

The 14th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on August 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:

Mayor Leo Abbass
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Town Manager Al Durno
Director of Economic Development Betty Collins-Menne
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor James H. Saunders
Town Clerk V. Sheppard

1 DELEGATION, Perry Mugford

- a) Perry Mugford addressed the Council on behalf of his daughter Gilliam who was employed this year with the Summer Recreation Program. He told Council that it was his daughter's understanding that at the end of her employment with the town she would be entitled to a monetary certificate to be applied to secondary educational funding. He stated that now she finds out she is not entitled to this and asked why she was told this in the beginning.

b) DELEGATION, John Dunphy

Mr. Dunphy addressed Council on the same topic adding that his daughter had to supply documentation to the town that she would be attending trades school to avail of this extra funding applied towards secondary education.

c) DELEGATION, Eugene Batstone

Mr. Batstone addressed the Council advising that he spoke to Ken Anthony, Recreation Director and Town Manager Al Durno concerning his daughter Jennfier. She was under the same impression of getting extra funds for secondary education after her summer job with the town finished.

d) DELEGATION, Gillian Mugford

Ms. Mugford made an emotional address to the Council that it was only on Friday she found out that she wasn't employed under the SWASP program and would not be receiving the extra secondary education funding when her summer job is completed. She felt it unfair the labourers will receive this and not the Summer Recreation Councillors.

Recreation Director Ken Anthony advised that he conducted the Summer Recreation interviews and he told each student

about the two different programs: the Career Placement Program and the SWASP Program. He apologized if he didn't do a good job explaining the two programs.

The delegations were advised that this item will be discussed further in business session by the Council.

e) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson asked the Council if all three levels of government, the Provincial, Federal and Municipal were on side with funds for the sewer treatment plant.

Town Manager Durno advised that the provincial government has recently funded a study to do a complete analysis of the town's capabilities to contribute to financing a sewer treatment facility. This is \$45,000 on 50/50 money with the town and the province.

The other topic Mr. Dyson had was on marine services for the Labrador coast.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 14th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor M. Kelly seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the agenda of the 14th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 13th MEETINGS

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended. Motion Carried unanimously.

Amendment was made to 12th minutes item 5(b) which should read "Gordon O'Connor".

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) 13th Minute 8(c) *Board Tender* was queried by Mayor Abbass. Director Anthony advised he was awaiting further information and once received he will email the Council the details.
- b) Councillor Clarke queried 5(b) and that Happy Valley-Goose Bay should be considered a point of departure for the Alert contract to the north. Mayor Abbass advised that three federal options were submitted to the

Defence Minister, Minister Hearn and Minister Cannon's office. Option 4 would be the Alert contract This will be sent as possible option from the Federal Options Study and will be put under the Mayor's signature to the Minister.

- c) Councillor Clarke commented on 13th 8(f). A letter of congratulations will also be sent to Kanani Penashue in winning a place on the Provincial Ladies Team. The team members will be playing for the Royal Cup in Moncton, New Brunswick.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 9 Incoming Letters and 19 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Incoming Letter #2 from RBC Foundation who advises they will be donating \$1,000 to the new skate park.
- b) Incoming Letter #4 was an InfoNote from the NLFM and they encourage all councils and volunteer organizations to submit their Matched Training applications for training activities attended since April 1, 2006.
- c) Incoming Letter #7 from the Labrador Grenfell Health advised of an upcoming meeting of the Upper Lake Melville Emergency Planning Committee. Mayor Abbass requested all Council to attend this meeting, if possible.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

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

a) Permit Report

Enclosed in Council's Package was the permit report as of August 15, 2006.

b) Business Application– Donald Newman

Application received from Donald Newman to operate a small engine repair shop and a retail shop for parts from his residence located at 22 Roberts Road. Committee recommends denying the request as the proposed home base business is a commercial operation and is not permitted in a residential zone.

c) **Swimming Pools**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding swimming pool regulation. Committee recommends that staff contact the NLFM lawyer to inquire of the legalities involved if the Town imposes swimming pool regulation.

d) **Michelin Street Extension**

Enclosed in Council package was a letter from Carol Best addressing her concerns and suggestions regarding the Michelin Street extension development.

e) **Kelland Drive Residential Mini Home Development Proposals**

Committee recommends that Council approve the proposal submitted by Glenn Corporation Limited subject to the following addition to the original terms of reference:

- A. 10% of the selling price per lot is to be paid to the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay once each lot is sold.
- B. Corporation to discuss the development in regard to the number of lots, road requirement, water and sewer requirement and the phasing approach before construction begins.

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis an amendment to Item A. of the Kelland Drive Residential Mini Home Development Proposals, as follows:

- A. 10% of the selling price per lot is to be paid to the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay once each lot is sold, at the market value of the land at time of sale.

Amended Motion Carried unanimously.

f) **Michelin Street Extension Proposal**

Committee recommends approving the proposal submitted by Glenn Corporation Ltd. subject to the following addition to the original terms of reference:

- A. 10% of the selling price per lot is to be paid to the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay once each lot is sold, at the market value of the land at time of sale

g) **Traffic Controller – Loring Drive**

Committee recommends that Council pay Lighting and Traffic Systems Ltd. of Mount Pearl, the quoted price of \$6,290.00 plus HST to remove the old traffic controller and install and set up the new traffic controller. This will be 50/50 money.

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

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented.

a) **Tourism Parks and Recreation Report**

Enclosed in the Council's package was the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report for August 15, 2006.

b) **Upcoming Events**

Big Land Fair – September 16-17, 2006
Kids of Steel Triathlon – August 19, 2006
Anticipated start up date for ice activities – October 2, 2006

c) **Arena Roof**

Committee recommends that town staff, the next time it rains, remove the insulation in the arena roof to determine where the leaks are.

Director Anthony advised that the sky jack will be used for this purpose to isolate the local area of leaks in the arena roof. Councillor Clarke noted he has information on roofing sealant which he will pass on the Director Anthony.

d) **Community Recreation Sports Complex**

Enclosed in Council's package are a few pieces of correspondence from CBCL.

e) **Communique**

Enclosed in Council's package was a Communique from 5 Wing Goose Bay regarding weapons training at the 500/90 m Dakota rifle range on August 17, 2006.

f) **Items from Mayor Abbass**

Mayor Abbass had a number of items for Director Anthony to look into. These included:

- Look at the upstairs area in arena in the coming year to have a Hall of Fame of old pictures, and other sports keepsakes.
- Have a committee activated for the Phase 2 of the recreation complex. Councillor Clarke volunteered for this committee.
- Decide on a theme for the 2009 Come Home Year; this is also the year the trans Labrador Highway should be finished.
- Research to see if we can apply for a piece of land at Birch Island. This would make a good heritage site and walking trail area

8 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** **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) **Minutes – Route 380 – 500**

Enclosed in Council's package were the minutes of the teleconference held on July 19 between the technical committee.

b) **Minutes – UAV Competition**

Enclosed in Council's package were the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2006.

c) **Information Item – UVS Canada**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the UVS Canada.

d) **Discover Labrador Conference**

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the Discover Labrador Conference being held in Labrador West September 15 – 17, 2006.

e) **CME's Pandemic Planning Guide**

Enclosed in Council's package was information on the CME's Pandemic Planning Guide

f) **News Release**

Enclosed in Council's package was a copy of the News Release issued July 17, 2006 by the Hon. Tom Hedderson, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation

congratulating the Newfoundland and Labrador Special Olympics Team for attending the 2006 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games July 17-22 in Brandon, Manitoba.

g) **News Release**

Enclosed in Council's package was a copy of the News Release issued July 17 by Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale announcing the graduation of 19 prospecting students from the first Prospecting Training course offered at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay campus of the College of the North Atlantic.

9 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke**

It was moved by Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Taxi Issue**

Committee recommends that effective September 30, 2006 Council reinstate the requirement for a Letter Of Conduct (criminal records check) and that an application for a taxi driver's license be reviewed and approved by the Town's Community Constable prior to issuing a license. Further to this, that the license issued to Calvin Adams be revoked.

b) **Signage Posting on DND Property**

Enclosed in Council's package was a Communiqué from the Wing Commander regarding the signage posted.

c) **Gas Tax Information**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the Federal Gas Tax funding.

d) **Provincial Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Provincial Traffic Fine Report as of July 2006.

e) **Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Complaints Report for June and July 2006.

Councillor Clarke would like to see the regulations regarding dog quarantine policy by the next committee meeting.

Mayor Abbass asked that the Animal Control Officer note in his animal control report when contact was eventually made with a complainant, if on his first visit the complainant was not at home.

f) **Gasoline Prices**

Enclosed in Council's package were the gasoline prices for July 15, 22, 31, August 8 and 15, 2006.

g) **Skate Board Park**

Committee recommends that Council run a competition in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for the naming of the Skate Board Park.

h) **Report of Injury Policy and Return to Work Policy**

Committee recommends adopting the Report of Injury Policy and the Return to Work Policy as recommended by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

Mayor Abbass had a few questions on this policy concerning the weekly telephone contact between the Town Clerk and the injured employee. This contact is required under the WHSCC and this item will be verified with Workers Compensation.

i) **Service Charges**

This item has been referred to the 2007 Budget Review Committee.

j) **Water and Sewer Charge – Vacant Lots**

This item has been referred to the 2007 Budget Review Committee.

10 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the cheques in the amount of \$52,221.97. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60015064	Parts For Trucks	\$ 999.62
60015097	Atlantic Purifications	3,762.00
60015099	East-Chem	2,389.44

60015103	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd.	1,251.51
60015105	Goose Sales & Services Ltd.	849.82
60015114	J.J.'s Trucking	1,995.00
60015115	Joe's Autobody Shop Ltd.	1,885.20
60015118	Mark's Work Warehouse	1,174.49
60015121	Newcap Broadcasting	852.72
60015125	Northern	722.98
60015127	Ontrac Equipment Services	1,888.59
60015134	Toromont Cat	785.81
60015138	Uptown Audio Video	3,500.00
60015142	Churchill Construction Ltd.	28,699.50
60015145	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	547.02
90015145	Two Seasons Greenhouse	918.27
	TOTAL	\$52,221.97

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor B. MacKey expressed concern about the yard signs around town and the untidy appearance they are creating. He would like this addressed and to have the Community Constable get control of this situation by taking down the signs. He would also like some advertising on Cable 5 along with a picture of the community bulletin board at the arena stating this is the location for advertising yard sales and other community events.
- b) Councillor Clarke questioned whether the land that is for sale on Hamilton River Road near the hospital is Crown Land. The Town Manager was asked to check into this. The Town Manager was also asked to check whether the realtor selling this land is registered for business tax with the town.

- c) Councillor Tsibidis queried whether the dump road was graded. The Town Manager responded it is graded periodically.
- d) The Town Manager gave an update on the sports complex soccer pitch. In two weeks time the landscaper will be top dressing the soccer pitch. One hundred bags of lime and liquid fertilizer have been used on the area. It was also suggested the area be aerated again.
- e) Mayor Abbass asked whether a letter of support should be sent in the Portnoy immigration case. Council was asked to give this some thought. Councillor Kelly suggested that the speaking notes from the provincial government could be obtained in this regard.
- f) Mayor Abbass suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Minister in the recent announcement of the MV Astron going to Voisey's Bay with a load of freight from Goose Bay. Councillor Kelly requested that in light of the strike now on going by some of the workers at Voisey's Bay that before this letter is sent find out who is benefiting from this trip and what is the cargo. The Mayor said he would obtain further information.
- g) Director Anthony advised that Councillor MacKey will be attending a meeting at Goose River Lodge on August 23. This is a planning meeting for the Cain's Quest snowmobile race.

There being no further business the Open Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. reconvening at 9:15 p.m. with a Business Session.

12 BUSINESS SESSION

a) Summer Student Employment Programs

Director Anthony advised that 15 students signed for employment under the Summer Career Placement Program. Director Anthony will talk to the career placement students to show them their applications and the program they had signed on for. He will also show the three students represented at the meeting their signed applications. A decision will be made at a lunch time meeting on August 24.

b) Expo Labrador

Director Anthony will arrange a letter from Expo Labrador detailing the chairs and air conditioning purchases for the town.

c) Canteen – Happy Valley-Goose May Minor Soccer

A letter was received from the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer requesting a credit for the rent of the canteen for the months of July and August. This request was denied.

d) Minutes – Services Working Group

Minutes were presented from the August 17 meeting between the Town and base officials regarding Spring Gulch.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD