sent to the public not to have their kids playing in the water near Buck's Landing as the water in that area is like a cesspool.

Mr. Dyson queried whether there has been any sign of the barge that grounded in the Churchill River. Deputy Mayor Oliver remarked that Gilbert Bennett of Hydro was on the radio concerning this and there is no sign of the barge.

Mr. Dyson commented on the good safety practice of a spotter truck traveling in front of the snow blower.

Mr. Dyson commented on an article in the *Downhome* magazine concerning Tom Ricketts, WW1 Veteran and recipient of the Victoria Cross Medal.

Before the regular business commenced, Mayor Abbass requested a message be sent to Dan Cleary of the Detroit Red Wings stating our pride in his achievements and wishing his team success in the Stanley Cup Hockey series.

**2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to adopt the agenda of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with the additional items added. Motion Carried unanimously.

**3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> MEETINGS**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

**4 ACTION REPORT**

- a) Councillor Saunders commented on 34<sup>th</sup> 7(g) noting a correction in wording; the correct word should be *referred* and not deferred.
- b) Councillor MacKey queried 35<sup>th</sup> 6(b) as to whether this was advertised.
- c) Councillor Saunders commented on 34<sup>th</sup> 7(c) and requested that a draft policy be prepared for the next Municipal Services Committee for presentation to Council in this regard.
- d) Mayor Abbass commented on 34<sup>th</sup> 7(b) and the Town Clerk will be providing this info regarding dollar figure to the town re the Big Land Dog Team Challenge.
- e) Councillor Clarke commented on 34<sup>th</sup> 10(h) concerning Interac for the Town Office and the Town Clerk will have cost breakdown for this installation for the next committee.
- f) Councillor MacKey requested a meeting be arranged with Gary Pittman, Mealy Mountain Park Steering. Director Wheeler will be requested to follow up with Mr. Pittman regarding this request.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were 10 Incoming Letters and 15 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Councillor Clarke would like a letter sent to Ministers Hearn and MacKay inviting them to come to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to view the infrastructure at 5 Wing Goose Bay. Also to make a note in the letter of the amount of money being spent in Shearwater and that it is a waste of taxpayers' dollars when the infrastructure is already here at 5 Wing. The letter is also to be copied to Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister.

**6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders**

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

**a) Home Based Business – Donna Heard**

Request received from Donna Heard to operate a home based business at her residential property at 9 Chaulk Street to operate a dog grooming business, along with a phone and fax. Committee recommends approval subject to no adverse or negative feedback from the community, that traffic be kept to a minimum and that there be no storage of hazardous materials on site.

**b) Home Based Business – Janet Patey**

Request received from Janet Patey to operate a home based business at her residential property at 15 Pleasant Avenue to operate a small engine repair shop out of her garage. Committee recommends denying this request due to non compliance with Residential Low Density Zoning regulations.

**c) Blake Drive and McLean Crescent**

Recommended that a survey be done of each land owner in the area to see if they would prefer a green space development or a residential development and to proceed with the decision as made by the land owners.

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to refer this back to Committee to investigate having the land converted into housing lots. Motion Carried. Councillor Saunders opposed.

**d) Land Application – Sam Wolfrey**

Application received from Sam Wolfrey for Crown Land 15 x 150 feet next to his residence at 2 Deharveng Drive for an extension to his property. Committee recommends approval subject to both parcels (new and existing) be consolidated to form one parcel.

**e) Land Application – LPM Consultants**

Request received from LPM Consultants for Crown Land 106 x 154 m located next to 448 Hamilton River Road to be used for future expansion. Committee recommends approval subject to:

- a. both parcels be consolidated to form one parcel

- b. any future extension must be approved by the Town prior to commencement, and
- c. any upgrade to the Town's water and sewer service to accommodate future expansion shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

**f) Plotter**

Committee recommends that Council purchase a plotter from Wade Atlantic for \$6,380.64 plus HST. This is a budgeted item.

**g) Request – Mealy Mountain Reality**

Request received from Mealy Mountain Reality to subdivide 1 Laurier Drive to allow for an additional building lot. This item is referred back to committee for more information.

**h) Request – Water Infrastructure**

Request received from AMEC on behalf of Labrador Investments to evaluate the possibility of extending municipal water infrastructure to the site on Hamilton River Road. Committee recommends advising AMEC that Council's decision stands and when the town water is supplied to this area they will have up to one year to tie into the town's water supply at their expense as Council is not prepared to run a water line in this area at this time due to costs.

**i) Future Ground Water Supply**

Committee recommends that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay engage FracFlow Consultants Inc to have the proposed new water supply site assessed and analyzed with borehole testing as a potential potable water supply for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

**j) Clean Up Orders**

Committee recommends that the following property owners be given thirty (30) days from receipt of the clean up order to remove all debris and or any other unsightly materials including, but not limited to, old vehicles, garbage, scrap wood, scrap metal, appliances, fixtures, pipe, concrete, containers, drums, etc.

22 Roberts Road	53 Cartwright Road
116 Hamilton River Road	13 Courte Manche Street
3 Strathcona	10 Cabot Crescent
11 Ottawa Street	11 Cabot Crescent
5 Commercial Street	21 Grand Street
12 Roberts Road	21 Ottawa Street
51 Cartwright Road	22 & 24 Tenth Street

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

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor D. Clarke 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 April 23, 2008 to May 20, 2008.

Councillor MacKey commented on damage to the netting at the arena with the soccer being played there that maybe a fee structure or cost share could be introduced in the future to offset the costs to repair this damage.

A request was also made to have the Husky Park ball field ready for the start of this weekend's softball season.

**b) List of Upcoming Events**

Happy Valley-Goose Bay Volunteer Fire Department  
Annual Flea Market – May 24  
Annual Indoor Labrador Soccer Cup – June 5 – 8, 2008  
NL Provincial Senior Mens' and Ladies' Broomball  
Championship – April 2009

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

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

**a) Expo Labrador 08**

Committee recommends that Council purchase a full color half page ad in the Expo Labrador 08 event booklet at a cost of \$382.50 plus tax.

**b) Our Labrador Magazine**

Committee recommends that Council purchase a quarter page ad in the *Our Labrador* bi-monthly magazine at a cost of \$870.00 plus tax.

**c) Information Item**

Enclosed in council's package was information on the following items:

*Ambassador Wilkin's visit – June 24-25, 2008*  
*Aurora Energy Press Release*  
*Immigration Portal Website power point*  
*MUN presents – 70 projects throughout Labrador*  
*NL Multicultural Council – public meeting June 9, 2008*  
*Exercise Ouragan 08 – September 8 – October 1, 2008*  
(Town to sponsor an event)  
*EAD's Barracuda UAV Project – September 2008*  
(meeting to be set up with Hans Linder)  
*Leon Cooper Park*  
*HMCS Goose Bay – August 8-10, 2008 to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary*  
*Water Keeper articles on Lower Churchill Project*

Regarding the *Leon Cooper Park* monument it was suggested that the unveiling for this monument coincide with the Aboriginal Day activities. Director Anthony was requested to arrange to have this added to the agenda for the Aboriginal Day activities.

Regarding the *HMCS Goose Bay* visit the Mayor asked that some thought be given to a sports activity with the crew while they are in port. In past years a softball game was arranged.

**d) Department of Economic Development Work Plan Initiative**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Department of Economic Development work plan initiative.

**e) Farnborough Air Show**

Enclosed in Council's package was an e mail from Mark Regular regarding the Farnborough Air Show being held in London, England July 14-20, 2008.

**f) Unmanned Systems Presentations**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the plans and priorities of DND in the use of unmanned systems technology in the future being held May 27, 2008 in Ottawa.

Committee recommends that Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler attend the Unmanned System Presentation in Ottawa, May 27, 2008.

**g) Letter to Auditor General**

Committee recommends that Council write the Auditor General regarding the excess spending at Shearwater.

Councillor Clarke requested that the draft letter be sent around to the Council to view before it is sent out.

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

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

**a) 2008-2011 Multi Year Capital Works Agreement**

Committee recommends that council enter into an agreement with the Province for the 2008 – 2011 Multi Year Capital Works agreement for a multi year capital works project and related works as outlined on Schedule “A”, as part of the agreement, and cost not to exceed \$3,214,286.00 which amounts to \$3,072,061 after GST rebate calculation under the 70/30 cost sharing. Further the 2005-2008 multi year outstanding items be discontinued.

**b) Request – Crohn’s and Colitis**

Request received from Crohn’s and Colitis Lake Melville Chapter for the use of the Town Hall Parking lot to host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Heel ‘n’ Wheel-a-Thon on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Further to this they would need the use of the washroom facilities at the Town Hall. Committee recommends approval.

**c) Fuel Prices**

Enclosed in Council’s package was the gasoline and heating fuel prices for April 10, 17, 24, 2008 and May 8, 15, 2008.

**d) Request – Mokami Players**

A request from Mokami Players that the Town pay the cost for curtain rental (\$100 plus \$250 refundable deposit) from Expo Labrador. Committee recommends contributing \$100 towards this event.

**e) Approval to Borrow**

Committee recommends that Council borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the amount of \$1300.00 plus interest representing the final borrowing of the Provincial share for the sewer treatment plant business case development plan.

**f) Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council’s package was the traffic fines report for April 2008.

**g) Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package are the Town Office complaints for March and April 2008.

**h) News Release**

Enclosed in council's package was a news release from Environment Canada on dumping of raw sewage.

**i) Resolution – Dumping of Raw Sewage**

**Whereas**, municipalities support a high standard of treatment for wastewater in order to protect and preserve the environment and many have undertaken expansion and improvements to wastewater treatment at a considerable expense; and

**Whereas**, the Government of Canada is introducing new standards that will require further expenditure for municipalities to meet these standards; and

**Whereas** a Risk Based Management approach recognizes the assimilative capacity of the receiving waters and sets the 'end-of-pipe' discharge parameters accordingly; and

**Whereas**, the intention of sewage treatment is to lessen the environmental impacts of effluent and the impact depends on the receiving water body, a complete approach to Risk Based Management; and

**Whereas**, treating all sewage to an arbitrary minimum level without considering the impacts and capacity would be a waste of resources; and

**Whereas**, a risk-based approach is consistent with other federal programs; and

**Whereas**, the proposed new standards do not recognize the assimilative capacity of the receiving waters and therefore force undue resource pressure on effected municipalities.

**Therefore, be it resolved that:**

- The AMC supports a risk based management approach to the discharge of wastewater, with no minimum standards; and
- The AMC will communicate this position to Municipal Associations, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the respective provincial governments and the government of Canada; and
- If the standards are to proceed, AMC will work collaboratively with Municipal associations, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and provincial governments to ensure that federal funding to

municipalities to execute the standards is included as part of the implementation strategy to enable all regions to comply; and

**Further be Resolved:**

That the appropriate capital funding requirements will be addressed by a funding strategy which recognizes the relative capacity of the three levels of government in an affordable and sustainable manner; and

That a specific federal based program be developed for the CCME National Wastewater Standards initiative; and

We further call upon the federal and provincial governments in designing and developing this funding strategy that it not only address the capital cost requirements but the operating cost requirements as well.

**j) ABYDOZ – Wetlands Treatment Option for Waste Water**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the ABYDOZ wetlands treatment option for waste water.

Committee recommends that Council continue on with the project as it is now and write ABYDOZ thanking them for their time and presentation.

**k) Tax on Cabins**

Enclosed in Council's package was information of taxes charged on cabins throughout the province. Deputy Mayor Oliver queried when a meeting will be held with local cabin owners.

**l) Taxi Drivers License**

Committee recommends that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Taxi Regulations be amended by adding to Section 7:

7(c) any person applying for a taxi drivers license whose criminal records check reveals any criminal convictions within the past 5 years of the application shall not be granted such a license.

7(a) (1) any one who possesses a current taxi driver's license and is convicted of a criminal charge shall have his or her license revoked immediately.

- 7(d) applicants for taxi drivers license who have criminal convictions prior to 5 (five) years from date of application will be considered on an individual basis with the town having the right to refuse the application if circumstances warrant.

**m) 2007 Financial Statements**

Committee recommends that Council approve the 2007 audited financial statements as presented by the Town's auditors, Walters Hoffe.

**10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

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

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Pay to the order of:</b>	<b>Cheque Amount</b>
60018620	Stewart McKelvey Stirling	\$ 16,142.50
60018659	Del Equipment Ltd.	3,390.00
60018660	Dicks & Company Limited	520.34
60018665	NL Municipal Financing	41,437.73
60018663	Labrador Specialty Service Inc.	858.58
60018674	Labrador Motors Ltd.	1,371.04
60018679	Downhome Incorporated	723.20
60018681	Morneau Sobeco Ltd.	7,061.22
60018686	Speedy(Labrador)8143	1,962.90
60018689	Transport Sego	588.84
60018691	Wilsanco Limited	3,381.53
60018695	Central Equipment	1,396.74
60018696	Emco Limited- Waterworks	2,571.00
60018713	United Rentals Canada Inc.	4,998.56
60018725	ADT Security Services Canada	3,510.39

60018734	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,018.71
60018736	Heteck Solutions Inc.	1,305.92
60018739	Mealy Mountain Collegiate	1,000.00
60018741	Morneau Sobeco Ltd.	1,708.00
60018742	Trevor Paine	1,615.00
60018743	Paint Shop	1,039.13
60018744	Pitney works	839.59
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,440.92</b>

#### 11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver requested that things need to be ready for the Friday softball tournament.
- b) Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that he attended the CLEDB strategic planning session.
- c) Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that three volunteer firefighters, Tom Abbott, Ern Stickley, and Tex Arsenault, have retired with a combined 90 years service between them. A reception was held for them on May 23, 2008.
- d) Deputy Mayor Oliver requested that the tax policy reduction for seniors be advertised.
- e) Councillor Tsididis remarked it is good to see all the sand around town getting cleaned up.
- f) Councillor Tsididis commented on the water. The Town Manager advised that the town will be engaging FracFlow Consultants to have the proposed new water supply site assessed.
- g) Councillor MacKey advised that he attended the Parks and Recreation meeting in Grand Falls-Windsor recently. He brought back information on a risk management session which will be copied and placed in each Councillors mailbox for their information.
- h) Councillor Clarke advised that he met with Robert Kendall and there will be a further meeting tomorrow with the Regional Marketing Committee.
- i) Councillor Saunders requested that over the summer staff get an update from the Federal government as to what they will be contributing to the sewer treatment plant.
- j) Councillor Saunders advised that he talked with Glen Sharpe of ABYDOZ Environmental.

- k) Councillor Kelly remarked it is nice to see the town clean up underway.
- l) Mayor Abbass noted that the town is the support agency of the Canoe Regatta and the town's representatives on the committee are the Deputy Mayor and Director Anthony. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canoe Regatta.
- m) Mayor Abbass queried whether some type of barrier preventing ATV's using the walkways, could be installed.
- n) Mayor Abbass advised that he spotted several abandoned car wrecks around the town. These were in the vicinity of O'Dell Drive, Campbell/ Michelin. The Town Manager will have staff look at these sites.
- o) Mayor Abbass commented on the newly formed running club in the area. They are planning a marathon in October from Lester Burry Park in North West River to Kinsmen Park in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Also a 10K race from Gosling Park to Kinsmen Park. Councillor MacKey and Director Anthony were requested to stay in contact with them for this event.
- p) Mayor Abbass asked whether it would be possible to get a town crew to clean up around the Visitors Center.
- q) Mayor Abbass noted that before next year's spring cleanup that it be advertised well in advance what items will be considered for the cleanup. It is a spring clean up not clearing away buildings and old car wrecks.
- r) Mayor Abbass also requested a message, It is your community, Keep it clean, be placed on the roll up channel.
- s) Councillor MacKey commented he had no response back concerning his email concerning safety signs for various streets in town.
- t) Councillor Kelly requested that the Provincial government be contacted to have the lines repainted on the new section of Hamilton River Road near the hospital.
- u) Mayor Abbass remarked on an incident he witnessed of cars using the walkway in the vicinity of Mealy Mountain Collegiate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. for a ten minute recess before reconvening at 7:15 p.m. with a Business Session.

13. **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) **Request for Property Tax Refund Account #12405**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to refund taxes paid in 2007 on Account #12405 because of fixed income exemption. Motion Carried unanimously.

b) **Info on MNL Convention**

This convention is being held in October 8 – 11, 2008 in Corner Brook.

c) **Info – Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) workshop**

Councillor Kelly had information on a one day ICSP workshop on June 9 in St. John's, NL.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD