

The 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> Elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on Thursday, November 28th, 2024, and called to order by Deputy Mayor Wallace at 5:00 pm.

**Members Present:**

Deputy Mayor Ella Wallace  
Councillor Jackie Compton Hobbs  
Councillor Bert Pomeroy  
Councillor Denise Rumbolt  
Councillor Todd Winters  
Councillor Hayward Broomfield

**Also Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Nadine MacAulay  
Executive Assistant, Kathy Eddy  
Community Development Manager, Greg Osmond

**Regrets:**

Mayor George Andrews  
Municipal Engineer, Randy Dillon

Prior to the start of the meeting, DFO Mike Dollmont asked if the agenda could be amended to add approval of a cheque.

**1. AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA OF THE 69<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Broomfield to amend the agenda of the 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting to include the addition of one cheque. Seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Carried.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA OF THE 69<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Pomeroy to adopt the agenda of the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended. Seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE**

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It was moved by Councillor Broomfield to approve cheque #28303 payable to Damera Bus Sales Canada Corp. in the amount of \$441,312.50. Seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Motion carried.

**4. 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET SPEECH**

C. Hayward Broomfield  
 Chair of Finance, Administration of Policy Committee  
 13<sup>th</sup> Town Council for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

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- Thanks to Town staff who have helped in the preparation of this budget.
  - As the Chair of the Finance, Administration, and Policy Committee, it is my duty to present the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay's 2025 municipal budget.
  - We are a diverse and growing community, which creates opportunities and challenges. We provide both essential services, such as transportation, water and sewer, fire protection, this is enhanced by our recreational facilities provided. To support public transportation, we are allocating funding to operate an electric bus.
  - Under the Federal Government's Rural Transportation Solutions Fund program, they provided \$672,000 for this, the Provincial Government contributed \$100,000, NL Hydro is contributing \$25,000, and the Town paid \$43,000 toward this environmentally friendly electric bus.
  - Our water and sewer infrastructure are the lifeline of our community; clean water is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right. We have to ensure our water and sewer systems are maintained and meet all regulatory requirements. This requires continuous upgrades to be done and this year we are continuing some capital works from last year's budget and doing additional capital projects for both of these systems.
  - This year we have 2 projects under our water and sewer department that are carried over from the previous year plus amendments. They are the D42 Pumphouse Upgrades and Sewer Lift Station Upgrades.
  - Under our Roads and Transport Department, we are undertaking the Loring Drive Road Reconstruction project, upgrading the lights at Hamilton River Road and Loring Drive intersection, and road reconstruction for Grenfell Street.
  - We also plan to upgrade the bike trail between the existing gateways on Hamilton River Road.

- There has been significant riverbank erosion on the lower part of Hamilton River behind Traverspine and Riverview Streets. To address this, we had a report prepared that recommends stabilizing 450m of the riverbank. We plan on doing this work over 3 phases, commencing with the first 150m in 2025.
- As required under the Newfoundland and Labrador Municipalities Act, we have to produce a balanced budget, which is set at \$19,047,767.11. This consists of an Operating Budget of \$15,765,490.66, which provides the daily services residents receive, and a Capital Budget of \$3,282,276.45, which is the Town's share, for the extraordinary items to help improve and upgrade our essential services.
- These projects are approved and funded under the Provincial Government's Multi Year Capital Works Programs. The majority of the projects are funded 70% by the Federal or Provincial Government and 30% by the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Town is responsible for 40% of the cost of two projects and 50% of the Grendell Street reconstruction. The Town will be funding its share of these projects by using the Canada Community Building Fund program and reserve funds.
- However, we have to fund our operational costs, such as salary increases, from our various sources. Our Business Tax Rates have not increased since 2016 therefore, we are increasing our Business Tax mil Rate by 1 mil for all business classes with the exception of farms and not-for-profits. Residential and commercial property tax and water and sewer fees remain the same as 2024.
- Under this budget, the Town will continue to provide a discount on property taxes that are paid early.
- We are retaining our Low-Income Relief Program for households qualifying for the tax relief thresholds.

Thank you.

## 5. 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

### **Motion #2024-11-19**

Be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget with total revenues of \$19,047,767.11 and total expenditures of \$19,047,767.11 as presented. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

## 6. 2025 MUNICIPAL TAX RATES AND FEES

### Property Tax

#### **Motion #2024-11-20**

Be it resolved the Town Council adopt one uniform Property Tax Residential mil rate of 7.75 mils, Property Tax Commercial Rate of 12.0 mils and a Minimum Non-Vacant Property Tax Rate of \$50.00 as set out in the Policy, titled **Taxes and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0001** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Carried.

#### **Motion #2024-11-21**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Minimum Vacant Commercial Property Tax of \$3,750.00 as set out in the Policy, titled **Taxes and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0001** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

### Water and Sewer Fees

#### **Motion #2024-11-22**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Sewer Tax Fee of \$327.00 per year and the Water Tax Fee of \$256.00 per year, as set out in the Policy, titled **Taxes and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0001** and **Water and Sewer Fees**, Policy Number: **F0008** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Carried.

#### **Motion #2024-11-23**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Water Meter Fee of \$3.85 per 1000 gallons of water consumed and the Sewer Meter Tax Fee at \$2.25 per 1000 gallons of water consumed, for clients using water meters, as set out in the Policy titled **Taxes and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0001** and **Water and Sewer Fees**, Policy Number: **F0008** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Pomeroy. All in favour. Carried.

### Business Tax

#### **Motion #2024-11-24**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the **Business Tax Rates** as set out in the Policy titled **Taxes and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0001** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

**Town Fees for Services and Equipment Rental****Motion #2024-11-25**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Arena Fees set out in the Policy titled **Arena Fees**, Policy Number: **F0002** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion #2024-11-26**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Ballfield Rental Fees set out in the Policy titled **Ballfield Rental Fees**, Policy Number: **F0003** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Rumbolt and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs. All in favour. Carried.

**Miscellaneous Rates and Fees****Motion #2024-11-27**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Miscellaneous Rates and Fees set out in the Policy titled **Miscellaneous Rates and Fees**, Policy Number: **F0005** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Pomeroy. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion #2024-11-28**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Municipal Rates – Equipment Rates set out in the Policy titled **Municipal Rates – Equipment Rates**, Policy Number: **F0006** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion #2024-11-29**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Animal Control Services Rates set out in the Policy titled **Cost of Animal Control Services**, Policy Number: **F0007** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Broomfield and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

**Property Tax (Residential and Business) and Business Tax Exemption****Motion #2024-11-30**

Be it resolved that the Town Council 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 titled **Residential Property Tax, Doctor's Property Tax, Young Entrepreneurs Business Application and Business Tax, Business and Property Tax**

**Non-profit Organizations and Groups Exemption**, Policy Number: **F0009** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Winters and seconded by Councillor Compton Hobbs, All in favour. Carried.

**Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy**

**Motion #2024-11-31**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy as set out in the Policy titled **Recreational Property Tax Rebate Policy**, Policy Number: **F0010** for 2025. Moved by Councillor Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Broomfield. All in favour. Carried.

**Fire and Emergency Services Rates**

**Motion #2024-11-32**

Be it resolved that the Town Council adopt the Fire and Emergency Services Rates as set out in Policy F0030 for 2025. Moved by Councillor Pomeroy and seconded by Councillor Rumbolt. All in favour. Carried.

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Jackie Compton Hobbs and seconded by Councillor Denise Rumbolt. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

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MAYOR GEORGE ANDREWS

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NADINE MACAULAY