

The 40th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on September 23, 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 Dean Clarke
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Town Manager Al Durno
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Director Parks and Recreation Kevin Lane
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Town Clerk V. Sheppard - sick leave

1 DELEGATION, Carol Best

a) Ms. Best addressed the Council in her role as Executive Director of CLEDB, her involvement with the Community Youth Network (CYN), and also as a parent. She thanked Council and particularly the Recreation staff for all the work and assistance they have provided. The help with events such as the Goose Stock, Goose Jam, Teddy Bear Picnic, and Big Land Fair was instrumental in these events being successful. She noted she doesn't think the public realizes the tremendous time, cost and in-kind contributions the town provides to community events.

b) DELEGATION, Scott Preston, Manager, Goose Bay office, AMEC Earth and Environmental

Mr. Preston presented a \$10,000.00 cheque on behalf of AMEC Earth to Mayor Abbass which will be forwarded to the Mealy Mountain Collegiate Scholarship Fund. AMEC made another donation during the week of \$7,290 to the local food bank. These donations were proceeds from the recently held AMEC Community Picnic, and from donations from subcontractors and people working with the company.

c) DELEGATION, Erin and Paul Snow

Ms. Erin Snow addressed the Council concerning their letter of Sept 22, 2008 requesting that no further action on the sale of the land at 40 Davis Crescent take place until their issues are addressed.

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to refer this item to the Municipal Services Committee and a recommendation will be brought back to Council. Motion Carried unanimously.

There will be no further action on any proceedings with regard to the land in question until this matter is resolved by the Municipal Services Committee.

d) DELEGATION, George Morris, Co-op Taxi

Mr. Morris addressed the Council concerning the operation of his taxi service. Cars and drivers are ready to start work and he asked how long it would take for Council to grant the approval of their taxi service. Mayor Abbass advised that the motion would be approved after the adoption of today's Municipal Services report and then the taxi service could start operation

e) DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

Mr. Loxton presented the Council with a copy of the original Labrador Flag, designed by Mike Martin. The Mayor advised that this flag will be displayed in the Town Hall Boardroom.

f) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson presented Council with information he obtained concerning the Labrador border and how Quebec is showing a different border on maps they are releasing.

Mayor Abbass advised that Council can request from Intergovernmental Affairs in Ottawa to show us what they believe to be the boundary of different jurisdictions in Canada; and he can also request the actual legal boundaries.

Mr. Dyson also commented on walkways and the paving of streets.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 40th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the agenda of the 40th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 39th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended .Motion Carried unanimously.

Correction 39th minutes page 7 item 9. The Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee should read Deputy Mayor S. Oliver and not Councillor B. MacKey.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Mayor Abbass queried the status of item 7 page 6 concerning media interviews about vandalism at the Skateboard Park. Councillor MacKey advised this will be done by himself and Constable Sampson.
- b) Deputy Mayor queried 39th item 12 and the letter sent requesting a Secretariat Office for the Lower Churchill be set up in our community. The Town Manager advised that a response was received to this letter today
- c) Mayor Abbass commented on the wording on page 13 of the 39th minutes concerning the flushing of water lines. He advised that he did not feel that was what he said that the flushing of lines caused other work not to be done.
- d) Councillor Kelly queried 39th 9(7) Special Olympic T-Shirts. These shirts have been ordered.
- e) Councillor Kelly queried 39th 10(j) Group Pension Plan and requested a copy of the Option 1 as presented by Morneau Sobeco.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 8 Incoming Letters and 21 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Councillor Kelly commented on Incoming letter #8 from Hon. Dianne Whalen, Transportation and Works. This letter refers to the hard surface and paving for the Trans Labrador Highway. Mayor Kelly noted that since this letter was received by the Town the word now is there will be no paving of the Trans Labrador Highway this year. The town has not heard this information from the Minister that there will be no pavement this year.

It was suggested that a letter be sent under the Mayor's signature that Council is disappointed there will be no pavement laid this year on the Trans Labrador Highway. Also to question in the letter, does this mean that the 60K pavement promised for this year will be added to the 60K pavement that will be laid next year.

- b) Councillor Kelly recommends that some one from Council attend the Municipal Climate Adaptation Workshop scheduled for Corner Brook, October 14.

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- c) Mayor Abbass advised that he signed a proclamation during the week declaring September 25 as Cystic Fibrosis Shine Day.
 - d) Councillor Kelly commented on Letter #7 from MNL advising that each year the annual convention will be held in St. John's. She advised that the reasoning for this was the other centers did not have adequate hotel accommodation.
 - e) Deputy Mayor Oliver queried Letter #1 from the MNL concerning resolutions to the MNL.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the Municipal Services Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

There were two delegations at the Municipal Services Committee meeting held on September 16: George Morris made a presentation to the Committee regarding his taxi business application; and Jamie Cooney made a presentation to Committee regarding his taxi business application.

a) Business Application – Co-op Taxi

Business Application received from George Morris to operate Co-op Taxi from 45 Grenfell Street. Committee recommends approval in principal conditioned upon all regulations for same being met.

b) Business Application – Cooney's Taxi and Charter Service

Business Application received from Jamie Cooney to operate Cooney's Taxi & Charter Service from 374 Hamilton River Road. Committee recommends approval in principal conditioned upon all regulations for same being met.

c) Land Application – White Bear Construction

Application received from White Bear Construction for crown Land 100 x 600 m located on Lake Crescent for residential use. Committee recommends denying the request as the Town will be applying for the land to be developed for sale of residential land.

d) Land Application – Dept of National Defence

Application received from the Dept of National Defence for Crown Land located at the former Dome Mountain asphalt plant and landfill to be used for environment site investigations. Committee recommends approval to occupy until site investigations are concluded.

e) Town Clock

Committee recommends that Council purchase a town clock from Luminaires Paul Gregoire Inc. at a cost of \$14,585.00 plus HST, FOB Goose Bay.

f) Land Application – Robert Quigley

Application received from Robert Quigley for Crown Land 10 x 60 m adjacent to 12 Barrett Street for garage extension. Committee recommends approval conditioned upon the land being consolidated with 12 Barrett Street.

g) Land Application – NL Hydro

Application received from NL Hydro for Crown Land 15 x 155 m for distribution line and maintenance use. Committee recommends denying this request and also that a letter be written to NL Hydro explaining the rationale as to why it was denied.

Councillor Clarke advised that Hydro has gone ahead and built this distribution line even though Council has denied permission.

Mayor Abbass will send a letter to Hydro expressing Council's strong displeasure with Hydro's actions, as they did not adhere to the town regulations and to provide Hydro a detailed explanation as to why it was turned down by Council.

h) Snow Plow

Committee recommends that Council purchase a hydraulic reversible plow from Toromont Cat at a cost of \$18,729.75 HST included, FOB Goose Bay.

i) Removal Order

Committee recommends that Council order the owner of 11 Montagnais Road to remove the fence as there was no permit issued.

j) Amendment Taxi Regulations

Committee recommends approving the following amendment to *Section 8 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF TAXI CABS*:

8 (a) No owner or driver shall permit any nonpaying person to accompany him/her whilst plying for hire.

8 (b) A person may accompany a driver to assist in cases of emergency or to help passengers with parcels, etc. This is in cases where the driver is physically incapable of providing this service.

8 (c) Persons who accompany drivers must be approved by Council.

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

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to approve the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the Parks and Recreation Committee Report for the period August 24 – September 16, 2008.

b) Trapline Marathon

Committee recommends that Council contribute \$1,000.00 plus in-kind services towards the Trapline Marathon being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay October 11, 2008.

c) Letter to Carol Best

Mayor Abbass requested a letter be sent to Carol Best congratulating her and her committee on holding a successful Big Land Fair.

d) Welcome

Deputy Mayor Oliver welcomed Kevin Lane in his new position as Parks and Recreation Director.

e) Meeting of User Groups at the Arena

Director Lane advised that a meeting of the User Groups will be held next Wednesday.

**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) Information Item

The following items are included in Council package for information items:

- MUN Presents – sessions held May 13-14, 2008
- Premier's Letter to Leaders of Political Parties
- Report on DEFSEC meetings held in Halifax, NS – September 3-5, 2008
- Report on meeting held with NL Hydro on September 10, 2008
- Report on the Northside prospects

b) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write the Hon. Peter McKay, Minister of National Defence requesting confirmation of the report in the Ottawa Citizen regarding the state of a small number of F-18's.

c) 12th North American Caribou Workshop

Committee recommends that the Town sponsor a nutrition break for the 12th North American Caribou Workshop being held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay November 3-5, 2008, up to a maximum of \$500.00. Funds to be taken from the economic development advertising budget.

d) Advertising – Transcontinental

Committee recommends that Council advertise their support of Small Business Week in transcontinental newspaper with a 1/8 page (4" x 3.5") space at a cost of \$135.00 plus HST.

e) UVS Canada Conference

UVS Canada Conference will be held in Ottawa, November 4-7, 2008.

f) Invitation to Federal Candidates

Mayor Abbass requested that an invite be extended to the four Federal candidates in the upcoming election to address the Council and express their views.

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report with the exception of item (I) which will be passed to Business Session. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) MNL Convention 2008

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the hotel room allocation for this convention.

b) Resolution – Site of Future MNL AGM's

Committee recommends that Council support the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Gander and the Cities of St. John's and Corner Brook have successfully hosted the annual meeting of the members of the NLFM (now called MNL) on a rotational basis; and

WHEREAS in 2001, at the annual meeting of the membership of the NLFM, the membership defeated a motion that the NLFM annual convention be held each year in St. John's; and

WHEREAS the results of an NLFM survey, conducted in 2004, recommended to continue to rotate the annual meeting of the membership of the NLFM; and

WHEREAS the Town of Gander and the Cities of St. John's and Corner Brook have sufficient number of accommodations to host the annual meeting of the MNL; and

WHEREAS the MNL represents all areas of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, both rural and urban, and, as such, has a duty to promote and support rural areas by holding the AGM on a rotating basis that make the AGM accessible to as many communities as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article VI: Meetings: Section 1 Meetings of the Member

The annual meeting of the members of the NLFM shall be held each year **rotating amongst the municipalities of St. John's, Corner Brook and Gander** for the purpose of hearing and receiving the financial reports and

statements, and any other documentation as required to be read and laid before the members at any annual meeting, electing directors, appointing, if necessary, the auditor and fixing or authorizing the Board of Directors to fix his remuneration, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

c) Restorative Justice Week

Committee recommends that Council sign the following proclamation declaring November 16-23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week:

WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Fostering a **Restorative Worldview**", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

THEREFORE, I, Leo Abbass, Mayor, of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, do hereby proclaim **November 16 -23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week** in the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Mayor Abbass suggested that something be planned for Restorative Justice Week and asked the Deputy Mayor to look after this.

d) Pension Plan

Town Manager is to arrange a meeting to discuss the Town employees' pension plan.

e) Complaint Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the August 2008 complaints report.

f) Fines Report

Enclosed in Council's package was the August 2008 fines report.

g) Information Item – FracFlow

Enclosed in Council's package for Council information was the professional services agreement with FracFlow Consultants Inc.

h) Approval to Borrow

Committee recommends that Council borrow \$57,912.00; the Provincial Government's share for the sewer study.

i) Fuel Prices

Enclosed in Council's package were the fuel prices for August 28, September 11, and Sept 15, 2008.

j) Complaints Report

Enclosed in Council's package are the July and August 2008 complaints reports.

k) 2009 Budget

Council and staff are reminded that capital item requests are to be submitted to the Town Clerk by October 15, 2008.

l) Request – Grand River Farms

This item moved to Business Session.

10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve cheques in the amount of \$575,311.29. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60019264	MORNEAU SOBECO	688.17
60019288	ADVANCED REFRIDGERATION	1,834.94
60019300	HICKEY CONSTRUCTION	4,972.00
60019314	SAUNDERS EQUIPMENT	532.29
60019317	SPEEDY	2,644.13
60019318	THE TELEGRAM	967.83

60019322	WALTERS HOFFE	8475.00
60019329	CIMCO REFRIDGERATION	3,914.26
60019330	COMMODITY TAX CONSULTANTS	7,485.14
60019331	CURTIS DAWE	3,291.66
60019340	MISTA-SHIPU CONSTRUCTION	504,975.82
60019342	NEWCAP BROADCASTING	1,695.00
60019346	LESLIE NOSEWORTHY LTD	5,452.25
60019347	NOTRE DAME AGENCIES	1,072.37
60019348	RON FOUGERE ASSOCIATES	26,701.90
60019349	ROYAL INN	608.53
	TOTAL	575,311.29

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) **Councillor Clarke** stressed the importance of sending Hydro the letter discussed under Municipal Services report.
- b) **Councillor Saunders** commented on the flow rate of traffic in town and that it has slowed down on Hamilton River Road. He notes this is due to the Highway Enforcement
- c) **Councillor MacKey** thanked Council for their support in having the town clock approved.
- d) **Councillor Tsibidis** requested an update on the water. The Town Manager advised that this Saturday new sites will be drilled. FracFlow has identified new sites behind Pine Tree.
- e) **Deputy Mayor Oliver** thanked Council for the fruit basket when he was in hospital.
- f) **Deputy Mayor Oliver** expressed disappointment that The Labradorian reporter was not at the meeting to report on some positive news coming from tonight's Council meeting.
- g) **Deputy Mayor Oliver** requested that the CEO of the Labrador Health Centre be written as to the pending plans for the Paddon Home once the new long term

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- h) facility is opened and requesting a meeting to discuss this item.
 - i) **Deputy Mayor Oliver** commented on the old Hickey slab site and that this is now being the new dump site and something has to be done about this.
 - j) **Mayor Abbass** noted that CBC Here and Now recently had a question concerning water in your community. Mayor Abbass noted we have good water and it is safe water and more PR should be done explaining where our water comes from and how it is treated.
 - k) **Mayor Abbass** advised that planning has to start to organize a ceremony to place the commemorate plaque for the Leon Cooper Park.
 - l) **Mayor Abbass** queried the grade of rock they are laying on the Trans Labrador Highway and if it is a Grade A Class. He requested this be checked out.
 - m) **Mayor Abbass** welcomed the Council – tonight the full Council was in attendance. Mayor Abbass also welcomed the new Recreation Director, Kevin Lane.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. for a ten minute recess before reconvening at 6:55 p.m. with a Business Session

12 BUSINESS SESSION

a) Rotary Club

Councillor Clarke suggested a letter be written to Steve Hipkins, President, Rotary Club, asking them to partner up to \$1000, 000.00 with the Town for a portion of Phase II of the RexPlex for a new slo pitch softball field.

b) Item (m) Municipal Services Committee -Request – Grand River Farms

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor D. Clarke that Council write Grand River Farms denying their request and advising that council's policy regarding charging water and sewer on vacant lots stands as is.

c) UVS Canada Conference

Councillor B. MacKey will be attending this conference, along with the Director of Economic Development in Ottawa, November 4-7, 2008.

d) Meeting

The Town Manager is to line up a meeting with Valle Inco for himself and Councillor Saunders.

e) Hyundai Loader

The Town Manager advised that the Hyundai Loader requires major repairs and a diesel engine has been ordered at a ballpark figure of \$18,500.

f) Municipal Climate Adaptation Workshop

Mayor Abbass may attend this workshop in Corner Brook as he will be attending the MNL Convention during this time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD