

## 10<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes March 23, 2010

1

---

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on March 23, 2010 at 5:05 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass  
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver  
Councillor George Andrews  
Councillor Lidija Chubbs  
Councillor Bill Mackey  
Councillor Arlene Michelin  
Councillor Brenda Way  
Town Manager Will Ferguson  
Town Clerk Valerie Sheppard  
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler  
Recording Secretary Kathy Eddy

1. **DELEGATION- Carol Best**

a) Mrs. Best addressed Council on behalf of the Winter Lights Committee and was honored to congratulate the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay on winning the Winner's Circle Category for "Recognition for Municipal Support in Winter Programs" and a Winner's Circle Trophy in the population category.

b) **DELEGATION- Todd Janes**

Mr. Janes made a presentation to Council at their Committee Meeting on March 16, 2010 regarding Crown land on Lake Crescent and asked if their had been any decision made. Councillor Mackey advised Mr. Janes that a decision will be made by the next Committee Meeting.

c) **DELEGATION- Monica Surina**

Ms. Surina addressed Council regarding the Lake Melville Dog Park Association and inquired if any decision has been made. Ms. Surina was informed that the residents of Spruce Park will be polled and a decision will be made by the next Committee Meeting.

d) **DELEGATION- Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson questioned the status of the construction of the Sewer Treatment Plant. Mayor Abbass advised that construction will start this summer. Mr. Dyson also queried the exercise that was scheduled for 5 Wing Goose Bay and was informed that the

2

---

exercise is cancelled for 2010 but plans are still going ahead for 2011.

2 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor Mackey to adopt the agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously

3 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Mackey seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Chubbs to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented striking out the words: "and c) that it be at the discretion of the Town Manager when and where Mr. Saunders will report to work". Motion carried unanimously.

4 **ACTION REPORT**

- a) Councillor Chubbs referred to item 6 (10) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes stating this should have read:

*Committee recommends that Council adopt the Occupational Health and Safety Manual at the Town Council meeting on February 23, 2010 with amendments and Harrassment and Discrimination Policy and Procedures.*

- b) Councillor Michelin queried the status of item 7 (3) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes. Town Clerk advised that she will check with Director Lane and ask that he have a copy of the letter for next Committee Meeting.
- c) Councillor Andrews queried the status of item 4 (d) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes. Town Clerk advised that she has corresponded with RBC and will also contact Scotia Bank, BMO and the Credit Union.
- d) Council Michelin queried 9 (12) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes. She advised that there is a committee in place and questioned if anyone from the committee has

2

---

requested any services from the Town. Town Clerk advised that we have not received anything in letter form and that any request would require a letter.

- e) Councillor Andrews queried if item 14 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes has been advertised. Town Clerk advised that it will be advertised in the local paper and on the website.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were 3 Incoming and 8 Outgoing letters in the Council Package.

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver referred to Incoming letter #1 and expressed his pleasure that the integrity of the Paddon Home structure will be maintained.
- b) There was much discussion around Incoming letter #2 with suggestions of another Press Release, a meeting with the Aboriginal Groups and Business Community, a meeting with the Union Executive and a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Council agreed that the community is being impacted by this strike and they will take steps to encourage both parties to return to the table.

**6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor Bill Mackey**

It was moved by Councillor Mackey seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve item #1 of the Municipal Services Committee Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Councillor Way left Council Chambers for this item.

It was moved by Councillor Mackey seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve items 2-8 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Business Request-Jamie Way**

Request received Jamie Way to operate a Bed & Breakfast from his residence located at 17 River Crescent. Committee recommends Council approve the request in principal subject to the following conditions: a) the request to be advertised for public input b) development is to meet the Town Development regulations c) approval from the Government Service Center for fire, life safety and accessibility d) the

---

establishment to be registered with and receive a rating from Canada Select and also must be approved by the Provincial Department of Tourism as a Bed and Breakfast operator and e) all of the above conditions to be submitted to the Town prior to the permit to operate being granted.

**2. Land on Lake Crescent- Todd Janes**

Enclosed in Council Package is information from Todd Janes regarding his application for land on Lake Crescent. Council and the Municipal Technologist will meet and make a decision for next Council meeting.

**3. Proposed Dog Park-Spruce Park**

Application received from the Lake Melville Dog Park Association for land located at the corner of Juniper Street and Hamilton River Road to be used for an off leash dog park. Committee recommends that Council survey the residents of Spruce Park and report back to the next committee meeting with the results.

**4. Land Application-Eugene Harris**

Application received from Eugene Harris for crown land on Corte Real Road to be used for a warehouse. Committee recommends that this application be referred back to committee for more information regarding what will be stored in the warehouse, etc.

**5. Terms of Reference-Lethbridge Street Extension**

Committee recommends that Council approve the Terms of Reference for Lethbridge Street Extension and proceed with the advertisement.

**6. Residential Lot Size**

Committee recommends that staff review the Town Policy of size of residential lots and to have a recommendation for the committee meeting.

**7. Provincial Water Resources Department**

Committee recommends that staff contact the Provincial Water resources Department to review the proposed Protective Watershed Area and advise Council.

**8. Town's Emergency Plan**

Committee recommends that the Town's Emergency Plan be updated and sent to Minister Hedderson. In light of new information, Councillor Chubbs would like to take another look at the Town's Emergency Plan before we send it to Minister Hedderson.

Councillor Chubbs stated that in light of starting construction of the Sewer Treatment Plant, would the Town Manager write a letter to Environment Canada to inform them of this new development and proposed phases for this year.

**7 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor Arlene Michelin**

It was moved by Councillor Michelin seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Report with two additional items. Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Parks and Recreation Committee Report**

Enclosed in Council Package is the Parks & Recreation Monthly Report for the period February 17, 2010 to March 15, 2010.

**2. Letter**

Committee recommends that Council write the Labrador Winter Games Committee congratulating them on the success of the 2010 Games. Councillor Michelin asked Town Manager to write a letter to staff thanking them for their involvement during the Olympic Night, Winter Games and SnoBreak.

**3. Advertisement**

Committee recommends that Council congratulate and commend the volunteers in the community by placing an ad in the Labradorian Newspaper.

**4. Request- National Broomball**

The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is hosting National Broomball and Director Lane has requested 325 Town pins for registration bags.

5. **Request-Recreation NL**

Request received from Recreation NL for Happy Valley-Goose Bay to host the regional meetings April 22-24, 2010 as the host community of Lance au Loup has cancelled due to poor road conditions. They are requesting \$1,000.00 towards the cost of meals and snacks.

Mayor Abbass inquired about information regarding grants for seniors that was in the info note from MNL and suggested we have a look at applying for them. He also asked that we give some consideration to the ``You Rock`` Volunteer awards as Happy Valley-Goose Bay has many outstanding volunteers.

8 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –  
Councillor Brenda Way**

It was moved by Councillor Way seconded by Councillor Mackey to approve the Economic Development Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Advertising-Labrador Life**

Committee recommends that the Town place a full color, half page ad in the three issues of Labrador Life for 2010 at a cost of \$390.00 plus HST per issue.

2. **Advertising-Labrador Life**

Committee recommends that the Town advertise Come Home Year 2011 in the three issues of Labrador Life at a cost of \$260.00 plus HST per issue.

3. **Advertising-Down Home Magazine**

Committee recommends that the Town advertise in the Labrador issue of Down Home Magazine at a cost of \$640.00 plus HST.

4. **Advertising-Down Home Magazine**

Committee recommends that the Town advertise Come Home Year 2011 in the Labrador issue of Down Home Magazine at a cost of \$640.00 plus HST.

---

5. **NL News Now**

Committee recommends that the Town utilize the service of NL News Now at a cost of \$125.00 plus HST per month.

6. **Winter Ferry Service**

Committee recommends that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay support the Regional Council of Port Saunders, Port Au Choix, Hawkes Bay and River of Ponds in their initiative to establish Port Saunders as the alternate site for ferry service across the Straits when St. Barbe is inaccessible during winter.

7. **Integrated Community Sustainability Plan**

Committee recommends that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve the draft ICSP. Furthermore, it is recommended that, as part of public consultation that the report be placed on the Town Website for comments and a public meeting held to unveil the plan within two months.

8. **Expo Labrador**

Enclosed in Council package is information on the 2010 Expo Labrador Conference. Director Wheeler will report back to Council.

Councillor Way asked if the Town Manager could send a follow up letter to the Province regarding the need for an Air Ambulance and Medical Team in Happy valley-Goose Bay.

Councillor Andrews queried items 1 to 5 and questioned whether this would exhaust the advertising budget for 2010 with 9 months left in the year. Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that the advertising for Come Home Year will be paid for by the ACOA Grant.

9 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report with four additional items and the 2010 Budget to be voted on separately.

---

1. **2010 Budget**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor Mackey to approve the 2010 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request- Mealy Mountain Collegiate**

Request received from Mealy Mountain Collegiate U-15 Girls Basketball for financial support to attend the NL Provincial Winter Games from March 24-27, 2010. Committee recommends to deny the request as it does not conform to Town Policy.

3. **Municipal Information Network**

Request received from the Municipal Information Network to purchase an annual membership at a cost of \$550.00. Committee recommends approval.

4. **Cruise NL Association**

Request received from Destination Labrador to partnership in cost sharing the annual membership in Cruise NL Association at a cost of \$625.00. Committee recommends that staff arrange a meeting with Mr. Letto to discuss CANAL and Destination Labrador.

5. **Municipal Symposium**

The Municipal Symposium will be held in Gander, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Mayor Abbass will be attending.

6. **Building Canada Fund-Project #26712**

Committee recommends that Council participate in the Building Canada Fund: Communities Component-Project #26712 for replacement of water main service to reservoir in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. This project is cost shared between the Town, Provincial Government and Federal Government on a 1/3-1/3-1/3 basis.

7. **Building Canada Fund-Project #26713**

Committee recommends that Council participate in the Building Canada Fund: Communities Component-Project #26713 in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for upgrades to water main. This project is cost shared between the Town, Provincial Government and Federal Government on a 1/3-1/3-1/3 basis.

**8. Signing Authority**

Committee recommends to appoint Councillor George Andrews as a signing officer for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

**9. Engagement of Consultant**

Committee recommends that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay enter into an agreement with CBCL Engineering to proceed with design, tender and contract administration and inspection services of the three phases of the RINC project; consisting of Ice Plant replacement, Dasher Board replacement and Concrete Floor Piping replacement including engineering cost for a total of \$1,065,590.00.

**10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor Andrews to approve the cheques in the amount of \$222,162.02. Motion carried unanimously.

CK #	PAY TO THE ORDER OF	CHEQUE AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
7796	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair Ltd.	8,581.48	Winter Games Team(jackets/pants/snowshoes/harnesses
7779	Carpet Man (The)	3,538.59	Traffic paint/paint thinner
7806	Melville Trucking & Excavating	66,928.36	Progress Claim # 2 Recreation Complex (2009)
7864	ALS Financial Centre	1,322.00	Radio Licence Renewal 2010
7874	Goose Bay Curling Club	1,400.00	Annual Grant
7878	Labrador Winter Games	1,800.00	Lab Winter Games Team Registration
7888	Telegram, The	590.17	Ad-Water/Treatment Operator
7898	Newfoundland Municipal Financing	24,396.80	Water/Sewer Loan # 453
7899	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	1,139.03	Vacuum Cleaner/nozzle/vac bags
7900	Harvey & Company Limited	1,848.25	Prize for Olympic Day (airfare for two persons)
7901	Morneau Sobeco Ltd. Partnership	609.50	Pension Services for January 2010
7902	Speedy Glass(Labrador) 8143	996.23	Windshield
7990	Bauval Tech-Mix	7,939.38	Asphalt top-mix
7991	Bowman/Barnes Distribution	4,375.35	Shop Supplies
7992	CBCL Limited	10,155.88	Professional Services-ICSP
7994	J.J. Trucking Limited	3,051.00	Boom truck & Excavator Rental

7996	Saga Enterprises	1,222.89	Forklift Rental
8004	Goose Bay Wholesalers Limited	4,286.23	Operating Supplies (all departments)
8005	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	2,223.68	Operating Supplies (all departments)
8010	Iglutek Computers Inc.	602.91	Toner Cartridges for Xerox Copier
8019	National Shoe	554.54	Employee Coveralls
8023	Pitney Bowes	1,616.88	Payment on folder/inserter
8027	Speedy Glass(Labrador)	3,315.32	Tires (cat loader & sterling dump truck)
8030	Toromont Cat	837.06	Filters/Freight
8036	Workplace, Health, Safety and Compensation	68,830.49	2010 year estimate
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 222,162.02</b>	

**11 COUNCILLORS FORUM**

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver opened Councillors Forum with a request for extra lighting at the crosswalk on Churchill Street that meets Hamilton River Road.

He spoke about the poor ice conditions and asked that people stay off the ice.

Deputy Mayor Oliver mentioned the opening of the LATP office and asked Director Wheeler to set up a meeting with their executive and Council. He also asked that we send another letter requesting a meeting date with Minister McKay, possibly at the FCM to address the issues that were discussed last July.

Deputy Mayor Oliver closed by informing everyone that he is seeking the Nunatsiavut nomination for ordinary member for Upper Lake Melville on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If elected, he will do the correct thing regarding his future with this Council.

- b) Councillor Chubbs advised that she has had a couple of people in Town ask why the Town is not sweeping some of the roads. She went on to say that on a windy day, it is difficult for some people to breath and the sand is going into their eyes and she asked can we do something about this.
- c) Councillor Mackey complimented the volunteers of this community and expressed what a great community this is to live in.

- d) Councillor Andrews brought attention to an incident where he saw kids playing on the pile of gravel inside the gate at the Town Depot.

Councillor Andrews advised that the Impact Sign has been eliminated in the 2010 Budget.

Councillor Andrews referred to the upcoming Spring Clean Up and noted that there are changes made and we need to get the Policy prepared before it starts.

Councillor Andrews asked if we could contact the Province to inquire about having another study done for a traffic light at Churchill Street and Hamilton River Road.

Councillor Andrews asked if in the new sub-division there will be four extra feet of pavement to accommodate for sidewalks. He was advised that there have been accommodations made for sidewalks in the new sub-division.

Councillor Andrews asked if there has been anything done with apartment buildings with four or more units having to maintain a garbage receptacle. He was advised that this will be looked at by the Policy Committee.

Councillor Andrews asked if we have received the 10% door fee from the Winter Games. He was advised that we have not yet received the fee, but he was assured that we will.

- e) Councillor Michelin advised that she, Director Lane and Councillor Chubbs are spearheading the Playground Committee and Communities in Bloom. She mentioned that other municipalities have a booklet of policies, fees and services that they provide and this is something they will be working on.

Councillor Michelin also reminded everyone that the Community Awards are coming up and encouraged everyone to get their nominations in.

Councillor Michelin requested that all Managers compile a list of all training that employees in their department have.

Councillor Michelin was pleased to report that there were delegates from all across Canada attending the National

Inuit Early Childhood Education Conference held last week in Town and that they really enjoyed their visit.

Councillor Michelin commented on the walking trails and how nice it was to see them cleared and accessible.

Councillor Michelin encouraged everyone to participate in the Snobreak events.

Councillor Michelin inquired as to why the Town and not the Dog Park Association would be responsible for surveying residents regarding the Dog Park. Deputy Mayor Oliver advised that the Town do the survey so that they can design the questions for appropriate input from the community.

- f) Councillor Way referred to the congestion of traffic on Kelland Drive and Hamilton River Road and asked if something can be done.

Councillor Way also referred to an email regarding the OH& S Committee.

- g) Mayor Abbass asked that Councillor Way pass on congratulations to her husband for his rendition of the Ode to Labrador at the opening of the Winter Games.

Mayor Abbass reiterated Councillor Mackey's comments on the outstanding volunteers in our community.

Mayor Abbass suggested having a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a number of initiatives, one being housing.

Mayor Abbass spoke about the meeting he had with Katimavik regarding the Trail Development and suggested that we as a municipality should get on board with this.

Mayor Abbass mentioned the need for extra lighting in the parking lots of Kinsmen Park and the Town Office.

Mayor Abbass suggested to Councillor Michelin that as a member of the Regatta Committee and with the opening of the new highway, she extend an invitation to other parts of Labrador. Councillor Michelin advised that they have done this in the past but now there will be more of an opportunity for other communities to participate.

Mayor Abbass received a request from the Salvation Army for the Town to service (grease and oil) their emergency vehicle. This resulted in the following motion:

It was moved by Councillor Andrews seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver to service the Salvation Army emergency vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Andrews suggested we write a thank you letter to the Salvation Army for their continued support in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and to advise them that the Town has agreed to service their emergency vehicle.

Mayor Abbass suggested that the Town Manager check with other municipalities such as Mount Pearl, St. John's and Corner Brook regarding Municipal Ticketing.

Mayor Abbass closed Councillor's Forum stating that he had the opportunity today to meet two med students and take them on a tour around Town. He went on to say that these two young ladies told him they felt very privileged to have the opportunity to train at our Hospital and that they really liked it here.

There being no other business the Open Session adjourned at 7:30 p.m. reconvening at 7:40 p.m. with the Business Session.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **1. Request-Radar Equipment-Business Session**

Request received from Constable Sampson to redirect funds from Cain's Quest due to the cancellation of the event, to purchase a Directional Computer Unit (Radar Gun) at a cost of \$2,768.50 for the Constable's vehicle. Committee recommends item be referred back to Constable Sampson for further information. Councillor Andrews suggested that maybe the Town could obtain a slightly used or refurbished radar from the RCMP.

### **2. Assessment Review Commissioner**

Committee recommends to appoint Madelyn Kelly as the 2010 Assessment Review Commissioner.

**3. Gas Tax Funding Project**

A meeting is to be arranged.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR LEO ABBASS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD