

The 74th meeting of the 12th Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM and called to order by Mayor Wally Andersen.

Members Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Joe Tremblett
Municipal Engineer, Randy Dillon

Also Present:

Town Manager, Robert Andrews
Director of Financial Operations Nadine MacAulay
Executive Assistant Kathy Eddy
Manager of Public Relations, Waylon Williams

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 74th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds to adopt the agenda of the 74th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

2. DELEGATIONS-There were no delegations.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 71st MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 71st meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 72nd MEETING

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It was moved by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds and seconded by Councillor Baikie to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 72nd meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There were 3 incoming letters in correspondence this month.

| LETTER NO | DATED | FROM | REGARDING |
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| 1. | October 28 | Municipal Assessment Agency | Update (2 pages) |
| 2. | November 2 | Anonymous | Town Infrastructure |
| 3. | November 10 | Parks Canada | Update |

5. MUNICIPAL SERVICES- Councillor Shawn Crann

It was moved by Councillor Crann and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds to accept the Municipal Services committee report for November as presented. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations:**1. Equipment loan – loader**

Be it resolved that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada, \$435,150 for the purchase of a John Deere 644L, for a term of 60 months, amortization period of 60 months at an interest rate of 3.19%. Moved by Councillor Crann and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION - Councillor Jackie Compton Hobbs.

It was moved by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds to accept the Community Services and Recreation committee report for November as presented. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations: None**7. DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT- Deputy Mayor Bert Pomeroy**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Crann to accept the Development and Planning committee report for November as presented. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Compton Hobbs said the DPE meeting got heated over the Body Worn Camera Policy and the OIPC regulations. She said we are spending thousands of dollars for an investigation when there's already a policy in place. Council should be able to look at it. She said the final decision is made by Council, it's Council's discretion. She said on October 27th the investigation was approved and she has asked twice for updates and no response. Council is in the dark she said. She said she doesn't understand why the MEO was not included in the meeting with OIPC or the DPE committee. She said the Town Manager and HR Manager spoke to OIPC and we're still no father ahead then when the policy was passed in July.

Councillor Dyson-Edmunds said until changes are made, we have to follow the policy. She said the only info they have is that someone has been appointed. She agreed the meeting got heated and rightfully so since discussion happened without the head of the department attending. She said she fails to see the reasoning why committee is not involved either and she takes offence to that.

Mayor Andersen said OIPC overrules Council. He agreed there are questions still unanswered for OIPC and he too would like to see this done. He said the policy was pushed through when Council was told by OIPC that more answers were required. He said OIPC handles all legislation including the Department of Municipal Affairs. He said he personally doesn't want to review the video and feels staff should handle it. He said he asked the lawyer for an update and was told it is ongoing. He said he understand the public wants this investigation done too.

Councillor Compton Hobbs said with all the money being paid for this Council needs an update other than just saying it's ongoing. Council needs answers. She said she was told staff reached out to OIPC and it took weeks to draft a policy. She said it's time to move forward, have a meeting with OIPC and all of Council and get the questions answered.

Mayor Andersen spoke of the investigation and said he's not sure if any staff has been interviewed, but to date he has not been approached. He said he realizes it is frustrating and time consuming doing an investigation and asked if the Town Manager has been approached.

The Town manager said any information that was requested has been provided. He said he has not been advised of the scope of the process. He said the investigator will determine what is required and gather the information.

Mayor Andersen said he will contact the Lawyer and ask for status of the investigation.

Recommendations:

a) Crown Land Applications

- i. 157019- 10 Spruce Avenue -The Development, Planning and Enforcement committee recommends Council have no objection for Crown Lands application 157019 with the following condition; compliance with all the Town's Development Regulations. Moved by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Discretionary Land Applications

- i. **540 NWR Road Agriculture** – The DPE committee recommends Council approve the application from Tom Angiers for agricultural use located at 540 North West River Road with the following conditions; that a "Fire and life safety inspection" as per NFPA 101 be satisfactorily completed at the applicant's cost and that the applicant provides an application for a Change of Use at the applicants cost. Moved by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Dyson-Edmunds referred to the upcoming recommendation for 71 McDonald Drive and said in light of the pandemic, she has concerns and suggested Council look at holding off on HBB with frequent contact. She said the recent increase in cases concerns her and she feels Council should put safety above all.

Councillor Compton Hobbs said she is getting complaints from business owners that are paying staff, taxes, overhead, etc. and she feels Council should review the HBB policy. She also has concerns with the recent increase in Covid cases.

Deputy Mayor Pomeroy asked should Council be shutting down all HBB's in light of Covid?

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Councillor Dyson-Edmunds said things are changing with Covid and there have been spikes in the last week. She said she isn't saying shut down all HBB's but feels there is a need for discussion with respect to the protocols for HBB's.

Deputy Mayor Pomeroy said Council has no jurisdiction on protocols for HBB's. Councillor Baikie agreed; saying that is the job of the Chief Medical Officer. Deputy Mayor said Council can look at the policy but cannot be turning down applications for HBB's.

Mayor Andersen said he has concerns for local business' that have insurance, overhead, taxes, etc. and then to have someone operating from their kitchen with none of the above. He said that is not fair to those creating jobs and paying all the expenses. He agreed this needs to be looked at and suggested putting a freeze on something like this until further discussion.

Town Manager clarified that this is an application for a "business" to be registered with the Town. The owner will be paying Town taxes as well and will require all the proper inspections.

Mayor Andersen then called for the vote.

- ii. **71 McDonald Drive HBB-** The DPE committee recommends Council approve the application from Erwin Ponce for a Home Based Business located at 71 McDonald Drive with the following conditions; that a "Fire and life safety inspection" as per NFPA 101 be satisfactorily completed at the applicant's cost, that the applicant provides an application for a Change of Use at the applicants cost and compliance with all the Town's Development Regulations with special reference to Section 54. Moved by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Baikie. Pomeroy, Baikie and Andersen voted in favour of the Motion. Compton Hobbs, Crann and Dyson-Edmunds voted against the Motion. Motion defeated.

8. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT- Councillor Lori Dyson-Edmunds**

It was moved by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs to accept the Economic Development and Public Engagement committee report for November as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Recommendations: None

9. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY- Councillor Michelle Baikie

It was moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann to accept the Finance, Administration and Policy committee report for November as presented. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations:

- a) BT Adjustment COVID-19 – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve Business Tax adjustment due to COVID-19 to Vera O’Brien Mortgage Broker in the amount of \$86.25. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) BT Adjustment COVID-19 – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve Business Tax adjustment due to COVID-19 to K & K Dawe Trucking in the amount of \$419.31. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) BT Adjustment COVID-19 – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve Business Tax adjustment due to COVID-19 to Labrador Friendship Centre in the amount of \$1,425.00. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Andersen declared he was in conflict with the next recommendation as his daughter is employed with Nunacor Development Corporation. He left Council Chambers at 6:05 PM. Council discussed the declaration and decided unanimously that Mayor Andersen was not in conflict as there is no monetary gain to him. He returned to Council Chambers at 6:06 PM. He was advised that Council decided he is not in conflict, however, he still felt he is in conflict. Deputy Mayor Pomeroy stated that it is clear in the Municipalities Act that Council makes the decision and they feel this recommendation has no bearing on Mayor Andersen, there is no monetary gain for Mayor Andersen and therefore he is not in conflict. Deputy Mayor Pomeroy asked that Mayor Andersen proceed.

- d) BT Adjustment COVID-19 – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve Business Tax adjustment due to COVID-19 to Nunacor Development Corporation in the amount of \$885.89. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. Mayor Andersen voted against the Motion. All others voted in favour. Motion carried.

- e) BT Adjustment COVID-19 – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve Business Tax adjustment due to COVID-19 to Komatik Support Services (Royal Inn & Suites) in the amount of \$1,425.00. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. Mayor Andersen voted against the Motion. All others voted in favour. Motion carried.
- f) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Library Board for the Melville Public Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- g) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to the HVGB Ground Search and Rescue Team in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- h) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to the HVGB SPCA in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- i) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to the Salvation Army in support of the annual Kettle Drive in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- j) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to the Roland Shears Memorial Christmas Hamper Project in the amount of \$1,500.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- k) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to Helping Hands in support of residents at Long-Term Care in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.
- l) 2021 Capital Works Applications - The FAP Committee recommends that Council

approve the submission of applications for the following projects in the 2021/2022 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:

1. AP-MCW-21317 D42 Pumphouse Upgrades
2. AP-MCW-21351 Sewage Lift Station Upgrades
3. AP-MCW-21355 Hamilton River Road Water Transmission Main-Engineering Design

Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

- a) Donation – The Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee recommends Council approve a donation to Queen of Peace Middle School in support of their Kids Eat Smart Program in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 2020. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

The FAP Committee recommends Council approve cheques in the amount of \$1,878,624.02. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Issued</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 022614 | 11/02/2020 | RECEIVER GENERAL (taxes) | 107,071.06 |
| 022615 | 11/02/2020 | ARCHITECTURE49 INC. | 8,064.81 |
| 022616 | 11/02/2020 | CAMIONS CARL THIBAUT INC | 239,519.70 |
| 022617 | 11/02/2020 | DESJARDINS FINANCIAL SECURITY | 63,217.14 |
| 022619 | 11/02/2020 | LAT49 ARCHITECTURE INC. | 24,254.39 |
| 022620 | 11/02/2020 | Moss Development Corp. | 128,518.76 |
| 022622 | 11/02/2020 | NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO | 2,695.40 |
| 022623 | 11/02/2020 | PICTOMETRY CANADA CORP. | 2,587.50 |
| 022624 | 11/02/2020 | POMERLEAU | 685,832.34 |
| 022625 | 11/02/2020 | TRACT CONSULTING INC. | 31,007.16 |
| 022628 | 11/06/2020 | CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES | 4,126.34 |
| 022631 | 11/16/2020 | RECEIVER GENERAL (taxes) | 46,665.10 |

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| 022632 | | BELL ALIANT | 5,900.56 |
| 022633 | 11/16/2020 | BELL MOBILITY INC. | 1,313.79 |
| 022637 | 11/16/2020 | NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO | 11,647.88 |
| 022639 | 11/16/2020 | TARA RYAN | 1,166.67 |
| 022641 | 11/16/2020 | NEWFOUNDLAND EXCHEQUER ACCT (HEALTH | 10,074.21 |
| 022643 | 11/26/2020 | APERTURE TECH INC | 3,082.00 |
| 022644 | 11/26/2020 | ARCHITECTURE49 INC. | 6,891.98 |
| 022645 | 11/26/2020 | ATLANTIC PURIFICATIONS | 1,604.25 |
| 022650 | 11/26/2020 | BIRD HOUSE GARDEN MARKET | 5,028.93 |
| 022656 | 11/26/2020 | DEXTER INSTITUTE INC | 2,392.00 |
| 022658 | 11/26/2020 | EMCO CORPORATION-WATERWORKS SUPPLIE | 1,122.80 |
| 022659 | 11/26/2020 | ENVIRO-SAFE FUEL SYSTEMS LTD. | 632.50 |
| 022660 | 11/26/2020 | FIREHALL ON LINE BOOKSTORE | 503.36 |
| 022661 | 11/26/2020 | FIRST RESPONSE SUPPLY INC. | 8,430.65 |
| 022664 | 11/26/2020 | GOOSE BAY WHOLESALERS LIMITED | 1,405.63 |
| 022665 | 11/26/2020 | GOOSE BAY AUTO PARTS | 1,328.64 |
| 022666 | 11/26/2020 | GREY ROCK | 627.90 |
| 022667 | 11/26/2020 | GUILLEVIN INTERNATIONAL INC (HEAP) | 511.75 |
| 022669 | 11/26/2020 | HARVEY & COMPANY LTD | 1,021.22 |
| 022670 | 11/26/2020 | HICKEY CONSTRUCTION LTD. | 44,029.60 |
| 022671 | 11/26/2020 | HITECH COMMUNICATIONS LTD. | 1,609.66 |
| 022672 | 11/26/2020 | INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT | 19,857.02 |
| 022674 | 11/26/2020 | JET ICE | 3,699.26 |
| 022675 | 11/26/2020 | K & K DAWE TRUCKING LTD. | 10,807.36 |
| 022677 | 11/26/2020 | LABRADOR SPECIALTY SERVICE INC. | 1,949.07 |
| 022678 | 11/26/2020 | LABRADOR MOTORS LTD. | 6,299.32 |
| 022679 | 11/26/2020 | LABRADOR OFFICE ESSENTIALS | 599.23 |
| 022680 | 11/26/2020 | MARKLAND PAVING INC. | 38,772.25 |
| 022682 | 11/26/2020 | MEDICAL WEST SUPPLIES INC. | 640.47 |
| 022684 | 11/26/2020 | MOKAMI TRAVEL SERVICE LTD. | 1,095.71 |
| 022686 | 11/26/2020 | MORNEAU SHEPELL | 6,938.24 |
| 022687 | 11/26/2020 | Moss Development Corp. | 213,469.45 |
| 022688 | 11/26/2020 | NATIONAL SHOE | 907.01 |

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| 022689 | | NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO | 13,931.78 |
| 022692 | 11/26/2020 | NORTHERN OIL LIMITED | 3,429.76 |
| 022693 | 11/26/2020 | NOTRE DAME AGENCIES | 2,478.37 |
| 022694 | 11/26/2020 | NOVA COMMUNICATIONS | 3,555.44 |
| 022696 | 11/26/2020 | ORKIN CANADA CORPORATION | 684.27 |
| 022697 | 11/26/2020 | PACIFIC TIER SOLUTIONS INC. | 862.43 |
| 022700 | 11/26/2020 | PIKE'S HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTER | 4,121.06 |
| 022701 | 11/26/2020 | PROACTIVE WELLNESS & PREVENTION | 1,200.00 |
| 022702 | 11/26/2020 | ROYAL BANK VISA | 2,319.39 |
| 022703 | 11/26/2020 | SAUNDERS EQUIPMENT LTD | 1,495.15 |
| 022705 | 11/26/2020 | SLIQ MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 1,380.00 |
| 022707 | 11/26/2020 | STEWART McKELVEY STIRLING SCALES | 722.16 |
| 022708 | 11/26/2020 | TARA RYAN | 1,000.00 |
| 022712 | 11/26/2020 | TOROMONT CAT (CROMAN) | 3,515.76 |
| 022713 | 11/26/2020 | TOSSS SIGNS INC. | 563.50 |
| 022714 | 11/26/2020 | Town Suite Municipal Software Inc. | 15,782.28 |
| 022715 | 11/26/2020 | ULINE CANADA CORP | 1,523.16 |
| 022718 | 11/26/2020 | VALLEY RENTALS & SALES | 866.56 |
| 022719 | 11/26/2020 | WESTERN PUMP SERVICES | 29,360.32 |
| 022720 | 11/26/2020 | WESTERN HYDRAULICS | 12,294.65 |
| 022721 | 11/26/2020 | WOODWARD'S OIL LIMITED | 13,328.60 |
| 022723 | 11/26/2020 | YMCA OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR | 5,289.31 |
| Cheque Total Amount | | | \$ |
| | | | <u>1,878,624.02</u> |

11. Council Forum

Deputy Mayor Pomeroy said it has been a busy week with a record snowfall and thanked Town Crews for the great job they did. He mentioned the streetlight improvements and said he has been getting positive comments from the public. He mentioned being absent for the previous meeting regarding Councillor Tremblett's leave of absence and agreed he has a lot going on and wished him well.

Councillor Crann offered kudos to the snow clearing crew on a job well done. He passed along condolences to the family of the Late William Barbour. He wished Edward Rudkowski all the best as he vacates his position with Nunatsiavut.

Councillor Dyson-Edmunds gave a shout out to Glenn Noseworthy and the crew at Melville Trucking for helping out a resident in need. She said she is happy to see lights going up around Town and noted Deharving Drive area looks amazing. She gave a shout out to the HWL crew and the work they are doing with the MOU. She said there is still a constant flow of traffic on the boardwalk. She mentioned the record snowfall and thanked the HEO's for their work and said there were very few complaints. She said the storm also had Emergency personnel asking her about the status of the Street Numbering Policy and her concerns are that we are going to go through another winter without this policy in place. She agreed the new street lighting is great. She offered condolences to the family of the Late William Barbour and also prayers to Joe and his family.

The Town Manager said the Street Numbering Policy was reviewed by HR prior to his leaving and should be out to Council by Friday PM. With respect to the AVL's; all units are installed and waiting for the Engineer and Superintendent to confirm how to utilize and tabulate data. He estimated about two weeks.

Councillor Compton Hobbs said she just read the Minutes from October and the same thing was said then about the AVL's. She said Councillor Tremblett had a hard day and she is thinking about him and wished him well. She said she attended the HWL AGM and there is so much potential there. She said there are going to be lots of trails connected. She spoke of the Rapid Housing application and is hoping that the Housing and Homeless committee can avail of this funding to put towards their initiatives to help with the transient issues. She hopes the Town will come on board as well. She encouraged everyone to watch the virtual Tree Lighting coming up and get out and enjoy the winter Lights.

Councillor Baikie offered condolences to the family of the Late William Barbour. She thanked the DFO for her work on the budget. She encouraged people to light up their homes to show community spirit in these trying times. She spoke of the Christmas coloring contest for kids and story writing contest for adults and said she is looking forward to reading them. She encouraged people to watch the Tree Lighting and drive by the Santa Claus Parade. She thanked snow clearing crews for their great work. She offered prayers to Joe and his family.

Mayor Andersen spoke of William Barbour's passing and reflected on the time they spent together when he was working on the Land Claims Deal. He said he also played a part in securing monies for the Hospital. He said the new hydro lights are a great

improvement. He said the snow clearing crew did a tremendous job earlier this week and had the roads open quickly. He said Covid is creeping up in the province and said Council will continue to go to bat for its citizens. He said he is looking forward to the upcoming Budget. He asked everyone to remember Joe in their prayers and Councillor Crann as well whose daughter is ill.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

MAYOR WALLY ANDERSEN

TOWN MANAGER ROBERT ANDREWS