

The 25th meeting of the 12th Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on December 13, 2018 at 4:36 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
Councillor Joe Tremblett

Regrets:

Municipal Engineer, Randy Dillon

Also Present:

Town Manager Robert Andrews
Executive Assistant, Kathy Eddy
Director of Financial Operations Nadine MacAulay

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 25th MEETING

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds to adopt the agenda of the 25th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried.

2. 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councillor Michelle Baikie, Chair of Finance, Administration and Policy

Your Worship Mayor Andersen, Deputy Mayor Pomeroy, Councillors Compton-Hobbs, Crann, Dyson-Edmunds, and Tremblett, ladies and gentlemen, as Chair of the Finance, Administration and Policy Committee, I am honoured to present the 2019 Budget for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

I am pleased to say that in the 12th Council's second year, we continue to demonstrate a fiscally responsible 2019 balanced budget to our residents. The budget is balanced at \$ subject to approval by the Minister. This figure includes planned multi-year capital works

projects and other initiatives cost-shared with the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as investments in Town operations.

This Council has made many initiatives and excellent investments during our first year in office. The initiatives that we have done to date are:

- Securing the Spring Gulch Water for all of Happy Valley area with special thanks to Department of National Defence - Canadian Forces 5 Wing Base personnel and the Town personnel for signing an agreement this summer. We have received much positive feedback that our drinking water quality has improved tremendously.
- The residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and nearby communities will be pleased to know that the Labrador Wellness Centre will be completed by 2020 which was made possible in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government, and the Town. The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay Dominic Demers, Director of Community Services and Recreation, Campaign Manager, Fallon Thomas of YMCA Newfoundland and Labrador and the Cabinet team have been and are working very diligently towards the “Strengthening Our Communities” campaign. The campaign goal is to raise \$6 million dollars towards the Labrador Wellness Centre through various generous donations from corporations, organizations and individuals towards this beautiful and much needed pool/athletic centre.
- We are pleased to say that we will continue with no increases of the property tax mil rates for the residential and commercial customers this year or business tax. We are implementing a new business tax rate for not-for-profit organizations of 8.00 mils.
- Council has agreed that there will be no increase in the water & sewer rates.
- Council has committed over \$1.9 million in road paving and/or road upgrade projects. Phase 2 of Kelland Drive reconstruction will be a part of this project. In addition, the Town will resurface some residential streets.
- Council recognizes the importance and the need for investment in fleet replacement, and other public works equipment to maintain and operate around our town.
- Council has heard loud and clear from its residents for the need to remove extra sand off lawns from the sand spread during the winter months and sand on the sidewalks during the summer months. The concerns of the sand issue will be addressed with the purchase of lawn sweeping and road sweeping equipment.
- We, in conjunction with the Province, are investing in water and sewer system upgrades.

- Council has heard from residents of the many dogs roaming on the streets and the nuisance they present. There are plans for a pilot project of a seasonal Animal Control Officer.
- We recognize the need to invest in tourism and recreation, in particular, trail improvements, RV Park, as well as access, security and seating at MMC Sportsplex.
- Council also sees the importance of continued investment and funding support for community based organizations for infrastructure improvements and other ventures.

Since we hired a second enforcement officer, it is safe to say that there have been some improvements of reduction of speeding and parking violations. Feedback from the public has been positive in that less ATV's and motorcycles are seen on the bike trails as one example.

The Council is pleased to continue to apply tax relief to low-income property owners. This year, 137 residents took advantage of this program which equates to discounts totalling \$122,598.80. The breakdown is: 61 applicants received 100% discount, 29 applicants received 75% discount, 32 residents had a 50% discount, and 15 had a 25% discount. This shows the ongoing commitment and effort by the Town to assist those with low household incomes. As well, the recreational property tax rebate policy will remain in place.

I would like to acknowledge the Town employees and management for their hard work and dedication in making Happy Valley-Goose Bay a great place to live. I would like to thank the Council members, Town Manager, Director of Engineering, and Director of Financial Operations for their countless hours and dedication in ensuring we were on task and able to present a balanced budget for 2019. Contributions, concerns, and suggestions from residents and community organizations were greatly appreciated and taken into consideration throughout the budgeting process. Thank you.

Motion # FA2019-01-01

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve and adopt the 2019 Municipal Budget for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as per *Section 77 of the Municipalities Act, 1999* with total revenues of \$36,539,571 and total expenditures of \$36,539,571. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. 2019 MUNICIPAL TAX RATES AND FEES

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Property Tax

Motion # FA2019-01-02

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 6.25 mils, Property Tax Commercial Rate of 10.5 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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion # FA2019-01-03

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried.

Water and Sewer Rates

Motion # FA2019-01-04

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion # FA2019-01-05

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Tremblett. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Tax

Motion # FA2019-01-06

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried.

Town Fees for Services and Equipment Rental

Motion # FA2019-01-07

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion # FA2019-01-08

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Rates

Motion # FA2019-01-09

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion # FA2019-01-10

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion # FA2019-01-11

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 2019. Moved by Councillor Baikie and seconded by Councillor Dyson-Edmunds. All in favour. Motion carried.

Property Tax (Residential and Business) and Business Tax Exemption

Motion # FA2019-01-12

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 Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried.

Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy

Motion # FA2019-01-13

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 Baikie and seconded by Councillor Crann. All in favour. Motion carried.

Amended Vendor Regulations

Motion # FA2019-01-14

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay approve the amended Vendor Regulations as attached effective January 1, 2019.

There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Baikie. All in favour. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

MAYOR WALLY ANDERSEN

TOWN MANAGER ROBERT ANDREWS