

The 35th meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 5:00 PM and called to order by Mayor George Andrews at 5:07pm.

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Members Present:

Mayor George Andrews

Deputy Mayor Ella Wallace

Councillor Todd Winters

Councillor Hayward Broomfield

Councillor Jackie Compton Hobbs

Councillor Bert Pomeroy

Councillor Denise Rumbolt

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Nadine MacAulay

Municipal Engineer, Randy Dillon

Supervisor of Assessment and Taxation, Kelsey Campagna

Regrets:

Executive Assistant, Kathy Eddy

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 35<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Wallace and seconded by Councillor Broomfield to adopt the agenda of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

Mayor George Andrews proclaimed May 1-May 7, 2023, as “Mental Health Week” in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Proclamation can be viewed on the Town Website.

[Insert proclamation link here](#)

**3. PRESENTATION OF AED**

Mayor George Andrews presented an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and accessories to members of the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team for their use. Members of GSAR accepted the donation and left Council Chambers at 5:11pm.

**4. DELEGATIONS-None**

**5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE-None**

**5. COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT-Councillor Hayward Broomfield**

It was moved by Councillor Broomfield to approve the Community Planning and Development Committee report for April. Seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Andrews asked that the minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPD Committee be amended to record he was present as ex-officio. Councillor Compton Hobbs also asked Engineer Randy Dillon if Kelland Drive Ground Water Study is still scheduled for June. Dillon confirmed it was. He also advised that the groundwater is lower given the weather and precipitation we had this winter. Councillor Broomfield asked Dillon if Council will meet when the report has been received. Dillon advised this is correct.

Recommendations: none.

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION-Deputy Mayor Ella Wallace**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Wallace to approve the Community Services and Recreation Committee report for April. Seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations:

- a. Policy A0020 – “Community Recognition”

Councillor Pomeroy requested an overview of the Policy. Deputy Mayor Wallace explained the policy has not been revised since 2013 and it is not facilitated anymore. Council does volunteer week in place of the banquet outlined in the policy.

**Motion #2023-04-01**

The CSR Committee recommends Council rescind Policy A0020 "Community Recognition". Moved by Deputy Mayor Wallace and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & POLICY- Councillor Denise Rumbolt**

It was moved by Councillor Rumbolt to approve the Finance, Administration and Policy Committee report for April. Seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Rumbolt advised that Committee has to deal with each case individually and the first recommendation has three parts to it. Councillor Rumbolt stated Committee thought a donation for SPCA was the best fit. Councillor Compton Hobbs asked what year SPCA was asking for a tax exemption for. Councillor Rumbolt confirmed it was the 2023 tax year. Councillor Compton Hobbs explained this was hard for her to read as the SPCA did a plea recently stating they may need to close their doors. Mayor Andrews reiterated that this was a three-part recommendation. Councillor Compton Hobbs expressed the Council should exempt from property and business tax as well as provide a donation, in her opinion. Councillor Pomeroy asked why the Town would charge \$2,400, and donate \$2,500, as it seems as though we are working backwards. Deputy Mayor Wallace explained when it comes to tax exemptions for not-for-profit (NFP) organizations it has to be across the board that the Council is denying requests. Deputy Mayor Wallace confirmed with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Nadine MacAulay that Council could not bill a business at a 0% mil rate. MacAulay confirmed this was correct. Mayor Andrews advised the Committee talked about coming together for a policy for NFPs and it was turned down. The denial and donation net out to zero. Council has denied some groups, and this is an attempt to contribute to the SPCA's financial hardship. Councillor Winters explained Council used to give \$2,500 as a donation to the SPCA, so this donation will offset their property tax. Councillor Pomeroy advised the last couple meetings there has been confusion with denying

recommendations and if the applicant needed to re-apply. Mayor Andrews explained this is why the Committee wanted to recommend a donation. Councillor Pomeroy expressed he wants to switch the recommendation so it is less confusing. Mayor Andrews explained that would be a hostile change to a recommendation and therefore it should remain as is. He said Council has turned other entities down, so from the Committee's perspective, they need to work on the sixteen businesses that fall in this category. Councillor Rumbolt shared that the Director of Financial Operations explained how the budget process works in terms of property and business tax and revenue coming in. When an entity is exempt it ruins the budget. This is the rationale behind the donation. Councillor Broomfield stated the Council is increasing the donation expense by \$2,500. Revenue is staying the same, but we are increasing our expenses. Councillor Compton Hobbs shared the SPCA is asking for a total exemption of \$3,200 and we are giving them a donation of \$2,500. She would exempt both. Deputy Mayor Wallace thought we could not exempt the whole thing. CAO MacAulay advised the Council could exempt the whole thing if they chose to, the Town just has to bill at a mil rate and then exempt if they choose to do so.

**a. Motion #2023-04-02**

SPCA Property Tax Exemption Request-The FAP Committee recommends Council deny an exemption for property tax for the SPCA in the amount of \$2,404.60 on PAR ID 260300. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Wallace, Councillor Broomfield, Councillor Rumbolt, and Councillor Winters voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Compton Hobbs and Councillor Pomeroy voted against. Motion carried.

**b. Motion #2023-04-03**

SPCA Business Tax Exemption Request-The FAP Committee recommends Council deny an exemption for business tax for the SPCA in the amount of \$874.40 on PAR ID 260300002 due to the reduction of the mil rate for Not-for-Profit at the March 2023 Public Council meeting. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. Mayor Andrews, Deputy Mayor Wallace, Councillor Broomfield, Councillor Rumbolt, and Councillor Winters voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Compton Hobbs and Councillor Pomeroy voted against. Motion carried.

**c. Motion #2023-04-04**

SPCA Cash Donation-The FAP committee recommends Council approve a cash donation to the HV-GB SPCA in the amount of \$2,500.00. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wallace. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Donation Request- Melville Public Library**

Councillor Pomeroy asked if this was once a grant to the Library. The CAO MacAulay stated the last six years it has come out of the donation budget. Mayor Andrews expressed he asked this question at the Committee meeting and maybe they could look into this for future. Councillor Pomeroy asked if we receive financial reports from these organizations every year. CAO MacAulay confirmed we receive financials from the Library but not SPCA. Councillor Compton Hobbs wanted to note that there is a typing error in the recommendation, the % should be a \$.

**Motion #2023-04-05**

Donation Request-Melville Public Library- The FAP committee recommends Council approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Melville Public Library for the fiscal year 2023. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Interest Relief-Lloyd Hillier**

Councillor Compton Hobbs asked for background on the letter that was sent from the applicant. Mayor Andrews asked CAO MacAulay if we were able to disclose. CAO MacAulay asked Councillor Compton Hobbs what further information she required. Mayor Andrews disclosed there are privacy issues with this request. CAO MacAulay explained the applicant is asking for interest relief.

**Motion #2023-04-06**

Interest Relief Request-Lloyd Hillier-The FAP Committee recommends Council deny the request for interest exemption of \$3,428.00 on PAR ID 262453. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt, Seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Interest Relief-Lloyd Hillier**

Councillor Pomeroy asked if these were two separate properties as the exemption amount was the same in this request and the previous. CAO MacAulay confirmed two separate parcel IDs are listed in each recommendation.

**Motion #2023-04-07**

Interest Relief Request-Lloyd Hillier-The FAP Committee recommends Council deny the request for interest exemption of \$3,428.00 on PAR ID 079971. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt, Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

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**g. Water & Sewer Tax Relief Request-Lloyd Hillier**

Mayor Andrews questioned why there is a recommendation to defer. Councillor Compton Hobbs questioned why the Committee did not know the address of the request. Councillor Rumbolt explained the Committee needed further information from the applicant regarding the request.

**Motion #2023-04-08**

Water & Sewer Tax Relief Request-Lloyd Hillier-The FAP Committee recommends Council defer this request until clarification of address is confirmed. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt, seconded by Councillor Winters. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. MUNICIPAL SERVICES- Councillor Todd Winters**

Councillor Winters asked Engineer Dillon about the swimming pool closure at the YMCA. Engineer Dillon advised it will start this weekend and should only run for two weeks. That is the intent right now. Councillor Compton Hobbs asked if spring cleanup was discussed at the meeting. Councillor Winters answered they had not. Councillor Compton Hobbs asked if a date was set for spring cleanup or for tree bush cutting. Councillor Winters stated neither was discussed. Councillor Compton Hobbs requested this be added to next meeting's agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Winters to approve the Municipal Services Committee report for April. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wallace. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations: None

**9. PROTECTIVE SERVICES- Councillor Bert Pomeroy**

Councillor Pomeroy asked about the interviews for Volunteer Firefighters. CAO MacAulay advised interviews occurred this week and last and the process is ongoing. Councillor Compton Hobbs wanted to note the increase in RCMP calls for this time of year and urges community members to continue to call as data is important. Councillor

Compton Hobbs also asked for an update on the Municipal Enforcement Officer (MEO) position. CAO MacAulay advised the job posting closed on Friday, HR Director is screening, and the interviews will be scheduled. She is unsure of dates at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Pomeroy to approve the Protective Services Committee report for April. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wallace. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations: None

**10. APPROVAL OF CHEQUES**

Mayor Andrews called a point of order for Labrador Winter Games and asked Councillor Winters if this was a point of conflict. Councillor Winters agreed and left Council Chambers at 5:58pm. This is regarding cheque #26060. Councillor Rumbolt advised the new total to be approved is \$743,091.96 for cheques from April 4-April 25.

It was moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wallace to approve cheques in the amount of \$743,091.96. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Winters returned to Council Chambers at 5:59pm.

Mayor Andrews advised the process was done backwards.

Councillor Winters left Council Chambers at 6:00pm.

It was moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs to approve cheque #26060 in the amount of \$2,250.00. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Winters returned to Council Chambers at 6:00pm.

It was moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Broomfield to approve the remainder of the cheques in the amount of \$743,091.96. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.

CHQ #	DATE	VENDOR	CHQ AMT
0000025999	04/04/2023	BELL ALIANT	3,625.46
0000026000	04/04/2023	BELL CANADA	807.53
0000026001	04/04/2023	NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO	4,031.17

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0000026003	04/04/2023	ROYAL LEPAGE SHELTER FOUNDATION	600.00
0000026005	04/06/2023	RECEIVER GENERAL (taxes)	167,335.23
0000026006	04/11/2023	NORTHERN LABRADOR SERVICES	3,054.39
0000026010	04/18/2023	BELL ALIANT	690.21
0000026011	04/18/2023	BELL CANADA	831.77
0000026013	04/18/2023	NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO	27,130.62
0000026015	04/18/2023	ROYAL BANK VISA	7,169.12
0000026016	04/20/2023	RECEIVER GENERAL (taxes)	78,693.56
0000026017	04/25/2023	44980 NFLD INC.	4,264.92
0000026018	04/25/2023	ACCESS E11	11,500.00
0000026019	04/25/2023	ACKLANDS GRAINGER INC	1,508.57
0000026021	04/25/2023	ATLANTIC MAYORS' CONGRESS	750.00
0000026022	04/25/2023	AWD ALL WHEEL DRIVE	991.65
0000026024	04/25/2023	BRANDT TRACTOR LIMITED	7,005.73
0000026025	04/25/2023	CABOT AUTO	503.13
0000026026	04/25/2023	CAMIONS CARL THIBAUT INC	1,005.11
0000026027	04/25/2023	CARPET MAN (THE)	4,088.25
0000026028	04/25/2023	CBCL LIMITED	40,649.08
0000026029	04/25/2023	CHAMPION COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS	813.63
0000026030	04/25/2023	CHANDLER	6,604.11
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0000026034	04/25/2023	DEXTER INSTITUTE INC	1,581.25
0000026035	04/25/2023	DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED	21,143.33
0000026038	04/25/2023	ENGLOBE CORP.	4,228.99
0000026040	04/25/2023	EQUINIX CANADA LTD.	690.00
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0000026046	04/25/2023	GOOSE BAY WHOLESALERS LIMITED	4,849.89
0000026053	04/25/2023	HICKEY CONSTRUCTION LTD.	40,104.11
0000026054	04/25/2023	INTERNATIONAL TENTNOLOGY CORP.	9,630.80
0000026055	04/25/2023	K & D PRATT GROUP INC.	4,472.40
0000026056	04/25/2023	K & K DAWE TRUCKING LTD.	1,419.34
0000026058	04/25/2023	LABRADOR SPECIALTY SERVICE INC.	1,053.95
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0000026064	04/25/2023	MORNEAU TRANSPORT INC	667.52
0000026065	04/25/2023	MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY	27,930.50
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0000026070	04/25/2023	ORKIN CANADA CORPORATION	673.46
0000026073	04/25/2023	PARDY'S WASTE MANAGEMENT & INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LTD.	10,350.01
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0000026093	04/25/2023	Valley Communications Incorporated	2,331.34
0000026095	04/25/2023	WOODWARD'S OIL LIMITED	24,953.36
0000026096	04/25/2023	WURTH CANADA LIMITED	4,291.50
0000026097	04/25/2023	YMCA OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	92,401.19
0000026100	04/25/2023	BELL MOBILITY INC.	1,124.95
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### 11. COUNCIL FORUM

Available through Live Stream.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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MAYOR GEORGE ANDREWS

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NADINE MACAULAY