

The 26th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on August 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Paul Tsididis
Councillor Dean Clarke
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Recording Secretary Dona Jones

Absent:

Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

Before the meeting commenced Mayor Abbass asked everyone to stand and join in a minutes silence in memory of the late Herb Brett. Herb was Mayor of Happy Valley-Goose Bay from 1969 to 1974 and served as Councillor from 1981 to 1993.

1a) DELEGATION, Mr. Fred Loxton

Mr. Loxton addressed Council concerning the flow of water at the sewer outfall, he feels the sandbar in the area will block the outfall if another rainstorm falls like the one we had recently. Mayor Abbass requested that the Town Manager, along with town staff present a brief on this suggesting what can be done to remedy the situation as presented by Mr. Loxton.

b) DELEGATION, Mr. Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council concerning the Gull Island site; ice free port; the Hebron agreement and garbage collection in Mud Lake. The Town Manager advised that there will be a meeting of the communities of Mud Lake, Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and North West River to discuss garbage disposal. Mr. Dyson also commented on the construction on the Mud Lake Road. Mr. Dyson also spoke on the Churchill Road causeway bridge and his aim to cross it on skidoo.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 26th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis to adopt the agenda of the 26th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 25th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 25th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Councillor MacKey commented on 25th 1(b) and that divers are now carrying out work on cleaning debris from the fish ladder at the causeway bridge.
- b) Mayor Abbass commented on 25th 9(e) and that a meeting will be arranged with staff and council to go over the current policy manual and update the current policies in the town's policy manual.
- c) Mayor Abbass commented on 25th 11(i) concerning ATV's. He encouraged the Community Constable to remain diligent on this topic.
- d) Councillor Clarke commented on 25th 11(f) and if any contact was made with Minister Hickey to meet with Council. The Town Manager will be arranging this meeting.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 12 Incoming Letters and 12 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass requested the Town Manager to establish a meeting with the new Federal Members of Parliament.
- b) Mayor Abbass requested that Outgoing Letter #1 to the Hon. Gordon O'Connor concerning UAV's be sent to MP Todd Russell's group who were visiting the town this past weekend.

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) Happy Valley-Goose Bay Homelessness/Transitional Housing Working Group

The working committee made a presentation to Council at the Municipal Services committee meeting on their report and findings on homelessness in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and their request for support from Council.

b) Birch Brook Nordic Ski Club

Mr. Bookalam made a presentation to Council at the Municipal Services committee meeting regarding the upgrades to their ski club and their request of a donation of heavy equipment and Class A from the Town.

The Town Manager was requested to have Superintendent Nippard contact John Bookalam as to the quantity of Class A they require as there is a limit on what Council can provide.

c) Permit Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the Permit Report as of August 21, 2007.

d) Land Application – Martin Schwalbe

Request received from Martin Schwalbe for Crown Land 40m x 30 m located behind his existing residence located at 137 Hamilton River Road to be used for the construction of a new house. Committee recommends that Council deny the request because it does not conform to the Town's Development Regulation.

e) Land Application – Terpstra Engineering

Request received from Terpstra Engineering for Crown Land 5m x 60 m located adjacent to and behind his existing property located at 324 Hamilton River Road to be used for parking and snow clearing. Committee recommends that Council approve the request subject to both parcels being consolidated to form one parcel.

f) Home based Business Application – Laura Breisacher

Request received from Laura Breisacher to operate a phone fax for consulting services and craft development to the general public out of her residence located at 43 Spruce Avenue. Committee recommends that Council approve the request subject to no negative feedback received from the general public.

g) Request – Francophone School Board

Request received from the Francophone School Board to place a gate in the chain link fence between Kinsmen Park and the new proposed Francophone School site to be used for access to the Park by the students of the new school. Committee recommends Council approve the request subject to compliance with the Town's recreation schedule and any planned events.

h) North Side Fire

Enclosed in Council's package is a letter from Ken Russell of Government Services regarding the cleanup of the building destroyed by fire on the north side owned by Fahey. Committee recommends that Council advise the owner to cleanup the property as per the requirements of the Department of Government Services within thirty (30) days of receipt of the cleanup notice.

i) Request – Chad Carroll and Paula Reid

Committee recommends that the Community Constable monitor the property at 80 Palliser Crescent and take action as required.

j) Clean Up

Committee recommends that Council write the following property owners requesting that they clean up their property by removing old vehicles, garbage, scrap wood, scrap metal and or any other unsightly material as Council is in the process of issuing Clean Up Orders. A copy of the Municipalities Act is to be attached with each letter.

21 Ottawa Street	22 Roberts Road
11 Ottawa Street	22 & 24 Tenth Street
12 Roberts Road	10 Cabot Crescent
20 Burry Crescent	13 Courte Manche Street
19 Cooper Crescent	20 Mealy Mountain Road
6 Roberts Road	21 Grand Street
24 Winsor Drive	64 Markland Road
5 Toronto Avenue	11 Cabot Crescent
53 Cartwright Road	5 Commercial Street
51 Cartwright Road	153 Hamilton River Road
12 – 14 Terrington Lane	74 Palliser Crescent
1 Strathcona Street	3 Strathcona Street

k) Request – The Kids First After School Program

Request received from The Kids First After School Program for the Town to assist in clearing a piece of land next to the Kinsmen Centre for the use of a play area for the program. Committee recommends that Council approve the request condition upon a letter of approval being received from the property owner.

l) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write the Department of Transportation and Works inquiring the status of the timber located on the Cartwright highway.

m) Naming New Street

Committee recommends that the next new street be named BRETT STREET.

n) **Animal Control Report**

The Animal Control Report for July 2007 was presented for information.

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 Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report**

Enclosed in Council package was the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report for the period July 18 – August 21, 2007.

b) **Upcoming Events**

- a. Teddy Bear Picnic – September 1, 2007
- b. Annual Big Land Fair – September 15, 2007
- c. The local Slo Pitch League Labrador Invitational Tournament – August 31 – September 3, 2007

Mayor Abbass asked that any events taking place in the town next year, for which dates are already confirmed, be sent to the provincial government for inclusion in their tourism literature.

c) **Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM) Meetings**

Committee recommends that a Council or staff member attend the SAM meetings in Labrador City September 6-8, 2007.

d) **Arena Rates**

Committee recommends that if Minor Hockey and/or Snowflake sponsor a skating school/program they will be charged the minor rate of \$60.00 per hour including HST and individuals conducting programs, hockey schools, afternoon programs will be charged \$85.00 plus HST per hour.

e) **Husky Ball Park**

Committee recommends that the Director of Tourism Parks and Recreation do inspections along with pictures of the Husky Ball park fence for council's review.

f) **Recreation Sports Complex**

Council would like to reiterate the importance of the annual lime and fertilizer for the soccer field.

A draft letter was prepared to the Business Manager, NL Soccer Association regarding their decision to cancel the Under 14 Boys Provincial Soccer Tournament which was to be hosted by the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Councillor Clarke requested that when changes are made to the draft letter it be emailed to Council for their view before it is sent out.

g) Upgrading Penalty Box Area

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis that it is the recommendation of the committee that appropriate action be taken to make the penalty box area safe and approve the tender package for upgrading in the amount of \$15,000.00 for materials and with the town providing the labour. Motion Carried unanimously.

8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke

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

a) Meeting

Economic Development Committee monthly meeting will commence on September 11, 2007 and will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon in the Town Hall Board Room.

b) Promotional Items

Enclosed in Council's Package was an update on the purchase of promotional items.

c) Information Item – Goose Bay Citizens Coalition meeting

Enclosed in Council's package are the minutes of the Goose Bay Citizens Coalition meeting held on July 26, 2007.

d) Information Item – NL Hydro – Lower Churchill Project

Enclosed in Council's package are the minutes of a meeting held with NL Hydro regarding the Lower Churchill Project.

e) **Economic Development Strategy Meeting**

Committee recommends that Council and senior staff attend this session at a date convenient to all. Furthermore that a facilitator be obtained through the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development.

f) **Canadian Defence Security and Aerospace Exhibition Atlantic (DEFSEC Atlantic)**

Committee recommends that the Mayor and the Director of Economic Development attend the DEFSEC Atlantic conference being held in Halifax, NS September 5-7, 2007.

g) **Goose Bay Airport Development Committee Meeting**

The Goose Bay Airport Development Committee will be meeting Wednesday, September 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Serco Boardroom, Building 274. Committee recommends that Council pay the cost associated with providing lunch and breaks for this meeting.

h) **Community Enhancement Program**

The Labrador Lake Melville Tourism Association is requesting that the Town Council partnership with them for a project (brush cutting) under the Community Enhancement Program. The Town will be responsible to;

- Provide training or equipment
- Provide safety vests
- Provide brush cutting equipment
- Provide transportation for drop off and pick up of workers
- Paint (or stain) and brushes up to a cost of \$200

Committee Recommends approval.

i) **Newfoundland Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)**

Committee recommends that the Director of Economic Development attend the NOIA Business to Business session being held on October 17 – 18, 2007 and report to Council any opportunities which may be of interest to the Town, conditioned upon the session being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

j) **Triple 4 Deployment**

Committee recommends that:

- The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay fly the "Support the Troops" flag, supplied by DND, under the Labrador Flag at the Town Hall.

- All town vehicles display the “Support the Troops” magnetic ribbon at a cost of \$3.49 each
- The “Support the Troops” logo be displayed on the arena ice surface
- The Town host a Barbecue at Kinsmen Park in September 2007. The Mayor advised that the Union on the base have said they will partner with this event.

k) **Letter**

Committee recommends that the Council write the 5 Wing Commander with cc to Goose Bay Airport Corporation and Larry Seaward, Property Officer DND, with regard to placing a water bomber in the vicinity of the Vulcan aircraft.

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

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

a) **Traffic Fine Report**

Enclosed in Council package was the traffic fines report for July 2007.

b) **Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the complaints report for July 2007.

c) **Request – Mervin Bridle – BUSINESS SESSION**

d) **Fuel Pricing**

Enclosed in Council's package is the fuel pricing for July 19 and August 2, 2007.

e) **Approval to Borrow**

Committee recommends Council approve a line of credit with the Royal Bank in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

f) **Request – Enviro Safe Fuel System - BUSINESS SESSION**

g) **Information Item – MOT Small Dock**

Enclosed in Council's package is a letter from the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Lawrence Cannon regarding the small dock at the Terrington Basin in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Committee recommends that Council write the Hon. John Hickey, Minister of Transportation & Works requesting the status of the MOT small dock.

h) Report RCMP

Enclosed in Council's package was the RCMP report for the period May to August 2007.

i) Labrador Christian Youth Camp

Enclosed in Council's package is a copy of a letter sent to the Labrador Christian Youth Camp from Minister Tom Hedderson, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation regarding financial assistance for the Christian Youth Camp.

j) Request – The Drum/First Perspective

Enclosed in Council's package was information to advertise in the Drum/First Perspective to congratulate Julie Bull.

Committee recommends that the Mayor write a congratulatory letter to Julie Bull on being the recipient of the National Aboriginal Role Model award.

k) Filing System

Committee recommends that the \$12,000.00 be reallocated to allow for the purchase of supplies (paint for floor, shelving and files) and in-house labour to construct shelving in the file room.

l) Town Hall Interior Renovations

Committee recommends that tender documents for Town Hall interior renovations be prepared and three quotes obtained.

m) Canada/Newfoundland & Labrador Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund – Mealy Mountain Auditorium – Department of Municipal Affairs/ACOA Project No. 14705 - Approval to Award

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to accept the tender submitted by Mista Shipu Construction Limited in the amount of \$5,999,820 for construction of the Mealy Mountain Auditorium. Motion Carried unanimously.

10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tisibidis to approve cheques in the amount of \$305,152.72. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Vemdor	Cheque Amount
60016993	Bauval Tech-Mix	\$ 4,335.19
60017030	Hitech Communications Ltd.	923.31
60017043	Newfoundland Exchequer Acct	530.00
60017063	Labrador Construction Ltd.	10,751.46
60017066	National Shoe	1,647.30
60017072	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,027.88
60017076	Recreation Nfld. & Labrador	675.00
60017077	Saunders Equipment Ltd.	511.84
60017096	K & K Trucking Ltd.	6,737.40
60017098	Labrador Lake Melville Tourism	742.50
60017099	Mealy Mountain Contracting Ltd	666.03
60017100	MicMac Fire & Safety	2,017.80
60017108	ProActive Solutions Inc.	974.70
60017111	Switch Electrical Inc.	681.66
60017112	Desjardins Financial Security	223,146.00
60017113	Emco Limited-Waterworks	30,914.18
60017114	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	1,389.20
60017115	Goose Sales & Services	1,355.53
60017116	Newcap Broadcasting	779.76
60017135	Morneau Sobeco Ltd.	1,814.31
60017138	Serco Facilities Management	1,072.46

60017149	Expo Labrador	1,254.00
60017150	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	697.52
60017157	Labrador Construction Ltd.	1,162.03
60017160	Mark's Work Warehouse	4,012.80
60017164	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,274.66
60017167	Ron Fougere Associates Ltd.	2,232.23
60017168	Terpstra & Associates	570.00
60017170	United Rentals of Canada Inc.	632.57
60017174	NorthMart	623.40
	TOTAL	\$305,152.72

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on an area 500 meters to the left of the dump road where at least 3 or 4 pickup truck loads of garbage have been dumped.
- b) Councillor Tsibidis queried whether there would be Council representation at Herb Brett's funeral. The Mayor and Town Manager will be attending.
- c) Councillor MacKey commented that it is good to see new housing going up in town and new areas being developed.
- d) Councillor Clarke requested a thank you letter be sent to the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and the other two MPs, Raymonde Folco, and Nancy Karetak-Lindell who recently came to our area and the coast.
- e) Councillor Saunders commented that Happy Valley-Goose Bay is booming. The recent \$6M contract being signed for the new auditorium on Mealy Mountain Collegiate, the new development along Adams Loop and new housing.
- f) Councillor Saunders commented that the new Municipal Plan meetings are being held August 29 and 30 and these are open to the public.

- g) Mayor Abbass commented he was impressed with the ride to Cartwright and the Straits last week. He requested that Councillor Kelly, along with Director of Economic Development talk to the tourism association regarding signage to advise tourists of points of interest in the community and surrounding areas. Deputy Mayor Oliver suggested that under the Northern Strategic Plan mention was made of signage for northern Labrador so that could be a funding source.
- h) Mayor Abbass commented on the dialysis machine for the hospital and this should be operational by October.
- i) Mayor Abbass queried whether any use would be made of the soccer pitch this year. He requested that contact be made with the school so they can incorporate the soccer pitch into their school activities schedule.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

12. BUSINESS SESSION

a) Request – Sara Hamel

A request was received from Sara Hamel for use of the conference/community room upstairs at the area for a Yoga and Pilates venue. The Deputy Mayor requested that Ms. Hamel contact him as he may have a suitable venue for her.

b) Request – Mervin Bridle

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to allow the discount and reverse the service charges charged to the account (32 Davis Crescent) provided his account is paid in full immediately.

b) Request – Enviro Safe Fuel System

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that Council reverse the service charges charged on account numbers 10078 and 10077 and also give them the discount provided the accounts are paid in full immediately.

c) Town's Pension Plan

Councillor MacKey requested an update for the next committee meeting on the town's pension plan.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned
at 7:15 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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