

The 28th meeting of the 13th Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 5:03 PM and called to order by Deputy Mayor Ella Wallace

Members Present:

Mayor George Andrews (Via telephone)

Deputy Mayor Ella Wallace

Councillor Hayward Broomfield

Councillor Denise Rumbolt

Councillor Todd Winters

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Nadine MacAulay

Executive Assistant, Kathy Eddy

Supervisor of Assessment and Taxation, Kelsey Campagna

Community Development Manager, Greg Osmond

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 28th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Winters to adopt the agenda of the 28th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET SPEECH

Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Wallace, fellow Councillors, Town Management and Staff and Residents of Happy Valley Goose Bay.

As this year's chair of the Finance, Administration and Policy Committee I am honoured to present to you this evening the 2023 Budget for the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay.

I am pleased to announce that there will be no mil rate property tax increase and no mil rate commercial tax increase. Additionally, there will be no rate or fee increases and our low-income property tax relief program will remain in effect.

Our town recognizes the importance of recreation, and we will continue to invest in our recreation facilities. I am pleased to announce that we will be entering a cost shared initiative with the Labrador Winter Games Association to install multi-use competition flooring at the EJ Broomfield Memorial Arena. This will be of great benefit not only during the upcoming Labrador Winter Games but will be used throughout the summer months, replacing the current plywood floor.

It is important to replace, repair and maintain our current aging infrastructure. This year we have allocated funds for the much-needed replacement of Heavy Equipment, and we continue to invest in water and sewer through major upgrades to our pumphouse and lift stations.

We value the health and safety of all town employees and volunteers. We are pleased to announce that the town will be purchasing a new walk-in rescue fire protection vehicle. This vehicle will house the bunker gear belonging to the volunteer firefighters as well as any other fire and rescue equipment that would be needed which will alleviate the health risks associated with transporting contaminated items.

We, the 13th Council of Happy Valley Goose Bay acknowledge the current financial challenges that are being faced not only in our community but worldwide with economic uncertainty foremost in many people's minds. Our municipality is not immune to these challenges. The cost of doing business and the cost of living is something that concerns us all.

Residents will recall the public consultation and studies that were completed investigating the feasibility of a public transit system for our community. A need was clearly identified to provide such a service. It gives me great pleasure to announce today that the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay will be purchasing an electric vehicle to provide public transportation in our community. This initiative is possible through the assistance of both corporate and philanthropic contributors. An electric vehicle will also have the benefit of reducing our carbon footprint, saving us approximately \$100,000 annually compared to fuel-based vehicles and give us the opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of future purchases of electric vehicles for our fleet.

We, the 13th Council of the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay are confident that the strategic investments we have outlined today will contribute to future growth and development in our community.

This year's budget is balanced at **\$17,021,650.40**. This amount includes planned multi-year capital works projects and cost shared initiatives with the Provincial and Federal Governments. Once the town has received written confirmation from the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs that our budget has been accepted, additional details will be made available.

On behalf of Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Wallace, Councillors Broomfield, Winters and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and community groups who participated in our pre-budget consultation process. I also cannot say enough how much we appreciate the hard work and time put in by our management and finance staff in working with us throughout the budget process. Thank you all.

3. 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion # 2022-11-08

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as per *Section 77* of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* with total revenues of \$17,021,650.40 and total expenditures of \$17,021,650.40. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2023 MUNICIPAL TAX RATES AND FEES

Property Tax

Motion # 2022-11-09

Be it resolved that pursuant to *Section 112* of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve one uniform Property Tax Residential mil rate of 7.25 mils, Property Tax Commercial Rate of 11.00 mils and a Minimum Non-Vacant Property Tax Rate of \$50.00 as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Taxes and Rates**, Policy Number: **F0001** as the property tax for 2023. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2022-11-10

Be it resolved that pursuant to *Section 112 of the Municipalities Act, 1999*, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve the Minimum Vacant Commercial Property Tax of \$3,750.00, as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Taxes and Rates**, Policy Number: **F0001** as the property tax for 2023. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer Rates**Motion # 2022-11-11**

Be it resolved that pursuant to *Section 130 of the Municipalities Act, 1999*, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve the Sewer Tax Rate of \$300.00 per year and the Water Tax Rate of \$235.00 per year, as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Taxes and Rates**, Policy Number: **F0001** and **Water and Sewer Rates**, Policy Number: **F0008** as the water and sewer rates for 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2022-11-12

Be it resolved that pursuant to *Section 130 of the Municipalities Act, 1999*, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Water Metered Rate of \$3.50 per 1000 gallons of water consumed and the Metered Sewer Tax Rate at \$2.00 per 1000 gallons of water consumed, for clients using water meters, as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual titled **Taxes and Rates**, Policy Number: **F0001** and **Water and Sewer Rates**, Policy Number: **F0008** as the water meter rates and sewer meter rates for 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Tax**Motion # 2022-11-13**

Be it resolved that pursuant to *Section 120 of the Municipalities Act, 1999*, the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the **Business Tax Rates** as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Taxes and Rates**, Policy Number: **F0001** as the business tax rates and utility tax rate for 2023. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Fees for Services and Equipment Rental

Motion # 2022-11-14

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Arena Fees set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Arena Fees**, Policy Number: **F0002** for 2023. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2022-11-15

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Ballfield Rental Fees set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual titled **Ballfield Rental Fees**, Policy Number: **F0003** for 2023. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Rates

Motion # 2022-11-16

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Miscellaneous Rates set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Miscellaneous Rates**, Policy Number: **F0005** for 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2022-11-17

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Municipal Rates – Equipment Rates set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Municipal Rates – Equipment Rates**, Policy Number: **F0006** for 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2022-11-18

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Animal Control Services Rates set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Cost of Animal Control Services**, Policy Number: **F0007** for 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Tax (Residential and Business) and Business Tax Exemption

Motion # 2022-11-19

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Property Tax Low Income Relief Policy, Business and Property Tax Non-Profit Organizations and Groups Exemption Policy, Doctors Property Tax Exemption, and Young Entrepreneurs Business Application and Business Tax Exemption as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Property Tax (Residential and Business) and Business Tax Exemption**, Policy Number: **F0009**. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy

Motion # 2022-11-20

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy as set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual, titled **Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy**, Policy Number: **F0010**. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

MAYOR GEORGE ANDREWS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NADINE MACAULAY