The 15th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on September 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:
Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Councillor James H. Saunders
Town Manager Al Durno
Director of Economic Development Betty Collins-Menne
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

Before the meeting started Mayor Abbass drew attention to the plaque which was presented to the community from the Salvation Army Bermuda Territory in recognition of the donations made by this community to the South Asian Campaign and the families affected by the 2004 tsunami.

1 DELEGATION, Ruby Best

Ms. Best addressed the Council on behalf of a group of neighbours living in homes along the Hamilton River Road river bank. A petition of 1000 names was presented to the Town Council concerning the critical state of the Churchill River with the amount of sewer being dumped into it. The petition calls for the dumping of sewer to be stopped and to concentrate on the construction and operation of a sewage treatment facility.

This petition is also being copied to the Hon. John Hickey, MHA Lake Melville District, and MP Todd Russell, Labrador District.

The residents called for more signage in the area warning of the hazards of the quality of the water in the Churchill River, advertising on the ad channel, and an educational campaign for school children that the water is unsafe to play, swim or fish in.

The Town Manager was requested to check with Provincial Environment as to whether they would cover any of the signage costs.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 15th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 15th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy

Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 14th MEETING

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

4 ACTION REPORT

a) Mayor Abbass queried 14th 7(f) and the status of the Hall of Fame in the upstairs area of the arena. Town Manager advised that Director Anthony is meeting with the user groups of the arena and this item will be discussed.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 9 Incoming Letters and 9 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package. A couple of pieces of late correspondence were presented. These included further information from the soccer association on a funding request; Press Release from the Hon. John Hickey concerning national transportation ministers meetings; notice from Combined Councils of Labrador concerning resolutions for the 2007 AGM in Nain; letter from the Combined Councils concerning negative article by Michael Johansen in the September 7, 2006 issue of The Telegram; and draft outgoing letter prepared for Snowflake Skating Club.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Councillor Paul Tsibidis to adopt the Municipal Services Report with the exception of item (j) which will be voted on separately. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Permit Report

Permit Report to September 19, 2006 was presented for information.

b) Request – Don Newman

A request received from Don Newman to operate a phone fax from his residence at 22 Roberts Road. Business is for sale of dirt bikes and small engine parts.

Committee recommends approving the request conditioned upon the applicant being advised that no materials are to be stored on site and no repairs to be carried out on site and subject to no adverse or negative feedback from the community being received and that traffic is kept to a minimal on site.

c) Request – Gerard Gushue

A request received from Gerard Gushue to operate a home based business at 20 Bay Crescent for phone fax only for real estate sales.

Committee recommends approving the request conditioned upon the site not being used for storage of any materials or equipment and subject to no adverse or negative feedback from the community being received and that traffic is kept to a minimal on site.

d) Land Application – Katrina Oxford

Land application received from Katrina Oxford for a lot of land between the Pentecostal Church and the tree nursery for a grocery store.

Committee recommends deferring this request pending the Valley Stretch Development Scheme being completed and integrated into the new Town Plan.

e) Cabins/Taxes

Committee recommends investigating ways and means to tax cabins – rates, etc.

f) Land Applications on Trans Labrador Highway

Committee recommends deferring requests for land applications on the Trans Labrador Highway pending further research and information.

g) All Terrain Vehicle Regulations Amendment

Committee recommends to amend the All Terrain Vehicle Regulations item 6 (1) (a) *from 16 years to 19 year of age* and, item 8 (c) to add *"be released for a minimum of 30 days".*

h) Citizens on Patrol

A request received from Citizens on Patrol for financial assistance. Committee recommends contributing $1,000 to Citizens on Patrol for expenses and further

recommends including this amount in the town's yearly budget.

i) Resolution

Committee recommends that a Resolution be tabled at the NLFM, AGM to prohibit persons riding in the back of pick ups.

j) Mandatory Bike Helmets

It was moved by Councillor J. Saunders seconded by Deputy Mayor Oliver that the Town Council adopt a bylaw that makes it mandatory for all persons in town to wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle.

It was suggested that when the town's delegates attend the NLFM Convention in Gander October 5-7 that this item be brought forward as a Resolution at that time.

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to refer this item back to committee. Motion Carried. Opposed: Councillor B. MacKey

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

Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented.

a) Tourism Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Tourism Parks and Recreation Report for the period from August 16, 2006 to September 19, 2006 was presented for information.

b) **Ice Rental Rate Increases**

Committee recommends increasing ice rental rates at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena by $10 per hour effective January 1, 2007.

c) **Canteen Concession at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena**

Committee recommends that Snow Flake Skating Club be written advising them that the canteen contract they signed on for at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena is a four year contract effective from October 2005 until September 2009.

d) Newfoundland and Labrador Recreation Association Regional Seminar

The Newfoundland and Labrador Recreation Association Regional Seminar will be held in Happy Valley-Goose Bay from November 17 - 19, 2006. Committee recommends that Council host a barbecue and social not to exceed $500.

e) Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador Board Meeting October 25, 2006

Air fare and accommodation for Tourism, Parks and Recreation Director Ken Anthony to attend the Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador meetings will be paid by the Central Labrador Cruise Ship Committee. Committee recommends that the Town pay the 4 day Per Diem for Mr. Anthony's attendance at this meeting.

f) Additional Items

Councillor MacKey advised that he received an invitation to the Tidy Towns Awards being held at the Arts and Culture Centre in Gander. He passed this invitation to those delegates attending the NLFM.

Councillor MacKey advised that a logo commemorating the 90 Year Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion will be placed at center ice at the E.J. Broomfield Memorial Arena.

8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 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) **Information Item**

Information item was a News release from Innovation Trade and Rural Development.

b) **Information Item**

Information item presented with an explanation of why 5 Wing Goose Bay is called 5 Wing.

c) **Media Release – Combined Councils of Labrador**

Committee recommends that the Combined Councils of Labrador be written requesting that prior to Press Releases being made public they be presented to all Board Members for input.

d) **Information Item**

Presented at the Committee was a 709 News Publication of a negative article in the Evening Telegram by Michael Johansen.

Committee recommends that a letter be forwarded to The Editor of The Evening Telegram stating our displeasure with this article and also forwarding a copy to the local media.

e) **Melville Communications quarterly magazine "Labrador Life**

Committee recommends to advertise in the Labrador Life at a cost of $650.00 plus taxes with an ad on the inside back cover.

f) **Update on town's promotional material – Information Item**

The Mayor requested the Town Manager obtain information from Aliant regarding internet speed for the next Committee meeting.

g) **NLOWE Workshop - "Going Global"**

Committee recommends that Director of Economic Development Betty Collins-Menne attend this workshop.

h) **Information Item – Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador**

i) **Meet and Greet Reception September 27, 2006**

Committee recommends that the Town contribute $500 towards a Meet and Greet with 6 USAF personnel on September 27, 2006.

j) **Base Briefing**

Base Briefing on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

k) **UVS Canada Conference, Montebelo, Quebec**

Committee recommends that the Town send two representatives to the UVS Conference and share the booth costs with other local representatives, i.e., Serco, GBAC, Chamber of Commerce and the province.

l) **Bridging the Gap between the UAV Presence / the Rapid Response Team Presence in Happy Valley-Goose Bay**

Committee recommends that the Mayor and one other Councillor go to Ottawa and meet with the Minister of Defence and outline the Town's concerns about what is happening between now and the presence of these initiatives.

Mayor Abbass talked with Brent Battcock and a meeting is being arranged for the second week in October. A letter will be sent requesting this meeting.

9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the Finance and Administration Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) Cell Phone Use in Town

Committee recommends that Aliant be approached requesting the band width for cell phones be increased to accommodate our requirements. Also, request a meeting with Wayne Sheppard to inform Council on this issue.

b) Soccer Request for Assistance

Request received from Provincial Soccer coach for assistance for persons who traveled for Atlantic and National tournaments.

Committee recommends that after reviewing additional information received $250.00 each be given to Kelcie Winters, Jeremy Anderson, Dylan Roberts and Eric Fradsham for attending National soccer tournaments.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to refer this motion back to committee. Motion Carried.

c) Contract between Town and Arvo McMillan re Municipal Plan Update and Adoption

Committee recommends engaging Arvo McMillan, Planning Consultant to update the town's Municipal Plan, including the necessary requirements to have the Plan adopted effective October 1, 2006.

d) DND/Water/Overflow of Spring Gulch

Committee recommends that the Town write to DND advising that the Town is not interested in taking over

Spring Gulch with associated lines. However, wish to advise that consultants will be hired to investigate taking the overflow of Spring Gulch and requesting permission to carry out these studies.

e) **Proclamation – Canada World Youth Week**

Committee recommends the Mayor declare October 15-21, 2006 Canada World Youth Week.

f) **Info Item**

Information item presented from Federation of Canadian Municipalities concerning Municipal Infrastructure.

g) **Info from Multi Materials Stewardship Board**

Information received concerning tire recycling.

h) **Accounts Receivable Report and Trial Balance**

Enclosed in Council's package was the Accounts Receivable Report and Trial balance to September 7, 2006.

i) **Temporary Employment**

Committee recommends advertising for a temporary Heavy Equipment Operator until the incumbent returns to work.

j) **Letter to Minister Hedderson**

Committee recommends that Council send a letter to the Hon. Tom Hedderson for an explanation as to the impact of the lost position in the Tourism Department (Director).

k) **Big Land Fair**

Committee recommends a letter be written to the Big Land Fair organization congratulating them on a successful event.

l) **Meeting with Minister John Hickey**

Committee recommends that a meeting be arranged with the Hon. John Hickey as soon as possible concerning chip seal on the Trans Labrador Highway. This meeting may be held during the middle of October.

m) **Chip Seal Report**

Committee recommends that Council request the report on chip seal from the Provincial Government.

n) **Complaints Report**

The Complaints Report for August 2006 was presented for information.

o) **Petroleum Pricing Office**

The Petroleum Pricing report for August 19, September 1, 2, 5, 2006 were presented for information.

p) **Fines Report**

The Fines Report was presented for information.

q) **Request for Travel Expenses**

A request was received from Michael Evoy for assistance in expenses for a move to Tacoma, Washington to play Tier 2 Junior Hockey. Committee recommends denying this request as it does not meet the guidelines of the Donation Policy.

r) **Swimming Pools**

Committee recommends that suggested guidelines be put in place for swimming pools in town.

s) **Info Item – Gas Tax Funding for Newfoundland and Labrador**

t) **Dog/Cat Regulations**

Committee recommends that regulations be put in place regarding dog bites (i.e. bites in a calendar year – action to be taken)

u) **2006/2007 Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 06092**

Committee recommends that Council enter into a 50/50 agreement with the Province in the amount of $45,000.00 to have a business case development plan developed by Bae NewPlan Group Ltd. for the town's sewage treatment plant and associated piping and pumping.

v) **Labrador Creative Arts Festival**

Request from Labrador Creative Arts Festival for a donation towards the 31st Labrador Creative Arts Festival taking place November 15-21, 2006.

Committee recommends donating $500 towards this event.

10 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to approve the cheques in the amount of $240,085.00 . Motion Carried unanimously**.**

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60015196	Arvo McMillian	$ 1,700.00
60015210	Flotech Enterprises Ltd.	1,246.02
60015215	Kem Manufacturing Canada	2,679.00
60015218	Labrador Construction Ltd.	2,817.23
60015219	Michelin North America Inc.	824.77
60015221	Newcap Broadcasting	779.76
60015231	Serco Facilities Management In	2,764.23
60015233	Switch Electrical Inc.	1,007.76
60015241	East-Chem	3,236.52
60015242	Emco Limited-Waterworks	32,668.64
60015247	Hitech Communications Ltd.	1,162.79
60015249	Labrador Specialty Services Inc.	831.96
60015250	Lahave Equipment Ltd.	1,364.61
60015256	Walters Hoffe	1,710.00
60015267	CBCL Limited	622.58
60015257	Western Pump Services	1,135.44
60015289	Minaskuat Limited Partnership	18,977.92
60015291	W & J Construction	63,158.75
60014317	The Carpet Man	1744.20
60014320	East-Chem	53,335.72
60014323	Goose Bay Wholesalers Ltd,	1,518.16
60014324	Goose Sales & Services	991.76
60015329	Labrador Motors Ltd.	669.10
60015335	Noseworthy, Leslie H Ltd.	5,700.00

60015338	Royal Inn	534.66
60015339	SGE Acres Limited	30,000.00
60014342	Terry's Tents & Shoe Repair	2,004.69
60015345	Toss Signs Inc.	1,066.47
60014348	United Rentals of Canada Inc.	1,274.95
60015352	Terpstra & Associates	2,557.31
	TOTAL	240,085.00

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

a) Councillor Clarke congratulated the Labradorian for all their news coverage during the Aerospace Conference.

b) Councillor Saunders advised that another meeting between DND and the Town regarding potable water is scheduled for Tues, Oct 3.

c) Councillor Kelly commended the organizers of the Big Land Fair on another successful event.

d) Councillor Kelly commended the Animal Control Officer as she has noticed there are no dogs on the loose in Spruce Park area of town.

e) Councillor MacKey asked who owns the properties on the North Side that are falling down and are becoming a safety concern. The Municipal Services are looking into this situation and will be reporting back to Council with a recommendation.

f) Councillor Tsibidis commented on the signs for the areas along the sewer outfall on the Churchill River. The Mayor proposed that discussion take place with the people in the area as to the placement of the signs.

g) Deputy Mayor Oliver remarked he is glad the Council will possibly be looking into a bylaw for the wearing of bicycle helmets, considering we are the only province in Atlantic Canada that doesn't have such a bylaw in place.

h) Deputy Mayor Oliver noted he attended ACAP an meeting on September 25, along with the Director of Economic Development.

i) Deputy Mayor Oliver passed along information regarding a circus act for the area during the second week of August next year.

j) Deputy Mayor Oliver expressed pleasure that the workers at Voisey's Bay have now ratified their union agreement with the company.

k) Deputy Mayor Oliver mentioned he has received a lot of positive comments on the new traffic light system at the intersection of Hamilton River Road and Loring Drive.

l) Mayor Abbass remarked on the great public relations being carried out by the town during the month of September.

m) Mayor Abbass commended Councillor Clarke and his committee for the excellent Aerospace Conference recently held here in town.

n) Mayor Abbass commented on the amount of litter around town. He requested advertising be placed on the roll up channel and have the Community Constable look into enforcing regulations on litter control.

o) Mayor Abbass queried whether there should be a policy in place regarding the use of fire works within the town. It was suggested that the Fire Chief look into this topic.

The open session adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. with a Business Session.

12 BUSINESS SESSION

a) **GMC Motor for Car 14**

Discussion took place on why the replacement motor for Car 14 was installed at a local garage rather than the Town Garage. This was attributed to the work load at the town garage and the warranty on the engine purchased. The cheque covering this work will be presented at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

MAYOR LEO ABBASS

TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD