

The 19th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on January 29, 2007 at 7:00 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 James H. Saunders
Town Manager Al Durno
Director of Economic Development Betty Collins -Menne
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Councillor Madelyn Kelly – out of town
Town Clerk V. Sheppard - leave
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony - leave

1a) **PROCLAMATION - February Violence Prevention Month**

Mayor Abbass read a Proclamation presented by members of Labrdorians for Peaceful Communities proclaiming February as Violence Prevention Month

b) **PROCLAMATION, International Development Week**

Mayor Abbass read a Proclamation proclaiming February 4 – 10 as International Development Week.

2 **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

- a) Mr. Dyson passed on congratulations to Deputy Mayor Stanley Oliver on being elected as President of the Combined Councils of Labrador at the annual general meeting held in Nain during January 24-26, 2007.
- b) Mr. Dyson queried whether anything new was happening concerning a sewer treatment plant for Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
- c) Mr. Dyson queried the plan for damming 5 rivers in Quebec and this will cause flooding in Labrador. The Mayor will check this out and get back to Mr. Dyson.
- d) Mr. Dyson wondered whether sidewalks could be cleared during the winter. The Town Manager responded the snow blowers try to widen the roads as much as possible.
- e) Mr. Dyson queried anything new on Lower Churchill project. The Mayor advised that the town will be applying for intervener funding when public hearings take place.
- f) Mr. Dyson commented on snow being piled up causing visibility problems for drivers. Town Manager advised that

each year contractors and businesses are written advising against piling snow in areas which would reduce visibility.

3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 19th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 19th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 18th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

- a) Councillor Clarke drew attention to 18th minute item 9(c) and the \$350 water and sewer charge on vacant land effective January 1, 2007.
- b) Councillor Clarke drew attention to 18th minute item 9(i) which shows Council's commitment to the Sewer Treatment Plant.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 14 Incoming Letters and 10 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Councillor MacKey queried outgoing letter #1 to the Hon. John Hickey. Councillor MacKey handed the Fall 2006 Recreation Quarterly newsletter to the Town Manager so information in this could be passed to Minister Hickey. It was felt that if St. Anthony can get 80% funding for a civic center then this funding should be good for this community as well.
- b) Councillor MacKey queried incoming letter #11 concerning the UAV Competition.
- c) Incoming letter #13 the Town Manager was requested to call to see what assistance they required. The Deputy Mayor responded he felt that they were requesting a letter of support in that we support this type of research.

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 as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Permit Report

Permit Report to January 16, 2007 was presented for information.

b) Land Application – Franz Menne

Application received from Franz Menne for land on Lake Crescent, Spruce Park. Committee recommends deferring the request. Further that a policy for future land applications be compiled by staff for Council consideration.

c) Municipal Wetland Stewardship Program

Request for the town to have areas as outlined designated as a management unit under the town's Municipal Wetland Stewardship Program in those particular areas.

Committee recommends that Council deny the request due to the two management units that already exist within the town's limits.

d) Request – Hans Lindner

Request received from Hans Lindner for Council to relax the building line setback requirements of 8 meters by 10% to allow for the extension of his existing accessory building at 33 Johnny Hill Drive. Committee recommends approval.

e) Request – Triple Uranium Resources

Request received from Triple Uranium Resources for permission to operate from 6 Markland Road to accommodate an office, self contained apartments for staff, bunk rooms for fly in staff, a sample preparation/storage area and an outdoor fenced storage parking area.

Committee recommends that Council approve the following proposed uses: apartments, bunk rooms, office, and outdoor parking yard, excluding the sample preparation/storage area as their use is not permitted in a Residential Medium Density zone.

f) Info Item – Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador

Information item on funding available – more details contained in the Tourism Parks and Recreation Report.

g) **Disposal of Tires**

Superintendent of Works, Road Transport W. Nippard reported that with the approval of the Provincial Environment and with Multi Materials Stewardship Board paying the cost, old tires that could not be recycled were buried at the town Landfill site.

h) **Waste Water Effluent Strategies Public Consultation**

Councillor Jim Saunders reported on a session held at Hotel North on January 23 on Waste Water Effluent Strategies presented by Provincial and Federal Environment officials.

i) **EIS for Power Developments on the Churchill River**

Committee recommends that the Town Council apply for intervener funding for this process.

j) **Northside**

Mayor Abbass advised that GBAC met with consultants regarding the North side.

k) **Land on North Side owned by Town Council in partnership with NLHC**

Committee recommends that a freeze be placed on these lots pending completion of planning being done by consultant for the community Steering Committee.

l) **Land on North Side**

Committee recommends that Council write to NLHC requesting that they turn over their interest in land on the North Side.

8 **TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councillor D. Clarke**

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 Report as of December 13, 2006 – January 23, 2007 is attached.

b) **Cain's Quest**

Committee recommends that Council contributed \$2,000 in cash and provide in-kind contributions as requested

by the Organizing Committee and request recognition for Gold sponsorship.

Funds to be contributed with \$1,000 from Tourism Parks and Recreation budget and \$1,000 from Economic Development budget.

c) Occupational Health and Safety – Wellness Program

Committee recommends the purchase of Pedometers for Councillors and staff as a wellness initiative.

d) Policy on Smoking in Town Buildings and Property

Committee recommends having a policy prepared and put in place for this for future action.

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

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

a) Labrador Life

Committee recommends advertising in the magazine *Labrador Life* (half page) for one year, quarterly issues at \$375.00 each.

b) Info Note - NLFM

Information item.

c) Destination Labrador Bulletin No. 1 - *Keeping our partners in the know*, info item.

Committee recommends that the Executive Director be requested to meet with Council.

d) Combined Councils of Labrador – Media Release

Information item on the 35th Annual General meeting taking place in Nain, Nunatsiavut, Labrador from January 25-27, 2007.

e) Sector Report for the CLEDB monthly meeting

Information item

f) Community Prosperity Forum – “Creating Successful Municipalities”

Committee recommends that the Director of Economic Development and Councillor Kelly attend this conference being held April 23-25 in Corner Brook, NL.

g) Transportation Discussion Paper

Information item.

h) Economic Workshop, Clarenville, NL- February 2007

Councillor Kelly will be attending this workshop on behalf of the NLFM.

i) Workshop – *Managing for Results in Regional Economic Development*

Report in Council package on this workshop attended by Director of Economic Development and Councillor Kelly in St. John's during January 15-17, 2007.

j) Meeting

Councillor Clarke requests a meeting be arranged with the Wing Commander requesting an update on demolition projects slated for 5 Wing in 2007. The Town Manager will arrange a meeting.

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

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

a) Rotary Club re Youth Centre for Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Committee recommends a meeting be held between the Council and the Rotary Club regarding a Youth Centre for the town.

b) Report from RCMP 2006 Statistics

Report in Council package.

c) Request for Advertising

Committee recommends declining the request to advertise in a cookbook *A Taste of Labrador*.

d) Junior Achievement

Committee recommends that Council contribute \$600.00 to Junior Achievement.

e) Request for Advertising

Committee recommends denying this request to advertise in an 8-page supplement dedicated to Scouts and Guides in the local area.

f) Proposal – Organizational amalgamation – Expo Labrador and Labrador North Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Mackey is obtaining further information for Council's review.

g) Request – Melville Music Festival

Committee recommends contributing \$250.00 to the Melville Music Festival for their upcoming festival being held March 4 – 8, 2007.

h) Explore Labrador Map

Committee recommends purchasing advertising space 4¼" w x 3 ¾" h for \$750.00 plus HST in an exclusively reserved area on the Explore Labrador map

i) Letter to Rotary Club

A letter under the Mayor's signature was requested to be sent to the Rotary Club complimenting them on their 50/50 fundraising initiative with the Terington Co-Op in raising more funds towards a youth centre.

11 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve cheques in the amount of \$209,103.54. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60015855	Sheppard Conferences	\$ 21,000.00
60015903	Cimco Refrigeration	962.09
60015908	Hamilton Systems & Sales Ltd.	854.37
60015910	K & D Pratt Ltd.	769.50
60015911	Labrador Specialty Service Inc.	626.94

60015913	Labrador Construction Ltd.	1,453.50
60015915	Melville Communications	915.99
60015916	Michelin North America Inc.	3,440.29
60015919	Moreau Sobeco Limited	949.62
60015924	Peeless Garments	2,215.74
60015927	Snap on Tools	3,078.46
60015931	Truro Inc.	648.23
60015942	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,244.17
60015943	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	662.07
60015947	Labrador Specialty Services	617.75
60015953	Notre Dame Agencies	1,290.47
60015954	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,104.16
60015957	SGE Acres Limited	34,071.98
60015959	Toromont Cat	2,254.60
60015968	Bursey Daniel	1,000.00
60015971	Federation/Canadian Municipalities	1,024.40
60015973	Goose Sales & Services	901.58
60015981	Municipal Assessment Agency	24,953.50
60015984	Newfoundland & Lab Fire Chiefs and Firefighters	1,303.10
60015986	Ontrac Equipment Services	905.71
60015992	Valley Business Equip. Inc.	511.46
60015993	Western Pump Services	554.04
60015994	National Shoe	1,074.11
60016040	Arvo Micmillian	2,801.50
60016028	Computers & Communications	14,706.00
60016029	Faceflow Consultants Inc.	2,652.26

60016031	J.J. Trucking	1,470.60
60016032	Keans Pump Shop	1,151.80
60016039	Terpstra & Associates	2,337.00
60016041	Baine Johnston Insurance	73,596.55
	TOTAL	\$ 209,103.54

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Clarke extended congratulations to Deputy Mayor Oliver on being elected President of the Combined Councils of Labrador.
- b) Councillor Saunders had no items.
- c) Councillor MacKey had no items.
- d) Councillor Tsididis commented on possible funding for the sewer treatment plant through Hydro should the Lower Churchill Project go ahead.
- e) Deputy Mayor Oliver thanked everyone on Council for their encouragement. He noted the three big priorities coming from the Combined Councils AGM were hydro, health care and transportation.
- f) Mayor Abbass requested a letter under his signature be sent to Keith Deering who will soon be leaving our area and thanking him for his involvement in the Forestry Plan and commitments made to the local area.
- g) Mayor Abbass requested all Council to get back to him with three priorities they would like to work on this year and present these items under the Committee reports. A wrap up of these items will be presented in the Councillors Forum.
- h) Mayor Abbass advised that a letter was sent to Justice Reid expressing displeasure with the sentences given for armed robberies in town. Mention was made of a recent offender who was released and then re-offended the following day.
- i) Mayor Abbass requested that the Community Constable talk to businesses regarding the sale of silencers for skidoos. Under the town bylaws these silencers are not permitted on skidoos.

- j) Mayor Abbass requested that the Community Constable do some news items on snowmobile safety. He noted he has been seeing skidoos on the roads traveling at good speeds.
- k) Councillor Tsibidis commented on after hours telephone calls to the RCMP being answered in the detachment in St. John's. Councillor Tsibidis was asked to present his concerns at the next meeting between RCMP representatives and the Town.

The open session adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with a Business Session.

13 BUSINESS SESSION

a) **Expo Labrador**

The amalgamation of Expo Labrador with the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce was discussed.

b) **Rink Board Improvements**

The Rink Board Improvements tender contract was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD