

The 16th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on October 24, 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

Absent: Town Clerk V. Sheppard

Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

1 DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

a)

Mr. Loxton addressed the Council with concerns about the absence of an emergency 911 service in the area. Mr. Loxton also voiced his concerns about the cost of the Ambulance service and fears that residents may hesitate to utilize this service because of the cost.

b) **DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson**

Mr. Dyson addressed the Council with his ongoing concerns about the water and sewer issues and the cost of the water treatment plant.

Mr. Dyson also spoke about marine services for the Labrador coast.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 16th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver seconded by Councillor B. Mackey to adopt the agenda of the 16th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 15th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ACTION REPORT

- a) Deputy Mayor Oliver queried 15th 4(j) and the status of the mandatory bike helmet bylaw. Councillor J. Saunders advised that he did bring this to the floor at the NLFM but it was not considered to be of an urgent nature and could not be dealt with.
- b) Councillor Kelly queried 15th 5(e) and where the funding for this organization comes from and that the per diem should not be paid for by council.

Mayor Abbass advised that some of their funds were raised from fees charged for guided tours of the cruise ship.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 17 Incoming Letters and 14 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

- a) Incoming letter #1 Mayor Abbass suggested we should consider attending the Shephard Airpower 07 conference. Deputy Mayor Oliver suggested the several funding agencies available to aid in the cost of attendance.
- b) Incoming letter #10 Mayor Abbass suggested a letter of congratulations be sent to Terry Hancock for his election to the board of the Municipal Assessment Agency.
- c) Outgoing letter #2 Councillor B. Mackey asked if we received a response to this letter. Mayor Abbass advised that no response was received but that he had a meeting with Mr. Ron Bowles and that there is a full staff in place and that the position of Director has become redundant, however, another position will be filled.

d) **Additional item**

Councillor Kelly requested a letter be sent to Destination Labrador inviting their new representative to speak with Council regarding their agenda for Central Labrador.

6 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor James H. Saunders

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver to adopt the Municipal Services Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

a) Permit Report

Permit Report to October 17, 2006 was presented for information.

b) Land Application- Mark Simms

Application for Crown Land 45 x 90 Meters received from Mark Simms located at Burnt Point for the purpose of constructing a cottage. Committee recommends approval.

c) Land Application- Labrador Investments

Application for Crown Land 180x120 Meters received from Labrador Investments located on Hamilton River Road for a supermarket and Canadian Tire Store. Committee recommends that Council defer the request until the Valley Stretch Development Scheme has been reviewed and the new Municipal Plan has been completed and adopted.

d) Land Application- Eugene Mesher

Application received for Crown Land 60x30 Meters from Eugene Mesher located adjacent to his existing lot on Mud Lake Road for the extension to his lot to accommodate a septic system. Committee recommends approval.

e) Policy-Acquiring Crown Policy

Committee recommends that Staff review and update the Acquiring Crown Policy

f) Motion to Rescind

Committee recommends that items 7. i) j) k) l) m) n) o) p) q) r) of the minutes from the 12th Council Meeting held June 26/06, be rescinded.

g) Land Application

Committee recommends that Council approve the following applicants for land on Churchill Falls Road for the purpose of constructing a cottage.

Gerald Saunders, Fraser Mclean, John Hickey, Peggy Best, Tony Hayden, Shane Hayden, Harold Carew, Anne Carew, Gordon Sansford and Carol Ann Oates.

h) Dilapidated Buildings

Committee recommends that staff prepare a report on dilapidated buildings and unsightly properties within our community.

i) Additional Item

Town Manager informed Council that the Development Agreement for the new housing lots has been signed and that there may be some work done this fall.

7 TOURISM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councillor B. MacKey

It was moved by Councillor B. Mackey seconded by 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 September 20, 2006 to October 10, 2006 was presented for information.

b) Half Marathon

The Half Marathon Event was held October 21/06. The Town provided juice and snacks for the event and Mayor Abbass suggested scheduling four runs per year and including some funds in the budget for this event.

c) Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night celebrations will be held Sunday, November 5/06. Events included free skating at the Arena and a bonfire and fireworks behind the Hospital.

d) Playground Strategy Meeting

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8/06 to discuss playgrounds. Councillor B. Mackey advised that he will be out of town and would like someone else to attend on his behalf. It was also asked if the Calendar of Events could be updated and the meeting be put on the roll up.

e) Tender-Board Repair

Committee recommends that Council engage Terpstra Engineering to prepare the necessary documents to tender the modified Arena Boards at a cost of \$1900.00 plus HST.

f) Letter

Committee recommends that Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation request a response to the correspondence sent to the Snowflake Skating Club regarding the canteen concession.

**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) Request for Advertisements

Committee recommends that Council place an advertisement with the Downhomer Travel Magazine at a cost of \$610.00 plus taxes.

b) Notice of Amendment-Combined Councils of Labrador

Enclosed in Council Package are the proposed amendments for the Combined Councils of Labrador. Committee recommends that Council agree to the notice of amendment.

c) Information Item

- Media Release Combined Councils.
- Minutes of the Atlantic Coastal Action Plan Meeting September 25/06.
- Minutes of the Lake Melville Tourism Association meeting September 29/06.
- Copy of Senator Bakers's comments on the Senate Committee Report.
- Cost savings for travel for the Montebello UAV Conference being held in Montreal, Quebec November 7-11/06.

d) Atlantic Coastal Action Plan

Committee recommends that the Economic Development Director no longer attend the meetings and the Superintendent of Works, Water and Sewer, Sheldon Normore, Councillor Saunders and Deputy Mayor Oliver attend on behalf of the Town.

e) Coalition for the Development of Canadian North East

Press release received from the Coalition for the Development of Canadian North East notifying that Mrs. Lisa Pelletier, mayor of the Town of Fermont is now spokesperson for Route 389 Sector.

Mayor Abbass reinforced the fact that our priorities remain with Route 389 and Route 500 until there is a hard top surface in place.

f) Debate of the Senate

Enclosed in Council Package is a copy of the National Security & Defense Committee Report on National Security Policy.

g) Additional Items

Councillor M. Kelly requests a letter written to the Rural Secretariat inviting their representative to address Council.

It was suggested that with the closing of the Tourist Chalet that the Town Office and Town Council be accessible for information for tourists.

Councillor B. Mackey informed Council that his employer will be paying his salary while he is away at the UAV Conference and therefore the Town will not be responsible for lost wages.

9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke

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

a) Goose Bay Airport Corporation

Committee recommends that Mayor Abbass represent Council on the Goose Bay Airport Corporation.

b) Training Course

Committee recommends that Edna Webber and Valerie Sheppard attend the Small Claims & Collection Training Seminar in St. John's, NL October 24/06.

c) Request- North Atlantic Aviation Museum

Request received from the North Atlantic Aviation Museum to sell the Canso Aircraft donated to our town and stored in Gander. Committee recommends that Council notify the North Atlantic Aviation Museum that we want the Canso Aircraft flown to Happy Valley-Goose Bay as soon as possible. Mayor Abbass suggests writing a letter to our MHA to aid in getting the aircraft to our town.

d) Traffic Fines

Enclosed in Council Package is the September 06 Traffic Fines report.

e) Training-CONA

Enclosed in Council Package is info on the Local Government Management Certificate Program.

f) Request-Soccer

Committee recommends to pay \$250.00 to each for four soccer players who attend tournaments outside the province as per our Donation Policy.

g) Donation Policy

Committee recommends that the Donation Policy be amended effective January 1, 2007 as follows: Item G to be replaced to read;

- Maximum donation per person per travel time be reduced from \$250.00 to \$150.00.

Item I to be replaced to read;

- In any Calendar year the total amount a person can receive is \$300.00.

h) Request-Jason Bessey

Request from Jason Bessey for a donation to attend the Canadian National Youth Championship in Laval, Quebec from October 2-10/06. Committee recommends to contribute \$250.00.

i) Request-Kaitlyn Abbass

Committee recommends to contribute \$250.00 to Kaitlyn Abbass to compete in the Under 18 Provincial Female Hockey Team Atlantic Challenge Cup in Moncton, NB.

j) Millennium Scholarship

Enclosed in Council Package is information on the Millennium Scholarship for outstanding students in our community who will be attending a post secondary institute in the fall of 2007.

k) Historical Site

Enclosed in Council Package is information from the Heritage Foundation of NL on historical sites in our community.

l) Swimming Pool Guidelines

Enclosed in Council Package are swimming pool guidelines from other communities. This will be referred to Municipal Services Committee for review.

m) Fuel Pricing

Enclosed in Council package are Heating Fuel pricing and Retail Pump Prices effective Sept. 15, 22, 24 and Oct. 3 & 15/06

n) Request- Donna Roberts/Jacinda Beals

Request received from Donna Roberts and Jacinda Beals for financial assistance to attend the Music NL Awards and conference taking place Nov. 3-5/06 in Stephenville, NL. Committee recommends to contribute \$250.00 each.

Committee recommends approval. Moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. Mackey. Motion carried. Opposed: Councillor D. Clarke

Councillor D. Clarke also suggested that the Donation Policy be discontinued

o) Info Item- NLFM

Enclosed in Council package is the October 13/06 NLFM Info Note

p) RCMP Statistics-September/06

Enclosed in Council Package are the RCMP September /06 statistics.

q) 2007 Budget

Council and Department Heads are requested to have their 2007 Capital Works list forwarded to the Town

Clerk by October 31/06.

r) Mealy Mountain Auditorium

Committee recommends to award North Link Construction Limited in the amount of \$127,908.00 including taxes and not to exceed \$153,489.60 including engineering.

s) Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement

Gas Tax Info Item referred to Committee for signing.

t) Services- Frac Flow Consultants

Committee recommends to engage the services of Frac Flow Consultants Inc. to perform water sampling through our distribution system and make a presentation to Council on their report for the Spring Gulch Capacity Model for a cost of \$2230.00 plus HST. Moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke. Motion carried.

u) Additional Item-Letter to Salvation Army

Mayor Abbass suggested the Town write a letter to the Salvation Army in appreciation for the services they provide.

10 **APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to approve the cheques in the amount of \$332,265.09 . Motion Carried unanimously.

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CHEQUES OVER \$500.00 OCTOBER 2006

CK #	PAY TO THE ORDER OF	CK AMOUNT
60015355	ACWWA	632.50
60015360	BENTLEY'S BEER MARKET	1129.60
60015370	LABRADORIAN PRINTERS	1181.04
60015373	LABRADOR CANOE REGATTA	500.00
60015375	NATIONAL PROCESS EQUIPMENT	1025.31
60015377	NFLD MUNICIPAL FINANCING	149591.61
60015390	LAST LOGOS PROMOTIONAL	909.48
60015393	CIMCO REFRIGERATION	24479.40
60015394	COASTAL CONTROLS	1120.38
60015397	LIGHTING & TRAFFIC SYSTEMS	7520.69
60015401	NOSEWORTHY, LESLEY	1824.00
60015404	SERCO FACILITIES	649.52
60015405	SHEPPARD CONFERENCES	20000.00
60015416	EMCO LTD-WATERWORKS	2897.65
60015423	JET ICE	2850.00
60015426	MEDICAL WEST SUPPLIES	2705.76
60015428	MOKTECK 2000 LTD	937.22
60015432	ONTRAC EQUIPMENT	21111.41
60015438	SPEEDY AUTO & WINDOW	1990.44
60015456	ATLANTIC INDUSTRIES	6042.00
60015461	JJ'S TRUCKING	598.50
60015463	LABRADOR MOTORS	1642.16
60015465	MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY	24947.00
60015469	RON FOUGERE ASSOC	35983.18
60015489	TOROMONT CAT	931.47
60015470	STEWART MCKELVEY STIRLING	809.11
60015494	ARVO MCMILLIAN	3545.93
60015495	BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION	928.72
60015501/21	LEWIS CONCRETE	8521.50
60015504	PROFIRE SALES & SERVICE	1715.17
60015509	ATLANTIC PURIFICATIONS	1265.98
60015512	DAVIS& FLANIGAN ELECTRICAL	1026.00
60015513	EMCO LTD-WATERWORKS	622.80
60015518	GOOSE SALES & SERVICE	729.55
		\$332,265.09

11 COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Councillor Clarke points out that in reference to the donation policy he values the efforts of volunteers in the community but also values the taxpayers dollars. Mayor Abbass respects his principle and understands his concerns.
- b) Councillor Mackey expresses that he is happy to see we are moving forward with the North Side. He expresses his concern that all Town areas should be clean and tidy as an example to others. The Town Manager advises that when the Municipal Technologist gathers pictures and the like that letters will be sent out. Councillor Mackey also asks that if anyone has any info or promo items that may be suitable to take to the UAV Conference in Montebello that he and Betty Collins-Menne are attending, it would be much appreciated.

- c) Mayor Abbass asks about the final report referring to the North Side and if there are funds remaining.
- d) Deputy Mayor Oliver suggests polling residents through the newspaper for input regarding the Bi-law for bike helmets. Deputy Mayor Oliver voiced his concerns about Federal cutbacks to social programs and the effect it will have on our Town.
- e) Mayor Abbass advises that there will be an Open House at the Friendship Center in conjunction with Service Canada on November 1/06.
- f) Mayor Abbass inquires as to whether all the equipment is ready for snowfall. Town Manager advises that the equipment is ready.
- g) Mayor Abbass queried the concrete headwalls and their purpose. The Town Manager advised that this keeps the sand out and cuts down on cost.
- h) Councillor Mackey suggests sending out letters of congratulations to the newly elected members of the Nunatsiavut Government.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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MAYOR LEO ABBASS

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TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD