

The 69th meeting of the 12th Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM and called to order by Deputy Mayor Bert Pomeroy.

Members Present:

Mayor Wally Andersen (Via telephone)
Deputy Mayor Bert Pomeroy
Councillor Michelle Baikie
Councillor Jackie Compton Hobbs
Councillor Lori Dyson-Edmunds
Councillor Shawn Crann

Regrets:

Director of Financial Operations, Nadine MacAulay

Also Present:

Town Manager, Robert Andrews
Municipal Engineer, Randy Dillon
Executive Assistant, Kathy Eddy
Manager of Public Relations, Waylon Williams

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 69th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Crann and seconded by Councillor Dyson Edmunds to adopt the agenda of the 69th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Appoint Town Manager Robert Andrews as Acting Town Clerk

It was moved by Councillor Dyson Edmunds and seconded by Councillor Baikie to appoint Robert Andrews as Acting Town Clerk for the duration of the 69th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Award Local Road Improvements Project

The Municipal Services committee recommends Council award a contract to Johnson Construction for the Local Road Improvements in the amount of \$5,582,731.93. Moved by Councillor Crann and seconded by Councillor Baikie.

Council had the opportunity to express their thoughts on the Motion. Councillor Compton Hobbs advised that she has concerns with the award, especially since Johnson Construction is the same contractor doing the paving on the South Coast Highway and they are not meeting the deadlines. She said she still feels more discussion with all of Council is necessary before this contract goes ahead. She said she still feels that the 30 M buffer is achievable with the savings from the other contract coming in under budget. She said she will not support having trails and environmental areas destroyed and will be voting against the motion.

Councillor Dyson-Edmunds said she shared the same sentiments as Councillor Compton Hobbs and will not be supporting the Motion either.

Mayor Andersen said he gave his word that Council will look at the options, but there is no guarantee. He said he has the taxpayers support on this. He advised that money cannot be transferred from the project and Council would have to borrow money if they make changes. He said Council will have a serious discussion as to what they can do and make a decision in the best interest of the people. He said Council needs to meet with the Premier and Ministers and explore every option.

Councillor Crann asked the Town Engineer if they go over on the project, will the Federal and Provincial Government be on side. The Town Engineer said that would need to be confirmed during the investigation process. He said if not, the Town would be on the hook for \$165K. Councillor Crann asked who would pay for re-design/consultant fees. Town Engineer advised that would be part of the project.

Deputy Mayor Pomeroy called for a vote. Councillor Baikie, Councillor Crann, Mayor Andersen and Deputy Mayor Pomeroy voted in favour of the Motion. Councillor Compton Hobbs and Councillor Dyson-Edmunds voted against the Motion. Motion carried.

4. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Dyson Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

MAYOR WALLY ANDERSEN

TOWN MANAGER ROBERT ANDREWS

