

The 29th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on November 27, 2007 at 7:00 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 – arrived 8:00 p.m.
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Recording Secretary Donna Jones
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler

1 SIGNING OF PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Abbass signed the following Proclamations:

- National Day of Remembrance on December 6, 2007
- Aids Awareness Week December 1 – 5, 2007
- MADD Red Ribbon Campaign December 2007

2 DELEGATIONS, Fred Loxton

- a) Mr. Loxton had an information item from the RAF News publication concerning the Vulcan bomber for Councillor Clarke.
- b) Mr. Loxton commented on the article in the Labradorian newspaper where Councillor Saunders was interviewed concerning the sewer going into the Churchill River.
- c) Mr. Loxton requested that Council write a letter to MHA John Hickey asking that the provincial funding be reinstated for the snow clearing program for seniors at the Labrador Friendship Center.

d) Delegations, Eldred Davis

Mr. Davis addressed the Council and advised that he would be addressing a few items on behalf of Gerald Dyson as he is sick this evening and could not attend the Council meeting.

The first item Mr. Davis had concerned the flow of the Birch Island creek and how the sewer flow in the river would be affected .

- e) Mr. Davis addressed the recent tug boat loss at the Gull Island rapids. He asked if there were any updates given to Council on this accident. Mayor Abbass advised that a Press

Release was issued today from Hydro and this topic will be addressed in Business Session.

- f) Mr. Davis commented on what he feels is a retail fest season. He commented he doesn't see why the town would encourage Christmas light contests.

3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 29th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 29th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with an additional four items for Economic Development Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 28th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

- a) Mayor Abbass requested that the Community Constable, along with the RCMP put out some media messages with regard to snowmobile safety and rules and regulations that pertain to the operation of snowmobiles.
- b) Mayor Abbass requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Creative Arts Festival on a successful event. The 32nd year for the festival and hopefully next year the event will be held in the new auditorium.
- c) Mayor Abbass commented on 28th 11(s) and that another suitable site was suggested to the Francophone School for construction of their school.
- d) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on 28th 11(m) and that the No Smoking signs were not displayed at the arena. The Town Manager advised that the signs were ordered. The Deputy Mayor asked that staff be asked to remind people that there is to be no smoking at the entrance of the arena.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 3 Incoming Letters and 15 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

7 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 (e) which will be deferred pending further information. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Land Application – Marilyn Biggin

Application received from Marilyn Biggin for land 45 x 90 meters located on the Trans Labrador Highway to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

b) Land Application – Andrew Rowsell

Application received from Andrew Rowsell for land 45 x 90 meters located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

c) Application – Elizabeth Chinn

Application received from Elizabeth Chinn to operate a home based business at her rental property located at 9D Courte Manche Street for a phone/fax service to provide interior design and decorating consultation to the general public. Committee recommends approval subject to no negative feedback from the general public.

d) Business Application – Amy Green

Application received from Amy Green to operate a home based business from her residence located at 19 Campbell Street for a dog grooming business along with a phone and fax to the general public. Committee recommends approval subject to no adverse or negative feedback from the community and that traffic be kept to a minimum and that there be no storage of hazardous materials on site.

e) Request – Mista-Shipu Construction Ltd.

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to refer a request received from Mista-Shipu Construction Ltd. to extend their current structure located at 5 MacKenzie Drive back for additional information.

f) Meeting

Committee recommends inviting the Municipal Assessment Agency to discuss the assessment of cabin

properties outside the built up area of the Town. Further to this that Crown Lands be invited to this meeting.

Mayor Abbass would like this meeting before the New Year, if possible.

g) Request – Tammy Powell

Request received from Tammy Powell to sub-divide her property at 1 Mesher Street to allow for the construction of a new four unit row dwelling. Committee recommends denying the request.

h) Purchase of a LeakListener

Committee recommends the approval of the purchase of a LeakListener at a cost of \$2,250.00 plus HST.

i) Meeting

Committee recommends that Council write the Rotary requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of their having input into the construction of a community centre for the Town, outlining the fact that the Town has \$75,000 for this project as well as providing a serviced lot for the facility.

Mayor Abbass would like this meeting before the New Year, if possible.

j) Meeting

Committee recommends that Council prepare documentation to make presentation to INCO to obtain funding for Capital projects, i.e., sewer treatment plant.

8 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 Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report

Report for the period of October 17 to November 20, 2007 enclosed for information.

b) Winter Lights Celebration

- Next meeting of the Winter Lights Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Office

- Tree Lighting Ceremony commencing Thursday, December 6, 2007 and conclude with Sno Break Celebrations in March 2008
- Town Christmas Social December 8, 2007
- Town Christmas Skate December 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
- Santa Claus Parade – December 15, 2007 departing Queen of Peace Middle School at 4:00 p.m. and finishing up with outdoor winter festival at Husky Park. *Theme: Down Santa Lane*
- Breakfast with Santa – December 16 College of the North Atlantic
- In addition to the three current awards, a fourth will be added recognizing the use of lights, sponsored by the Winter Lights committee.
- Mayor will accompany Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador

c) Replacement of Condenser

Committee recommends that Council spend up to \$20,000 to purchase and install a new condenser.

d) Atom Hockey Tournament

Atom Invitational Hockey Tournament will be hosted in Happy Valley-Goose Bay November 23-25, 2007.

Councillor Kelly arrived at this point, 8:00 p.m, having just arrived back on the flight from Deer Lake.

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

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the Economic Development Committee Report. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Northern Lights 2008 Conference

Committee recommends that Council send representatives from the town to this event. Furthermore, that a sponsorship amount be determined.

b) Regional Marketing Concept

Committee recommends that Council provide a letter of support and that the Director of Economic Development be identified to sit as a board member on the Regional Marketing Group.

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor J. Saunders that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay fully support the proposed establishment of the regional marketing partnership as outlined in the M5's regional marketing concept document and direct it's staff to work closely with the various stakeholder organizations to finalize the terms of partnership thus moving the process forward in a timely fashion. Motion Carried unanimously.

c) Economic Development Strategy Meeting

Committee recommends that the Economic Development Strategy meeting be postponed until January 2008.

d) Information Items

Listed below are items included in the Council package for information:

- a. Municipal NL Annual General Meeting held in St. John's, November 15-16, 2007
- b. IEMR Board meeting minutes
- c. UVS Canada 5th Annual International Unmanned Vehicle Systems Conference held in St. John's November 6-9, 2007
- d. Cooper Park Memorial
- e. Tree Lighting Ceremony
- f. Climate Change Conference being held in North West River March 11-13, 2008
- g. Come Home Year 2011

e) Letters

Councillor Clarke suggested a letter be sent to the Rotary on their successful Rotary Auction. Around \$22,000 was raised which will be going to various community events.

Councillor Clarke also suggested a letter be sent to the Terrington Co-Op on their partnership with the Rotary in fundraising for a community centre.

Councillor Clarke also requested a letter be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society on their successful Soiree fundraiser. Around \$17,000 was raised on their silent and live auctions, plus around \$4500 on their Komatik ticket draw.

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

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

a) **2008/2011 Capital Works Program**

Committee recommends adopting and presenting to Municipal Affairs the attached 2008/2011 Multi-Year Capital Works Program Schedule A and participating in the program.

b) **Information Items – Fuel Pricing**

Enclosed in Council's package was Fuel Pricing for October 25, 2007 and November 8, 2007

c) **Information Item – Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the October 2007 Complaints Report

d) **Information Item – Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Traffic Fines Report for October 2007.

e) **Meetings**

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: December 10, 2007

Next Council Meeting: December 13, 2007

11 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis to approve cheques in the amount of \$164,686.94. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Vendor	Cheque Amount
60017475	Air Liquide Canada Inc.	\$ 547.60
60017481	Eric Noseworthy	763.80
60017496	RSM Municipal	989.52
60017497	Switch Electrical Inc.	4,984.08
60017526	Cimco Refrigeration	611.86
60017529	East-Chem	53,655.96
60017536	Mark's Work Warehouse	649.80
60017550	Dobbin Freezotech Ltd.	7,953.61
60017551	709 News	1,046.81
60017557	North Links Construction Co.	14,354.99
60017564	A.L.P.A Equipment Ltd.	785.88
60017568	The Carpet Man	2,462.40
60017569	Chubbs Machine Shop	1,698.60
60017572	Federal Equipment	2,294.44
60017573	Furlotte & Furlotte	2,417.60
60017578	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,797.56
60017588	Labrador Construction Ltd.	5,603.10
60017589	National Shoe	906.30
60017595	Ontrac Equipment Services	19,741.94
60017601	Speedy(Labrador) 8143	2,023.18
60017602	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	1,001.90
60017605	Traction #557	1,836.52
60017606	Transport Segoo	1,285.35
60017623	Downhome Incorporated	695.40

60017625	Hitech Communications Ltd.	1,355.12
60017626	Chamber of Commerce	500.00
60017627	Labrador Construction Ltd.	8,772.30
60017635	Tosss Signs Inc.	1,721.40
60017638	Coastal Controls	4,459.68
60017644	Labrador Motors Ltd.	1,181.36
60017650	Sojourn Enterprises	1,312.28
60017651	Switch Electrical Inc.	1,572.06
60017652	Tosss Signs Inc.	632.70
60017657	Computers & Communications	1,911.11
60017658	Fleetway Facility Services	2,110.16
60017659	Faceflow Consultants Inc.	1,359.34
60017663	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	5,020.10
60017664	Moktech 2000 Limited	946.20
60017666	National Shoe	586.64
60017667	Federal Equipment	1,138.29
	TOTAL	\$ 164,686.94

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Kelly advised that she had just returned from the Iceland Trade Mission trip which was a sponsored flight from the provincial government. She will be bringing a further report on this trip to Council.
- b) Deputy Mayor Oliver advised Council of a meeting on Friday, November 30 of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. The Deputy Mayor asked that Director Normore attend this meeting.
- c) Deputy Mayor Oliver asked that people remember to support the Food Bank, especially at this time of the year.

- d) Mayor Abbass advised that he met earlier today with Corina Freake who is with the Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. They are looking at how the park in the Mealy Mountains will unfold. Mayor Abbass suggested that contact be made with Gary Pittman to have a town representative on the park committee.
- e) Mayor Abbass commented on the pylons on the Hamilton River Road marking the site where cars have recently gone off the road. A letter has been sent to Transportation regarding this area of the road.
- f) Mayor Abbass read a letter from Minister of Transportation concerning the small dock at Terrington Basin.
- g) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be sent to Trevor Paine congratulating him on being inducted into the NL Hall of Fame.
- h) Mayor Abbass will make contact with DEFSEC to ask what was requested by the German Government regarding disposal of their facilities in the area (German Hangar and German Club).
- i) Mayor Abbass advised that Minister Hedderson will be meeting with the Town Council on December 6 at 8:00 p.m.
- j) Mayor Abbass advised that letters were sent to the Municipalities NL on holding a successful convention, and other letters of thanks to Mayor Graham Letto, Craig Pollett., Councillor Frank Galgay., Mayor Andy Wells, and Mayor Wayne Ruth.
- k) Mayor Abbass requested the Town Manager to call Dusty Miller and see what time a meeting can be arranged between him and Council.
- l) The Town Manager advised that he had a call from Minister McKay's office for the Mayor and Council to meet with him in Ottawa. Suggested dates put forward for meeting were January 29, 2008 – February 3, 2008.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for a 5 minute recess, reconvening at 8:35 p.m.

13 **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) **Budget meeting**

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that there will be a budget meeting at 5:00 p.m. on December 3.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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