

The 25th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on July 24, 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 Dean Clarke
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Recording Secretary Dona Jones

Absent: Councillor Paul Tsibidis – out of town
Councillor Madelyn Kelly – out of town
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony – other commitment

Before the meeting started Mayor Abbass, on behalf of Council, signed a form from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador nominating Deputy Mayor Herbert Brett, Town of Arnold's Cove and Sterling Thomas (former Councillor) Town of Grand Falls-Windsor for Honourary Membership in the MNL.

A moments silence was also held in memory of former town employee Clyde Williams who passed away on July 13, 2007.

1a) DELEGATION, Amanda Cull

Ms. Cull, CLEDB Youth Director and Zone 3 Representative on the Provincial Youth Council for FINALLY! updated Council on the recent Think Tank for local youth. Some of the concerns raised by the youth centered on beautification of the town, youth programming and environmental issues. Ms. Cull also informed Council of International Youth Day on August 11 and this will be celebrated at Kinsmen Park with the Goose Stock concert. She requested a representative of Council address the youth at this gathering. The theme for the International Youth Day is **Be Seen – Be Heard Youth Participation For Development**. Mayor Abbass requested Ms Cull to meet again with Council in August.

b) DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

Mr. Loxton passed articles from the RAF News to Councillor Clarke concerning the Royal Air Force 25 Typhoon Squadron.

Mr. Loxton spoke concerning the creek running past their house is slowing to a trickle. He notes this will be a problem if the creek stops flowing. At the end of Birch Island sewage is congregating and not flowing away.

Mr. Loxton expressed concern with the conditions of the causeway bridge and the fact there seems to be a lot of sand coming down river. He noted the fish passage is blocked with wood, trees that have come down river and he feels there should be a maintenance schedule on clearing this fish passage. Mayor Abbass requested the Town Manager to call Highways on these concerns on behalf of Mr. Loxton.

c) DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed Council and expressed his view that his patience is getting thin on 5 Wing. He asked Council's view. Mayor Abbass noted they have been told by people in the office of the Minister of Defence to be patient until the Defence Plan unfolds and Goose Bay's role will be spelt out in the Defence Plan. Mayor Abbass noted that announcements are being made elsewhere before the Defence Plan is released and we are still waiting. We have the infrastructure, location, installations and air space here.

Mr. Dyson queried why are we singled out with chip seal when asphalt is what is being laid elsewhere in the Province? He noted asphalt is what we are looking for and what we should get. Councillor Saunders pointed out to Mr. Dyson that letters have been sent to the Provincial and Federal Transportation departments requesting funds for asphalt for the Trans Labrador Highway.

Mr. Dyson commented on the slow start to the construction season for the Trans Labrador Highway and feels politicians are dragging their feet and making the construction season shorter by not tendering for work earlier.

Mr. Dyson queried the latest status on the water and sewer treatment plant.

Mayor Abbass welcomed Catherine Emmens to the meeting and congratulated her on being the recipient of the town's scholarship award.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 25th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to adopt the agenda of the 25th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 24th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 24th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Deputy Mayor commented on 24th Minutes 6 (o) and asked that a follow up be done on this property as there are still excess vehicles on the site.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 7 Incoming Letters and 9 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Outgoing Letter #6 concerning ownership of a property on the north side was discussed. A report on this property is being compiled by the Accounts Receivable Supervisor. Council requested a letter also be sent to Ken Russell at Environment concerning this property.
- b) Mayor Abbass reminded Council of the GBAC Press Conference and Signing Ceremony on July 25 at Hangar 14.
- c) Mayor Abbass advised Council of the invitation on July 27 to the official handover of the Canso water bomber to the Town.

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 (q) which will be discussed in Business Session. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Delegation – Darryl Powell**

Mr. Powell spoke to his application for a permit to extend his mobile home located at 56 Adams Loop

b) **Business Application – Beatrice Hunter**

Application received from Beatrice Hunter to operate a home based business, a phone fax for a filing service to local businesses, at her residence at 17A Mesher Street. Committee recommends that Council approve the request subject to a) no negative feedback from the general public, and b) a letter from her landlord giving her permission to operate.

c) **Request – Ken and Tracey Winters**

Request received from Ken and Tracey Winters to construct a new home at 29 McLean Crescent with a subsidiary apartment attached. Committee recommends approval subject to no negative feedback from the general public.

d) **Kelland Drive New Subdivision Zoning**

Committee recommends that this development be zoned Residential Special (attached) which would allow single story bungalows and would not restrict the public to having to construct similar to that on Adams Loop. Further to this that all of Adams Loop present and future be also rezoned to Residential Special.

e) **Land Application – Michelle Giffin**

Application received from Michelle Giffin for Crown Land 20 x 15 meters located behind her residential property at 30 Park Drive to construct a garage. Committee recommends approval subject to both parcels being consolidated to form one lot.

f) **Land Application – Monica Curl**

Application received from Monica Curl for Crown Land 10,000 x 3000 feet located on Grand Lake Road for Agriculture use. Committee recommends approval.

g) **Land Application – Clarence Froude**

Application received from Clarence Froude for 20 hectares of Crown Land located on Grand Lake Road adjacent to the North West River highway for Agriculture use. Committee recommends approval.

h) **Land Application – Fred Vincent**

Application received from Fred Vincent for Crown Land 600 x 200 meters on Welbourne Bay Road adjacent to North West River Highway for a fox farm. Committee recommends approval.

i) **Land Application – Enviro Safe Fuel System**

Application received from Enviro Safe Fuel system for Crown Land 100 x 200 feet located behind their property located at 16 Aspen Road to be used for storage. Committee recommends referring this item back to Municipal Services for more information.

j) **Land Application – Alan Snelgrove**

Application received from Alan Snelgrove for Crown Land 85 x 120 meters located on Hamilton River Road to be used for a garden centre / warehouse / greenhouse (adjacent to the parcel recently approved for Labrador Investment). Committee recommends that the application be referred back to committee until the applicant provides a plot plan, construction schedule, proof of financing and agreement to have water and

sewer installed within one year after water and sewer is accessible.

k) **Preliminary Water Quality Assessment**

Committee recommends that Council approve the proposal by FracFlow Consultants Inc to review the water quality results, do a site walkover and render a written technical opinion of the potential for groundwater development of the area in question for \$1200.00 plus HST.

l) **Exterior Renovations to the Town Hall**

Committee recommends that Council 1) remove the two retaining walls and 2) repair the slate on the front of the Town Hall. Further to this that major repairs to the outside of the building be placed on the 2008 budget agenda.

m) **Sewer Treatment Status Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the sewer treatment status report. Committee recommends that Brad Chaulk address Council on funding available for the sewer treatment plant.

n) **Budget – Sewer Treatment Plant**

Committee recommends that Council accept and approve the estimate (\$13,900,000.00) as presented and approve the new location of the sewage treatment lagoon system which is closest to Elizabeth Avenue.

o) **Discussion Items**

- i) Arena Roof – Report required from staff for Council meeting
- ii) Dump Road – briefing from Superintendent Nippard

p) **Business Application – Deborah Gill**

Application received from Deborah Gill to operate a home based business from 14 Mealy Mountain Road (Aunt Deb's Bear Paws) within the town to operate a mobile snack truck. Committee recommends approval subject to no adverse comments being received and that the mobile truck meet all government regulations and not be operated from her home address.

q) **BIODI Resources Inc. Application – Business Session**

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 June 29 – July 17, 2007.

b) **Letter**

Committee recommends that Council write President of Soccer NL and cc to Minister Henderson and Minister Hickey stating Council's displeasure with the decision to not having the Provincial Soccer Tournament in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

c) **Corporate Sponsors**

Committee recommends Corporate Sponsors be sought to obtain funds for the completion of the recreation complex.

d) **Information Items**

- Big Land Fair being held September 15 and requesting assistance by town staff for set up
- Goose Stock August 11 at Kinsmen Park – in kind services
- Air Labrador Frontec Golf Tournament - requesting town to enter a golf team

8 **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 as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Info Item – FCM**

Enclosed in Council's Package was information for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the Green Municipal Fund.

b) **Info Item – Lower Churchill Project**

Enclosed in Council's Package was information on the Lower Churchill Hydroelectric Generation Project availability of \$50,000 in participant funding.

The Director of Economic Development is to seek funding for this project. Also to arrange a meeting with groups involved to strategize on ways and means to obtain intervener funding for this project.

c) **Information Items**

Other items discussed were:

- a. North Side redevelopment briefing by Mayor Abbass
- b. North Side new industrial area
- c. Regional Marketing Plan
- d. Birch Island Trail
- e. Town Brochure
- f. Goose Bay Airport Development Committee

d) **Location for Decommissioned Canso Water Bomber**

Council is asked to think of locations for placement of this water bomber. Deputy Mayor Oliver suggested the Otter Creek site on the North West River Road.

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 (h) being voted on separately.. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Fines Report**

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

b) **Complaints Report**

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

c) **Yard Sale Signs**

Committee recommends that this item be referred back to committee to await a report from Councillor Kelly.

d) **Dime Store Fisherman**

Tourism Parks and Recreation Director Anthony will contact them to get info they are requesting.

e) **Policy – Hiring**

Committee recommends that in future when jobs for the town are advertised, in all cases, interviews are to be carried out as determined by the interview committee.

f) **Information Item – Fuel Notices**

Enclosed in Council's package for information was the petroleum pricing for heating fuels effective June 21 to July 5, 2007.

g) **Business Tax Rates**

Committee recommends that the Finance and Administration Committee review the business tax rates and report back to committee.

h) **Management Salaries**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve accepting the adjustment to management salaries, as presented. Motion Carried.

Against: Councillor D. Clarke, Councillor B. MacKey
In Favour: Councillor J. Saunders, Deputy Mayor S. Oliver, Mayor L. Abbass

10. **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve cheques in the amount of \$126,094.97. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60016847	Speedy(Labrador) 8143	\$ 1,234.01
60016851	Lewis Concrete Forming Ltd.	2,052.00
60016854	Ulu Industrial Services Ltd.	1,427.72
60016856	ADT Security Services Canada	1,286.41
60016858	Battlefield Equipment Rentals	2,045.91

60016861	EDM Consultants Ltd.	42,282.01
60016802	Furlotte & Furlotte	743.27
60016874	Municipal Assessment Agency	24,953.50
60016877	NEBS Business Products Ltd.	1,014.55
60016881	Switch Electrical Inc.	1,081.86
60016883	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	1,344.70
60016886	Valley Business Equipment Inc.	582.39
60016890	Churchill Construction Ltd.	581.40
60016932	Arvo McMillian	6,662.68
60016933	Enviro-Safe Fuel Systems Ltd.	1,291.17
60016934	Frenchies Service Centre Ltd.	633.10
60016935	Goose Bay Motors	1,179.66
60016936	Ron Fougere Associates Ltd.	2,434.95
60016937	Speedy(Labrador) 8143	9,856.22
60016938	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	535.62
60016878	Newcap Broadcasting	715.92
60016946	Atlantic Purifications	630.42
60016954	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,707.25
60016955	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	868.73
60016961	Maxxam Analytics Inc.	1,135.73
60016967	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,932.05
60016972	Sports-Inter Plus	580.94
60016974	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	573.71
60016976	Transport Seggo	526.68
60016977	Two Seasons Greenhouse	2,399.45

60016985	Lethbridge Sound Systems	900.00
60016987	Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd.	1,346.52
60016988	Pitneyworks	1,011.74
60016989	RSM Municipal	8,542.70
	TOTAL	\$ 126,094.97

11. COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver requested an update be obtained from the Hydro Project Officer in regard to the Gull Island hydro project as there is a lot of activity going on at the site.
- b) Deputy Mayor Oliver made mention of information on the provincial government web site concerning primary and secondary milk production for Labrador.
- c) Councillor MacKey noted there was direction given to the Community Constable concerning ticketing those parking on the grassed area in front of Husky Park ball field. He noted there is still parking being done there.
- d) Councillor MacKey commented on cleanup of various properties within the town.
- e) Councillor Saunders commented that there is an economic growth or boom in the town and he hopes Municipal Services Committee and the town in general can keep on top of it.
- f) Councillor Clarke noted that several attempts have been made to have Minister John Hickey meet with Council and to date there has been no meeting set.
- g) Councillor Clarke advised that the Goose Bay Airport Development Committee is being reestablished and the first meeting is scheduled for September 12.
- h) Mayor Abbass noted that bears are a big problem and would like a newspaper ad on this advising people to be cautious and alert.
- i) Mayor Abbass commented on the ATV accidents on the island portion of the province and hopes that the government will come out with stiffer regulations to avoid future accidents.

- j) Mayor Abbass commented on the Dillon Elliott fundraiser and the generosity of the community in coming to the aid of others at a time of need.
- k) Mayor Abbass advised that a small cruise ship will be coming in port three times during the summer.
- l) Mayor Abbass passed information to Director Wheeler on funds received by Minister MacKay's riding. He requested a letter be drafted to Minister MacKay requesting that some of these monies come to Labrador.
- m) Mayor Abbass expressed disappointment in the cancellation of the town being host for the Provincial Soccer.

There being no further business the open meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. reconvening for a Business Session at 7:10 p.m.

12. BUSINESS SESSION

a) **BIODI Resources Inc. Application**

Council agreed to support their application in principal depending on it being acceptable to our proposed water treatment area and they are the successful proponent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD