The 9th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on March 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:
Mayor Leo Abbass
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Town Manager Al Durno
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent:
Councillor Bill MacKey - out of town
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver – out of town
Town Clerk V. Sheppard – out of town
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony – out of town

1 **DELEGATIONS**

a) Bernadette Chiasson, Christian Youth Camp

Ms. Chiasson addressed the Council meeting in regard to a letter she sent to Council requesting assistance with obtaining equipment for the Christian Youth Camp summer program. Items they are seeking help with consist of a lap top computer; ping pong tables, and a fooze ball table.

Assistance with the fooze ball table was extended by George Rodgers who was attending the Council meeting, he advised he has one and to contact him to make arrangements to pick up the table. Mayor Abbass advised Ms. Chaisson to leave the item of ping pong tables with him as he may have a solution to that request.

Mayor Abbass advised that Ms. Chaisson's letter will be addressed at the next committee meeting for discussion, concerning her other requests.

b) John Chaisson

Mr. Chaisson addressed the Council as a taxpayer and stated he wanted to advise Council of the misuse of town funds, as he sees it. He commented on overtime being paid with no justification; town pickups being used for more personal use than town use; and purchases being made for welder helmets, gloves and car parts that may not be for town purposes.

At this point in the meeting Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Chaisson that the statements he is making may result in a court matter. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. for a short recess in order for the Council and the Town Manager to seek advice on this matter.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Chaisson that the Council agree he can continue with his address to the Council but he is not to use any names or department names. Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Chaisson that he has this fear that you are treading in an area which may have legal ramifications of slander.

Mayor Abbass advised Mr. Chaisson to get the information he has to the Council and it will be investigated and if proven true, appropriate action will be taken.

c) Leon Chaisson

Mr. Leon Chaisson addressed the Council concerning interest charged on town taxes. Councillor Kelly will be setting up a committee with Deputy Mayor Oliver to look at interest being charged and whether anything can be done on an individual basis.

d) Mr. Gerald Dyson

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council meeting concerning promises made to Labrador by the Federal and Provincial governments, and that so far these are only promises.

Mr. Dyson commented on the millions recently given to the arts and culture in the Province. He also commented on the Lower Churchill and would like the Torngat Mountains area and the Labrador south area get together with central Labrador to get the benefits of cheap power for Labrador communities from this resource.

The chip seal for the Trans Labrador Highway was also an item Mr. Dyson spoke on. He asked why the provincial government would spend $15 million from Churchill Falls to Goose Bay end to lay chip seal, and another $15 million from the other end. He asked can any pressure be put on them.

Mr. Dyson also commented on the causeway bridge and the condition of the ice in the river in comparison to other years.

2 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 9th MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 9th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with the additional item for Municipal Services. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 7th & 8th MEETINGS**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 7th & 8th meetings of the Town Council of

the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4. **ACTION REPORT**

a) Mayor Abbass commented on 7th minutes 7(d) National Broomball Championship. The town's delegation to Leduc was successful in obtaining this championship for 2010 for Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

b) Councillor Clarke queried 7th minutes 9(q) application from Mike Voisey. This item will be brought to the April committee meeting.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were 28 Incoming Letters and 15 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

a) Mayor Abbass commented to Incoming Letter #2 from Persona and their Community Investment Program. He asked that Municipal Services, Economic, and Tourism Parks and Recreation Committees look at submitting an application to avail of these grants.

b) Mayor Abbass commented on Incoming Letter #24 from the FCM Rural Task Force calling for a champion in Cabinet for rural Canada. It was requested that a letter be written to Minister Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities requesting that he be a champion for this rural community because Transport Canada has been asked to take over operation of the airport from DND. Copies of the letter to be sent to President Wayne Ruth, NLFM and Central Labrador Economic Development Board.

c) Mayor Abbass commented on Outgoing Letter #3 to the Hon. Jack Byrne regarding Appeal Board Funding, and requested that a copy of this letter be sent to the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

d) Councillor Kelly commented on Incoming Letter #25 advising that Councillor Saunders and herself will be attending the Developing Your Municipality workshop at the Hotel North on April 7 and 8.

e) Councillor Kelly queried whether a letter had been sent to John Dicks, Destination Labrador requesting he make a presentation to Council updating them on Destination Labrador. The Town Manager will contact Mr. Dicks.

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

It was moved by Councillor James Saunders seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the Municipal Services report with the additional item presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Permit Report

Enclosed in Council package was the Permit Report for March 21, 2006

b) Child Care Program – Nunatsiavut Government

Request received from the Nunatsiavut Health and Social Development to operate a regulated after school child care program beginning in September 2006 and to be located in the Kinsmen building located on Grenfell Street. Committee recommends approval subject to approvals from Government Services ensuring that the proposed building meets applicable codes for child care operation.

c) Spruce Park Water Break

Enclosed in Council package was a report on the water break in Spruce Park. Committee recommends that Council write a letter to the Base Commander thanking him for the timely response and cooperation of his officials in allowing the Town Staff to repair this major water break. Further to this that a letter is sent to Mr. Wall and Serco thanking them for their assistance.

d) Arena Deficiency Report

Enclosed in Council's package was a deficiency report from CBCL Ltd. on the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena effective March 14, 2006.

e) Land Application – George Andrews

Application received from George Andrews requesting Crown Land located at Burnt Point to be used for a cottage. The area is zoned Rural and cottages are discretionary. Council recommends approving this request.

7 **TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE -** Councillor P. Tsibidis

It was moved by Councillor P. Tsibidis 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 Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report for February 17, 2006 – March 21, 2006.

b) **2005-2006 Ice Season**

The 2005-2006 ice season will end on April 23, 2006.

c) SnoBreak 2006

March 19 – March 26, 2006 is the date for SnoBreak activities.

d) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write a letter to the Labrador Winter Games Committee congratulating them on the 2006 Games.

e) Letter

Committee recommends that Council send a letter congratulating the Cartwright Team on winning the 2006 Labrador Winter Games Cup.

f) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write the Premier with a copy to Minister Hedderson and MHA John Hickey thanking them for the funding contribution to the 2006 Labrador Winter Games and also for the future funding contribution for the 2009 Games.

g) Lettter

Committee recommends that Council write the town staff thanking them for their input into the 2006 Labrador Winter Games.

8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Councillor M. Kelly

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

a) Gas Tax Rebate

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the Gas Tax Rebate.

b) Visitor Information

Enclosed in Council's Package was a copy of a letter re visitor information recommendations from the Labrador Lake Melville Tourism Association to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

The Town Manager was requested to obtain clarification on a statement made in the letter sent to Minister Tom Hedderson from the President of the LLMTA referring that the airport in Happy Valley-Goose Bay is one of three international airports in the province.

c) Central Labrador Economic Development Board

Enclosed in Council"s Package were the minutes from February 7, January 10, March 7, 2006 meetings and also the agenda of the AGM for March 29, 2006.

d) Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was information from Motion Marketing re Access to Tourism Information.

Mayor Abbass asked Council to look at this item and probably partner with other groups to share the expense of being involved in this tourism feature.

e) CLEDB Organization Makeup Information

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the CLEDB organization makeup information.

f) Aerospace Conference

Councillor Clarke gave an overview of the Aerospace Conference.

g) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write the Minister of National Defence expressing Council's disappointment in the cancellation of the Night Strike Exercise and requesting an explanation as to why the exercise will not be going ahead.

9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the Finance and Administration Committee with the exception of items (c) and (e) for Business Session. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Information Item

Enclosed in Council's Package was a letter from Gillian Saunders regarding Premier Williams recent announcement of the impending construction of a long term care facility in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

b) Restorative Justice Program

Request received from the Restorative Justice Program to appoint a representative for the committee. Committee recommends that Deputy Mayor Oliver be appointed to this committee.

c) Request – Diocese Labrador City – Schefferville (BUSINESS SESSION)

d) Canadian Heritage – Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the Canadian Heritage contribution to Mealy Mountain Collegiate Auditorium.

e) Sewer Backup – BUSINESS SESSION

f) Motion to Rescind

Committee recommends that Council rescind item 7 (h) 34th Minutes December 11, 2003.

g) Goose Bay Curling Club

Committee recommends that Council contribute an annual grant to cover cost of insurance not to exceed $5,000.00 to the Goose Bay Curling Club provided that proof of liability insurance is filed annually with the Town Clerk's office.

h) Request – Mealy Mountain Collegiate

A request received from Mealy Mountain Collegiate for the town to purchase a ½ page ad at a cost of $50.00 in the program booklet, "Back to the 60's" musical production. Committee recommends approval.

i) NLFM – InfoNote – Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was an InfoNote from the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities.

j) Request – Labrador School Board

Request received from the Labrador School Board for the town to provide a donation for the Heritage Fair for Grade 6 students from coastal Labrador and the upper Lake Melville region. Committee recommends that Council contribute some promotional items, such as pens, pencils.

k) Letter

Committee recommends that Council write Premier Williams with a copy to the Minister of Health and MHA Hickey, requesting that an interim facility be acquired from DND to accommodate persons until the long term health care facility is built.

l) Complaints Report

Enclosed in council's package was the complaints report for February 2006. The Town Manager will check dog complaint #2340 of February 14, 2006 as the dog in question had no needles.

m) Fines Report

Enclosed in council's package was the fines report for February 2006.

n) **Aging and Seniors**

Enclosed in council's package was a letter from the Department of Health and Community Service advising that there will be a public consultation in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on Aging and Seniors on April 21, 2006. Committee recommends that Council request a registration package. Mayor Abbass and Councillor Kelly will be attending this consultation meeting.

o) Mealy Mountain Scholarship

Enclosed in council's package was information regarding the Mealy Mountain Scholarship and also that the committee will be visiting the town on March 27, 2006 to review the criteria.

p) Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation

Committee recommends that Council deny this request as it does not fall within our donation policy.

q) Multi Materials Stewardship Board

Committee recommends that the town partner with Multi Materials Stewardship Board for 2006 and hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at a cost of $3,586.00.

r) Request – Melville Mantas

Committee recommends that Council contribute $100.00 to the Melville Mantas Swim Team for their 25th Anniversary celebration being held on April 1 – 2, 2006.

s) Fuel Prices

Enclosed in Council's package was the fuel prices effective February 21, March 6, and March 15, 2006.

t) RCMP Statistics

Enclosed in Council's package was the RCMP statistics for 2004-2005 and January and February 2006.

u) Street Names – Information Item

Enclosed in Council's package was a list of suggested street names. Councillor Saunders requested the name Mullins be added to the street name listing.

10 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the cheques in the amount of $291,570.51. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Vendor	Cheque Amount
60014220	Labrador Specialty Service Inc.	$ 827.77
60014266	McCord Travel Management Ltd	980.11
60014270	Notre Dame Agencies	1,083.38
60014285	Cimco Refrigeration	888.95
60014292	Goose Bay Curling Club	5,000.00
60014299	Melville Public Library	5,000.00
60014314	Royal Canadian Legion	914.00
60014315	Sansom Equipment Ltd.	1,758.53
60014319	Sno-Break	1,753.75
60014322	Switch Electrical Inc.	3,579.61
60014330	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,717.19

60014332	K & D Pratt Ltd.	1,477.81
60014321	Strongco Equipment	522.74
60014333	SGE Acres Limited	48,507.34
60014334	Workplace, Health, Safety and Compensation Commission	76,901.14
60014339	Goose Sales & Services	992.85
60014343	Labrador Construction Ltd.	108,121.28
60014363	Newfoundland/Labrador Federation of Municipalities	4,276.51
60014372	E.C. Boone Ltd.	4,714.28
60014374	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,211.35
60014375	Goose Bay Airport Corporation	7,694.92
60014398	Control Microsystems Inc.	2,161.43
60014399	Total Group Inc.	7,663.60
60014400	Aliant Mobility	712.17
60014401	Atlantic Purifications	1,759.52
	TOTAL	$291,570.51

11 **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a) Councillor Clarke remarked that the Goose Bay Airport Corporation was sent a letter this week informing them that DND will now be taking control of all landing fees for the airport which now basically nullifies the Goose Bay Airport Corporation. He asked where does that now put the new terminal building that was proposed and the paving of the runway that was promised.

b) Mayor Abbass remarked that the town has been thrown a curve ball right at our head with this info. He advised that Minister Hearn is traveling to Ottawa to find out what is happening regarding the transfer of the base to the Ministry of Transport.

c) Councillor Saunders advised he attended a Safe Drinking Water Seminar in Gander, along with Superintendent Normore and Water Treatment Plant Operator Keith Pye. Councillor Saunders advised he will

be bringing several items to the next Committee of the Whole meeting relating to this seminar.

d) Councillor Kelly commented on the recent Provincial Government, Speech from the Throne. There was a commitment to sustainable rural communities for infrastructure. Councillor Kelly is also looking to the budget to put our Municipal Operating Grants back up to where they were.

e) Councillor Tsibidis reiterated his promise when elected to improving the water in the Happy Valley portion of town. He asked about the report compiled on Spring Gulch. The Town Manager advised that the Superintendent Normore is paraphrasing this report for the next Committee meeting.

f) Mayor Abbass requested Councillor Kelly attend the Closing banquet invitation from the Curling Club on his behalf on April 8. Deputy Mayor will be asked to attend as an alternate should Councillor Kelly be unavailable.

g) Mayor Abbass commented on the One Million Dollars the St. John's City Council has received to attract military flights to St. John's. A letter will be drafted to the Urban Municipalities with copies to Minister Ottenheimer; Premier Williams and the NLFM.

h) Mayor Abbass commented on the emergency plan, in the event of an influenza pandemic, that the Labrador Grenfell Regional Integrated Health Association is working on. It was requested to have Barbara Molgaard Blake, CEO (South) with the Labrador Grenfell Regional Integrated Health Association come in and update Council so the town is in tune with what is going on and what our obligations would be.

i) Mayor Abbass commented on the volunteer spirit in the community and their commitment to all events going on in the community recently. It was decided to have an ad prepared for the Labradorian newspaper during Volunteer Week to thank all volunteers involved in these various events, Labrador Winter Games, SnoBreak, Big Land Loppett, Big Land Challenge Dog Sled Race.

j) Mayor Abbass advised that the Snowflake Skating Club will be hosting Olympic Bronze medalist, Jeffery Buttle, during their upcoming ice show on April 8, 2006.

k) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be drafted under his signature congratulating Lake Melville Minor Hockey on the 1st annual Female Hockey Tournament in memory of Steve Ramey.

l) Mayor Abbass requested a letter be drafted under his signature congratulating Olympic Curling Gold Medalists,

m) Mark Nichols, Russ Howard, Brad Gushue, Mike Adam, and Jamie Korab.

n) Mayor Abbass tabled information on UVS Canada (Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems Student Competition). This is a competition aimed at Canadian college and university students in the use of unmanned aircraft systems. This information will be copied for Council to look at with a view to possibly hosting this event in the future.

There being no further business the Open Session adjourned at 10:0 5 p.m. reconvening at 10:10 p.m. with a Business Session.

12 **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) Request – Diocese Labrador City – Schefferville

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to deny a request received from the Diocese of Labrador City – Schefferville to exempt their property located at 1 Cabot Crescent from municipal taxes. A copy of the tax exemption policy will be sent to them.

b) **Sewer Backup – Information**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the appeal by Suzanne Charlton for sewer backup damages at 16 Diefenbaker Street,

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

MAYOR LEO ABBASS

TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD