

The 6th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on January 24 2006 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 Dean Clarke

Councillor James H. Saunders

Councillor Madelyn Kelly

Town Manager Al Durno

Town Clerk V. Sheppard

Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

Recording Secretary Donna Jones

1a) **DELEGATION – Proclamation Signing**

Tony Elliott and Perry Mugford attended the Council meeting representing the Kinsmen. Mayor Abbass read a Proclamation proclaiming February 20, 2006 as Kinsmen and Kinette Day and the week of February 19-25 as Kinsmen and Kinette Week. The Kinsmen Spring Zone will be held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay at the end of March with 55 Kinsmen participating.

b) **DELEGATION – Herb Brown**

Mr. Brown addressed the Council on behalf of businesses in the tourism sector requesting that the town prepare a resolution on the ferry service to be presented at the Combined Councils of Labrador. It was decided that the Town would not prepare a resolution but that Deputy Mayor Oliver will bring this topic to the Combined Councils AGM for discussion and recommendation.

2 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 6th MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor W. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 6th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 5th MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor W. MacKey seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4. **ACTION REPORT**

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver commented on 5th 11(n) noting that another Council representative will now have to replace former Councillor Andrews in the meeting with the

RCMP. Deputy Mayor Oliver noted he was willing to sit on this committee.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) There were 2 Incoming Letters and 11 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package. The Town Manager had some additional items:
- a letter from the Senate addressed to the Mayor
 - a letter from MHA John Hickey addressed to Hon. Trevor Taylor concerning third lane on Hamilton River Road
 - report on a meeting with DND and Serco. from Superintendent of Works – Water & Sewer Sheldon Normore, to update the town on the Options Analysis and Spring Gulch sustainability study
 - a letter from 2006 Labrador Winter Games requesting assistance with the Games re snow clearing and placement of a 20 foot freight container at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena.
 - Outgoing letter to Carol Best, Labrador SnoBreak 2006 advising of the town's sponsorship of \$1800.00
 - Correspondence on a business request, 1 Hamilton River Road, to be presented by Councillor Saunders under the Municipal Services Committee Report.

6 **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders**

It was moved by Councillor James Saunders seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Municipal Services report as presented with the additional item concerning 1 Hamilton River Road. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Delegation – Boyd Rowe**

Mr. Rowe, Labrador-Grenfell Regional Integrated Health Authority, made a presentation to Council at the committee meeting regarding staff allocation and services that they provide.

b) **Permit Report**

Enclosed in Council package was the Permit Report for January 17, 2006.

c) **Land Application – Aliant**

Application received from Aliant for Crown Land, 10x10 meters (located on Green Street adjacent to the liquor store) to be used for a High Speed Internet Cabinet.

Committee recommends approval subject to the site being clearly marked (fenced) once the installation of the cabinet is complete, to ensure the safety of snowmobilers and ATV users that pass by this location on a regular basis.

d) **House Numbering**

Committee recommends that an advertising blitz be done on the reason why your house should be numbered.

e) **Street Lighting – Kelland Drive**

Committee recommends that Council go ahead with installation of street lights for Kelland Drive at a cost of \$2,600 plus \$220.00 a month

f) **Land Application – Bill Nippard**

This item deferred for further information

g) **Business Request – 1 Hamilton River Road**

A request received from Ramsey White to convert storage shed located on 1 Hamilton River Road, adjacent to T & R Marina, into a movie shop. The area in question is zoned Mixed and "Shops". Committee recommends approving the request subject to approvals from Government Services for fire, life, safety and accessibility.

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

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Tourism Parks and Recreation Report**

Enclosed in package for information was the report December 14, 2005 – January 17, 2006.

b) **Upcoming Events**

January 20-28, 2006 Minor Hockey Week
January 20-22, 2006 Invitational Novice Hockey Tournament
February 10-12, 2006 Mega Tournament Lake Melville
Extreme Minor Hockey
March 12-18, 2006 Labrador Winter Games
March 18-25, 2006 SnoBreak 2006

April 29, 2006 Annual Community Awards Presentation and Banquet (Jan 23 at 7pm a planning meeting for this event)

c) **Meeting**

Committee recommends that Director of Tourism Parks and Recreation, Ken Anthony, arrange a meeting with Mr. Clarence Webber to discuss the hosting of the 2008 National Broomball Championships.

d) **Meeting**

Meeting will be held with Mr. Jason Foster, Wetland's Stewardship Program, on March 9, 2006 at 7 p.m. to discuss this program.

e) **Appointment**

Mayor Leo Abbass has been appointed Labrador Regional Director for the Cruise Association of Newfoundland and Labrador /Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador.

f) **Cruise Association of Newfoundland and Labrador**

Committee recommends that Mayor Abbass and Tourism Parks and Recreation Director Anthony attend the Cruise Association of Newfoundland and Labrador /Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador. The annual general meeting being held in Gander, Newfoundland on February 8-12, 2006.

g) **Correspondence - Labrador SnoBreak 2006**

The Tourism Parks and Recreation Director to write Labrador SnoBreak 2006 confirming the town's contribution of \$1,800.00.

8 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Councillor M. Kelly**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the Economic Development Committee report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Provincial Ferry Service**

Enclosed in Council's package was the 2006 Provincial Ferry Service schedule effective June 9, 2006.

b) NLFM – Info on Federal Candidates

Enclosed in Council's package was a Press Release from the NLFM regarding the lack of response from the Federal candidates.

c) Canadian Wind Energy Developer

Enclosed in Council's package was information from Labrador Ventus Limited Partnership regarding the Canadian Wind Energy Developer Announcement on Canada's Largest Wind Farm to be built in Labrador.

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the Finance and Administration Committee as presented with the exception of items (k) and (o) which will be discussed in Business Session. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) 2006 Municipal Budget

Committee recommends that the 2006 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$11,900,067 be approved as presented

b) Municipal Tax Rates

Committee recommends that the attached municipal tax rates be approved effective January 1, 2006.

c) Discount Rate

Committee recommends that a 5% discount be ordered on current property tax and business tax, if paid in full within 30 days of the billing date, and that all arrears are paid in full.

d) Due Date

Committee recommends that effective January 1, 2006 the due date for all current municipal taxes will be June 30.

e) Service Charge

Committee recommends that a service charge of 2% per month be charged on all arrears that are not paid in full by their due date.

f) **Arena Fees**

Committee recommends that Council approve the enclosed Arena Fees effective January 1, 2006.

g) **Ballfield Rental Fees**

Committee recommends that Council approve the enclosed Ballfield Rental Fees effective January 1, 2006.

h) **Equipment Rates**

Committee recommends that Council approve the enclosed Equipment Rates effective January 1, 2006.

i) **Miscellaneous Rates**

Committee recommends that Council approve the enclosed Miscellaneous Rates effective January 1, 2006.

j) **Exemption Policy**

Committee recommends that Council approve the enclosed Property Exemption Policy effective January 1, 2006.

k) **Leave of Absence – BUSINESS SESSION**l) **Request – Junior Achievement**

Committee recommends that Council contribute \$250.00 towards the Junior Achievement NL as per Council's donation policy.

m) **Petroleum Pricing**

Enclosed in Council's package is Petroleum Pricing listing as of December 15, 2005 and January 15, 2006.

n) **By-Election**

Committee recommends the following by-election dates:

Nomination Day	Tuesday, February 7, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Town Office
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Election Day	Tues, February 28, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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Advance Poll:	Saturday, February 25, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Town Office
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Polling Stations:	Royal Canadian Legion Aurora Hotel Community Centre
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Council Meeting Date for February to be rescheduled, as the next scheduled meeting falls on Election Day.

o) **Hickey Construction – BUSINESS SESSION**

p) **Commodity Tax Recoveries**

Committee recommends that Council enter into an agreement with commodity Tax Consultants Inc. to do a review of our purchases for the recovery of commodity taxes.

q) **Complaint Reports**

Complaint Reports for November and December 2005 presented for information.

r) **Proclamation – Violence Prevention Month**

Committee recommends to proclaim the month of February 2006 Violence Prevention Month.

10 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to approve the cheques in the amount of \$407,954.67. Motion Carried unanimously.

Vendor	Cheque #	Amount
Big Land Challenge Dog Sled	60014007	\$500.00
Emco (Waterworks)	60013903	\$3,793.03
Emco (Waterworks)	60013974	\$2,954.81
Emco (Waterworks)	60014010	\$3,160.02
EDM Consultants	60014002	\$42,159.81
Enroute	60014012	\$4,439.67
Monarch Enterprises	60014016	\$1,796.30
K & D Pratt	60014014	\$1,677.29
Uncle Ern's Meats	60014023	\$623.54
Enviro Safe Fuels	60013919	\$953.70
Goose Bay Wholesalers	60013979	\$624.16
Goose Bay Wholesalers	60013920	\$1,318.74
Goose Sales & Services	60013921	\$1,298.35
Labradorian Printers	60013925	\$720.19
Labrador Specialty Service	60013982	\$759.00
Labrador Specialty Service	60013926	\$951.67
Labrador Motors	60013927	\$984.92
Labrador Construction	60013963	\$4,161.62
Labrador Construction	60013928	\$2,550.88
National Shoe	60013933	\$1,657.33
Nor Lab	60013937	\$934.09
Robertson-Surette	60013947	\$10,154.02
Royal Inn	60013949	\$552.00
Sureway International	60013953	\$748.81
Terrington Co-op	60013954	\$529.00
Thomas Industrial Sales	60013956	\$1,827.35
Toromont Cat	60013957	\$661.04
Blizzard Corporation	60013971	\$704.22
Flotech Enterprises	60013976	\$33,378.75
Maxim Analytical	60013984	\$1,499.03
Stephco Electrical	60013986	\$4,984.10
Western Star & Star & Sterling Trucks	60013989	\$2,276.44
		\$182,728.10

It was moved by Councillor W. MacKey seconded by Councillor J. Saunders to amend motion 7(e) 5th minutes to read \$250.00 rather than \$500.00. Motion Carried unanimously.

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor D. Clarke – no items

- b) Councillor J. Saunders congratulated Todd Russell on his election win as MP for Labrador, congratulations to the Conservation government, and a farewell message to the Rt Hon. Paul Martin.
- c) Councillor M. Kelly agreed with Councillor Saunders' remarks but felt that letters of congratulations should be sent to the individuals he mentioned. Also to ask from the Prime Minister Harper when the troops committed to Goose Bay can be expected.
- d) Councillor Kelly noted she attended NLFM Northern Directors meeting this past weekend.
- e) Councillor MacKey agreed with Councillor Kelly and that we get as soon as possible an assurance from Prime Minister Harper what we were promised for 5 Wing Goose Bay.
- f) Deputy Mayor Oliver extended a big thank you to staff for guiding him through the budgeting process; also to the town snow clearing crews for the excellent job being done.
- g) Mayor Abbass requested congratulatory letters be sent to the organizers of the Novice Regional Figure Skating event held in Wabush; and a letter to Joey Russell in his figure skating achievement. Also letters to Joe Goudie, Conservation candidate and Jacob Larkin, NDP thanking them for running in the recent Federal election.
- h) Mayor Abbass advised that the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Team Coordinator is Mike Dollmont.
- i) Mayor Abbass commented on the Explore NL tourism trade show being held in St. John's from May 13-14, 2006. This item will be placed on the Tourism Parks and Recreation agenda for next Committee. Councillor M. Kelly felt there should be a meeting set up with the various groups; CLEDB, LMTA, Chamber of Commerce to share expenses and form a partnership in promoting the town.

There being no further business the Open Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m. reconvening at 6:42 p.m. with a Business Session.

12 BUSINESS SESSION

a) Hickey Construction

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor W. MacKey that Council meet with Hickey Construction Ltd and enter into an agreement for

payment of municipal tax arrears. Motion Carried unanimously.

b) **Leave of Absence**

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor W. MacKey that Walter Pottle be granted a one year leave of absence. Motion Carried unanimously.

c) **Arena and Town Hall Deficiencies**

The Town Manager is to send a copy of the deficiencies in the contract work carried out at the arena and the Town Hall to Jack Caines, CBCL. A time line on when these deficiencies will be finished is requested.. Council will then tour the arena and take a first hand look at the deficiencies.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD