

The 24th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on June 28, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor James H. Saunders
Town Manager Al Durno
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent:

Town Clerk V. Sheppard – Annual Leave
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony – Annual Leave
Councillor Dean Clarke - out of town

1 **DELEGATION, Barry Lyall**

a) Mr. Lyall addressed the Council and presented a list of questions to the Council concerning the recent labourer position with the town which was filled without interviews being conducted. He asked Council where they stood with regard to having a policy put in place that all such future jobs with the town go through an interview process. Mayor Abbass advised that Council will be discussing such a policy at the next committee meeting.

b) **DELEGATION, Fred Loxton**

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council concerning the stink coming from the Churchill River near his home. He noted this stink is attracting very large flies, other than the mosquitoes.

Mr. Loxton spoke about motorbikes being used along the river bank despite the fact that there is signage on each end of the river bank stating that no bikes are allowed. He also commented that motorbike riders are not dressed properly for riding motor bikes and thus could receive severe injuries in the case of an accident on their bike.

Mr. Loxton also spoke on crosswalks and the impossibility of crossing the road on Grenfell Street by the post office. Mayor Abbass requested a notice be put on the cable ad channel reminding motorists that pedestrians have the right of way on cross walks.

Mr. Loxton also spoke to Council concerning the Royal Air Force 25 Squadron a Typhoon Squadron OCU (officer conversion unit) for the Royal Air Force. The squadron is now carrying out hot weather trials in Greece and he suggested that the community should put in a bid for their

cold weather trials. Mayor Abbass will bring this item forward to 5 Wing.

c) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council concerning large dogs and the close encounter his wife had with a Rotweiller on Cartwright Road.

Mr. Dyson also spoke regarding the sewer problem in the Churchill River getting bad as he can smell the sewer from the river on Cartwright Road.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 24th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor P. Tsibidis seconded by Councillor B. Mackey to adopt the agenda of the 24th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with the addition of items for Finance and Administration Committee, Municipal Services Committee. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 23rd MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) 23rd Minutes 2(a) Mayor Abbass queried on the meeting with Kevin Rideout.
- b) 23rd Minutes 2(b) Mayor Abbass noted that he was in Favour of the motions concerning the flags flying at the Town Hall, not opposed to the motions as noted in the minutes.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 16 Incoming Letters and 24 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Mayor Abbass asked that regarding Incoming Letter # 12 a meeting be set with CLEDB to address the items raised in their letter.
- b) Mayor Abbass commented on Incoming Letter # 15 from the FCM and requested a letter be drafted congratulating Gord Steeves on being elected President of the FCM.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Municipal Services Report with the exception of item (r) which will be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

Delegation: Mr. Barry Lyall attended the Municipal Services Committee on June 19 and addressed Council concerning the recently filled Laborer's position with the Town.

a) Permit Report

Report as of June 19, 2007 enclosed in Council's package for information.

b) Request – Harvey and Jacqueline Kippenhuck

Request from Harvey and Jacqueline Kippenhuck to construct a new home at 19 Blake Drive with a subsidiary apartment – this is a discretionary use. Committee recommends approval subject to Council not receiving any negative comments.

c) Request – Barrie and Iris Hynes

Application received from Barrie and Iris Hynes to construct a new home on Ford Street (new subdivision) with a subsidiary discretionary use. Committee recommends approval subject to not receiving any negative comments.

d) Request – Harry Coates for Crown Land

Request from Harry Coates for Crown Land on the Trans Labrador Highway to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary;

- a. Committee recommends that Council deny the request due to the potential water source in this area.
- b. Committee recommends that Council place a 2 kilometer radius temporary buffer around the potential water source to protect this area.
- c. Committee recommends offering Mr. Coates a cabin lot outside the buffer area.

e) Request – Roger Lockyer

Request received from Roger Lockyer for Crown Land on Grand Lake Road (GL2) to be used as a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Committee recommends approval.

f) Request – Rodney Cabot

A request received from Rodney Cabot for Crown Land behind his residential property at 14 Park Drive to be used for landscaping and the construction of a garage. Committee recommends approval subject to both parcels being consolidated to form one lot.

g) Request – Noel Mullaly

Request received from Noel Mullaly for Crown Land located behind his residence at 84 & 86 Park Drive to accommodate an extension to the properties. He has had a license to occupy from the Crown presently and now wishes to have the land granted. Committee recommends to approve the request subject to the parcels being consolidated to form two lots; one being 84 Park Drive and the other being 86 Park Drive.

h) Request - Beejay Saunders

Request from Beejay Saunders to operate a home based business at his residence at 47 Adams Loop for a phone fax service from this address. The address will offer the design and sale of granite memorials (headstones) to the general public. The area is zoned Residential Medium density and businesses are permitted at the discretion of Council. Committee recommends approval subject to no negative feedback being received and no storage of hazardous materials on site.

i) Request - Beverly Stickley

Request received from Beverly Stickley to operate a home based business dealing with acupuncture services to the general public. The area is zoned Residential Medium density and home based businesses are permitted at the discretion of Council. Committee recommends approving the request subject to not receiving any negative feed back from the general public and approvals being received from the Government Services Centre for Fire Life Safety and Accessibility.

j) Request – Eddie Bright

A request received from Eddie Bright to purchase a portion of land adjacent to 1 Edmunds Crescent from the Town for the purpose of realigning his residential property. Committee recommends having the proposed parcel appraised and sold at market value.

k) Request – Eileen and Kevin Rideout

Request received from Eileen and Kevin Rideout to have "Child Care" added as a discretionary use in the Mobile

Home Zoning designation. Committee recommends approving the request as a discretionary use and proceed with having a request presented for this.

l) Street Names for New Subdivision

Committee recommends that the following street names be used in the new subdivision: Tooktoshina Drive and Groves Street.

The following street names will be used in the order listed as new street names are required:

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| 1. Pottle | 11. Pardy |
| 2. Mitchell | 12. Mugford |
| 3. Garland | 13. Sheppard |
| 4. Lyall | 14. Best |
| 5. Hamel | 15. Goudie |
| 6. Tippet | 16. Dyson |
| 7. Oliver | 17. Webb |
| 8. Morris | 18. Decker |
| 9. Hope | 19. Mullins |
| 10. Anderson | |

m) Hard Surfacing of Churchill Falls Road

Committee recommends that Council write both Federal and Provincial governments requesting that both parties sufficiently fund the hard surfacing of the Trans Labrador Highway with pavement (not chip seal) the same as other portions of the Island part of the province.

n) Land Fill Site

Committee met with officials from Departments of Municipal Affairs, Environment, Government Services and Multi Material Stewardship Board and reviewed the present and future aspects of the landfill site.

- a. Committee recommends that the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Town Council take the lead on setting up a committee for management of the town's landfill site (Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River, Sheshatshiu and Mud Lake)
- b. Committee recommends that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay partake in the formation of a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site with Multi Materials Stewardship Board.

o) Don Newman – 22 Roberts Road

Committee recommends that Don Newman be ordered to remove the snowmobiles and recreation vehicles from his residential lot at 22 Roberts Road as his approval for a business at this address was for a phone fax only.

p) **Unsightly Properties**

Committee recommends that staff compile a list, complete with pictures, of properties in town with unsightly and potentially dangerous equipment and debris on them.

q) **Letter – Labrador Construction**

Committee recommends:

- a. That Council write Labrador Construction to find out the status of cleaning up the “Reg Stuckless” site.
- b. Committee recommends that Council write Ken Russell, Government Services Lands requesting an update on the possibility of cleaning up the site of the recent fire (Fahey building).

Mayor Abbass left the Chambers while the next item was discussed. Deputy Mayor Oliver assumed the Chair.

r) **Request - Andrew Abbass, Home Based Business**

Request from Andrew Abbass to operate a home based business at his father’s residential property at 10 St. Laurent.

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve a request from Andrew Abbass for a home based phone fax business at 10 St. Laurent subject to: i) no negative feedback from the general public after the application has been advertised, ii) no storage of hazardous materials on site; and iii) traffic be kept to a minimum. Motion Carried unanimously.

Mayor Abbass returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair.

s) **Labrador Grenfell Health – Info Item**

Letter received from Labrador Grenfell Health concerning ambulance service.

t) **Tender Opening Mealy Mountain Auditorium – Business Session**

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

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsididis 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 May 16, 2007 to June 19, 2007 was presented for information.

b) **Summer Program Students**

Enclosed in Package was a listing of students employed with the Summer Program.

c) **Photo – Town Hall**

Committee recommends having a picture taken at the Town Hall to be used for promotional packages.

d) **Cruise Ship Committee**

Mayor Abbass requested the Director of Tourism Parks and Recreation to call a meeting with the local cruise ship committee.

e) **Expo Labrador**

Mayor Abbass commented the Expo Labrador Convention went very well and there was a very positive atmosphere. Councillor Mackey also commented on the excellent work town staff put into this event.

f) **Relay for Life**

Mayor Abbass commented the Relay for Life event raised around \$58,000 for the Cancer Society.

g) **Wellness Committee Coalition**

Councillor Kelly advised that Eleanor Swanson, Deputy Minister of Health, Community Health and Wellness will be in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Director Anthony will be meeting with her.

8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Economic Development items were incorporated with the Finance and Administration report.

**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) **Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council package was the complaints report for May 2007.

a) **Audit Report**

Enclosed in Council package was the audit report. Committee recommends approving the financial audit report for the fiscal year 2006.

b) **Gas Price Reports**

Enclosed in Council package were the gas prices for May 24 and June 7, 2007.

c) **Request – Use of Arena**

Request received from Strongman Competition for use of the arena with respect to cost. Committee recommends refusing due to Council's policy.

d) **Request – Rod and Lorraine Curlew**

Request received from Rod and Lorraine Curlew for exemption of paying interest on outstanding taxes; have always paid on time; did not receive an invoice. Committee recommends giving the discount due to explanation received.

e) **Fines Report**

The Fines Report was presented in the Council package.

f) **Request – Andrea Seaward**

Request received from Andrea Seaward for assistance in cost of travel to study in France. Committee recommends refusing due to this not included in donations policy but to offer town facilities for her fundraising.

g) **Request - DND**

Request received from DND for Council to contribute by way of sponsoring or advertising for the National 2007 Canadian National Search and Rescue exercise (SAREX) being held at Goose Bay airport October 1 – 5, 2007. Committee recommends participating by contributing \$1,000 to this event.

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- h) **Request – Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Place**
- Request from the Canadian Cancer Society for a contribution to Daffodil Place, the resource centre for people with Cancer who have to travel to St. John's, NL for treatment. Committee recommends contributing \$3,000 for 2007 and \$3,000.00 per year for the next four years.
- i) **Request – Resolution supporting Bill C417**
- Request received for Council to pass a resolution supporting Bill C 417, the Canadian Soldiers and Peacekeepers Memorial Wall Act. Committee recommends approval.
- j) **Info Item –Funding for Sewer Treatment facility**
- k) **Municipalities NL Annual Trade Show – November 15, 16, 2007**
- This trade show will be held in St. John's, NL
- l) **Info Item – Racism and Discrimination**
- Committee recommends that Council pass a resolution supporting the coalition of Canadian Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination.
- m) **Info Item – National Tree Planting Challenge**
- n) **UVS Canada 5th Annual Unmanned Vehicle Systems Conference, “Expanding Horizons” November 6 – 9, 2007**
- Committee recommends participating with other stakeholders to determine interest and costs.
- o) **Requests for Donations for Welcome Package**
- Request received from 5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group to contribute to the 7th annual Junior Canadian Leadership Camp being held for the first time in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Committee recommends contributing town pins, pens and decals for their welcome packages.
- p) **Article on Happy Valley-Goose Bay**
- Writer, Lawrence Millman, is compiling an article on Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Committee recommends contributing up to \$250 to assist with expenses.
- q) **Info Item**
- CBC emergency phone numbers.

r) Debriefing on the Recent Fire

Committee recommends that a debriefing on the recent fire be held ASAP. Town Manager was requested to contact Forest Resources and Lands, Steve Michelin, concerning fire breaks. Also to contact the Forestry officers, Fire Chief, Human Resources, media and others to set a date for debriefing.

s) Tender Opening – Emergency Response Vehicle

Committee recommends awarding the bid on the Emergency Response Vehicle to the low bidder, Carol Auto, for \$53,520.00 plus HST, tire tax, and license fee, as per specifications.

t) Fire Breaks

The issue of Fire Breaks was discussed at the committee meeting. This will be discussed further in a debriefing meeting.

u) Promotional Material

Committee recommends purchasing promotional material from Melville Communications as per quote of June 2006 and as per ACOA funding.

v) Land Sale

Committee recommends selling the land adjacent to Ford Street to Glenn Corporation Limited as a block for 10 percent of the sales price of the land.

w) Maintenance on Town Hall

Committee recommends obtaining a cost estimate for repairs to upgrade the exterior of the Town Hall.

x) Multi Youth Gathering

Committee recommends contributing \$250.00 to the Multi Cultural Youth Gathering as in past years.

10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve cheques in the amount of \$219,973.38. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60016645	Labrador Construction Ltd.	\$ 42,136.54
60016676	Guillevin International Inc.	1,176.69
60016688	NEBS Business Products Ltd.	926.77
60016719	Federal Equipment	3,992.98
60016728	Labrador Lake Melville Tourism	1,908.36
60016730	Moktech 2000 Limited	837.82
60016737	Tosss Signs Inc.	615.60
60016743	Hatch Ltd.	42,882.67
60016748	East-Chem	4,547.12
60016749	Frenchies Service Centre Ltd.	745.38
60016752	Labrador Specialty Service Inc.	1,641.12
60016768	C & B Nursey	573.00
60016769	Central Labrador Economic	2,601.77
60016770	Churchill Construction Ltd.	2,052.00
60016772	College of North Atlantic	2,625.00
60016773	Frenchies Service Centre Ltd.	770.58
60016774	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,435.15
60016777	Hatch Ltd.	3,910.99
60016778	Hercules SLR Inc.	1,192.44
60016781	N.E. Parrott Surveys Limited	1,054.50

60016784	Notre Dame Agencies	975.61
60016789	Ron Fougere Associated Ltd.	64,484.83
60016796	Gratic Limited	943.18
60016798	Paint Shop	671.23
60016806	Expo Labrador	5,000.00
60016825	Davis & Flanigan Electrical	1,413.60
60016826	Hickey Construction Ltd.	1,459.20
60016827	K & D Pratt Ltd.	863.49
60016831	Serco Facilities Management	684.00
6001683	Walters Hoffe	10,830.00
60016836	C & K Trucking	11,115.00
60016837	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	1,038.94
60016841	Ontrac Equipment Services	2,867.82
	TOTAL	\$ 219,973.38

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Saunders commented on the small dock (near Terrington Basin) which received damage several years ago and if something isn't done to repair the damage this asset will be lost.

Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that Transport Canada owns this dock and it is scheduled to be decommissioned. It was suggested a letter be written to Minister Harbour and Ports, Transport Canada in this regard. The Town Manager will follow up on this item.

- b) Councillor Saunders commented on the UVS Symposium scheduled for St. John's, November 6 – 9, 2007.

- c) Councillor Kelly commented that Expo Labrador was a Class A event and requested a letter be sent to the Organizing Committee.
- d) Councillor Kelly advised that the Visitor Information Center is very pleased with the work carried out by the Town on their parking lot.
- e) Councillor Kelly suggested that a lobby be put forth to have the Visitor Information Center relocated to the Churchill Falls Road.
- f) Councillor Kelly commented on the sod turning ceremony at the Labrador Health Center for the Long Term Health Facility.
- g) Councillor Mackey clarified comments concerning C160's on Base. He stated that sorties flew in May and June and he wouldn't bring information to the Council unless it was factual.
- h) Councillor Mackey commented on land approved given to Labrador Investments on Hamilton River Road stretch area. It was Councillor MacKey understanding that they have to have approval from the Town of a septic system and will have one year after the town water and sewer lines go in to hookup, at their own expense, to the town's line. This was confirmed by Council.
- i) Councillor Tsibidis expressed good comments were received concerning Expo Labrador.
- j) Councillor Tsibiidis commented on the water samples taken for the proposed well sites. Councillor Saunders advised that samples have now been taken and sent out for analysis.
- k) Deputy Mayor Oliver thanked Town Manager Durno and staff for the good team effort during the recent fire emergency.
- l) Deputy Mayor Oliver requested that maintenance work be carried out at Husky Park on repairs to the fencing, painting and a pole that is falling down.
- m) Mayor Abbass commented that the Long Term Health infrastructure is a needed facility for the town. He noted the committee that sat around the table made it easier to flight the battle.
- n) Mayor Abbass advised that a message should be issued that no picture taking or fire watchers either by car, boat or sea-doo will be tolerated during emergency fire fighting.

- o) Councillor Kelly noted that Ground Search and Rescue can also assist in such emergencies. This item will be discussed further in the debriefing.
- p) Copies of the town's swimming pool guidelines have been requested by citizens. These guidelines will be posted on the channel 5 ad station.
- q) Mayor Abbass requested a letter of congratulations be sent to Joe Anderson who represented the local Rangers at the Chief of Military Defence social function.
- r) Mayor Abbass requested that the *No Motorized Vehicles Allowed* sign be replaced on the riverbank walking trail.
- s) Mayor Abbass advised that he and Councillor Saunders met with Lisa Dinsmore of the Rural Secretariat. Mayor advised that volunteer names can be suggested for this committee. There are four vacancies on the committee.
- t) The handout "*Our Guiding Principles*" from the Rural Secretariat meeting will be copied for the Council.
- u) Mayor Abbass advised that he met with Major General Steve Lucas.
- v) Mayor Abbass advised that no Federal funding for student employment was received.
- w) Mayor Abbass advised that the fencing on Spruce Park playground is falling down.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. reconvening for a Business Session at 8:00 p.m.

12. BUSINESS SESSION

a) Mealy Mountain Auditorium Tender Opening

Town Manager Durno updated the Council on the Tender opening for the Mealy Mountain Auditorium. Town Manager will contact Architect Ron Fougere to get his views on the tender opening and then will contact the Province.

b) Director Economic Development

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. Mackey that Karen Wheeler be offered the position of Director of Economic Development with the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

c) **Notice of Motion**

Notice of Motion regarding Management Salaries will be tabled at the 25 July 2007 Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD

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