The 38th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on July 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:
Mayor Leo Abbass
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor Paul Tsibidis
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Economic Development Karen Wheeler
Recording Secretary Donna Jones

Absent: - Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Madelyn Kelly

Before the meeting commenced Mayor Abbass asked everyone to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Lorne Elliott, an employee of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay who died suddenly on July 19, 2008. Also to keep in our thoughts the family of Don and Louise Massie who are grieving the sudden loss of their daughter Michelle.

1 PROCLAMATION

Mayor Abbass read and signed a Proclamation from the Lifesaving Society declaring July 19 – 27 *Drowning Prevention Week.*

2 DELEGATION, Fred Loxton

a) Mr. Loxton addressed the Council concerning litter on the beach near Buck's Landing. He commented he picked up two bags of metal containing spikes on the beach which would cause a hazard to walkers and to animals.

b) Mr. Loxton also presented Council with statistics on water depth at the causeway bridge. Mayor Abbass said the Council would forward this to NL Hydro and also the highways department. Mr. Loxton noted there was a submersible vehicle in the area while they were there and requested that Council ask Hydro if they were doing readings on the river.

c) Mr. Loxton queried the status on a 911 service as the Council did talk of this at the beginning of the year. Mayor Abbass noted inquires were made and it would involve a big financial cost. Mayor Abbass advised that the town's emergency number 896 2222 is publicly advertised on the cable 5 channel for the information of the public.

DELEGATION, Eldred Davis

a) Mr. Davis addressed the Council concerning the rivers in Quebec and comparisons of information on the EAA (Environmental Assessment Agency) website and Hydro.

DELEGATION, Kim White

a) Mrs. White addressed the Council to ask whether there was any possibility of getting the ice on the arena early this year. Her son, Alex White, is presently in Montreal training for the Eastern Challenge Figure Skating competition. He has been invited to skate at a huge ice show at Mile One Stadium in St. John's on September 20 and having the ice on our arena earlier would help in his preparation for this event. She noted that other users of the arena would also benefit. The Council advised that they would discuss this request later in the meeting.

DELEGATION, Gerald Dyson

a) Mr. Dyson commented on the causeway bridge, the paving for the Trans Labrador Highway and whether it would be asphalt or chip seal; the tugboat in the Churchill River; and queried whether there was any new development with the proposed sewer treatment plant.

3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 38th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to adopt the agenda of the 38th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 37th MEETING

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to approve the adoption of the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay as amended. Motion Carried unanimously.

5 ACTION REPORT

a) Mayor Abbass commented on 37th 2 (d) re Mr. Loxton's concern about the flow of sewer in the river. Town Manager Durno advised that Superintendent Nippard took pictures on June 26th which showed the water going through the creek. The water down from the sewer was actually flowing. These pictures will be shown to Mr. Loxton.

b) Mayor Abbass commented on 37th 5 (c) and whether barriers were placed. He notes there is a lot of activity in the area of the riverbank and requested that some patrols be carried out in the area.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There were 8 Incoming Letters and 15 Outgoing Letters in the Council Package.

a) Councillor Clarke commented on Letter #7 from the Auditor General's Office and was not satisfied with the response. He requested a follow up letter and a copy of the letter to our MP.

b) Mayor Abbass advised that the Grand River Iron Sands (former Markland Resources) have made a $500 contribution to the Nunatsiavut Government Fire Fund. The cheque will be forwarded to the Nunatsiavut Government Fire Fund along with a copy of the letter that was sent to the Town.

c) Councillor Clarke commented on Letter #8 from Defence Construction concerning demolition of buildings. He wondered if GBAC was contacted to see if they were interested in the building.

d) Councillor Clarke suggested a meeting be arranged between Carlos Marcos, Head of Defence Construction Goose Bay, Lt. Col. Brian Bowerman, and Council, to ask what their intentions are regarding demolitions, is there a demolition list, what is the new plan for demolitions and to explain the process involved.

7 MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Councillor Paul Tsibidis

It was moved by Councillor P. Tsibidis seconded by Councillor D. Clarke to adopt the Municipal Services Committee Report along with the two additions as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

At the July 15 Committee meeting Mr. Hans Lindner briefed Council on aircraft flight path requirements for the Churchill Falls Road area and how these requirements may affect cabin owners in the area.

a) **Building Application – Jerry Decker**

Request received from Jerry Decker to construct a shed 16 x 24, and a new dwelling to include an in-law suite at 17 Terrington Lane. Committee recommends approval conditioned upon no adverse comments being received. Further to this the old building is to be removed once the new dwelling is completed.

b) **Building Application – Marlene Wheeler**

Request received from Marlene and Greg Wheeler to allow for a granny suite onto their proposed dwelling to

be located in the new Blake-McLean area. Committee recommends approval conditioned upon no adverse comments being received.

c) **Business Application – Ed Lethbridge**

Business application received from Ed Lethbridge to operate a kitchen cabinet business from his residence located at 8 Roberts Road. Committee recommends approval conditioned upon no adverse comments being received. Further to this, no equipment or materials are to be stored on site.

d) **Land Application –Anna March**

Land application received from Anna March for land, 8.5 ft wide to the back of her property on the left side of 36 Markland Road, for the purpose of constructing a driveway. Committee recommends approval.

e) **Land Application – Trans Labrador Highway**

Application received for land 150 x 300 feet located on the Trans Labrador Highway from the following persons for the purpose of constructing a cabin:

Curtis Dale Webber	Clifton Garnier
Beverly R. Webber	Robert LaRiviere

These applications have been put on hold until further notice.

f) **Land Application – NL Hydro**

Application received for land 15 x 155 m on the Trans Labrador Highway for a distribution line and maintenance. This application to be put on hold until further notice.

Councillor D. Clarke requested a letter be sent to NL Hydro requesting a meeting with them and the status of their intention regarding housing for their employees should the Lower Churchill Project go ahead.

Councillor D. Clarke requested a letter be sent to the Provincial Government requesting Crown Land on the Valley Stretch. A copy of our Town Plan to be attached with the letter showing the area of land in question and requesting that this land be turned over to the town. Approval is also requested that the town can go ahead with a legal survey on this land and be permitted to leave the survey pins in the ground.

g) **Request for Cleanup**

Committee recommends that Council write the owner of 43 Cabot Crescent requesting that the property be cleaned up and the building secured.

h) **Request to Subdivide Property**

Request received from Dave Callahan to subdivide 1 Cartwright Road to create an additional building lot to allow for the construction of a single family dwelling. Committee recommends approval to subdivide the property at 1 Cartwright subject to no negative feedback from the general public.

i) **Letter from Owner 15 MacDonald Drive**

A letter was received from the owner of 15 MacDonald Drive opposing the sub-division of land at 1 Laurier Drive. It was the consensus of Council that after considering the amount of negative feedback received from the public that the sub-division of land at 1 Laurier Drive be approved.

8 TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councillor B. MacKey

a) There was no Tourism, Parks and Recreation Report.

9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Councillor D. Clarke

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the Economic Development Committee Report as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Information Items**

- Newspaper articles regarding MUN, Provincial Aerospace Ltd., Crown Lands ownership and project aims to attract immigrants to live and work in Corner Brook.
- Update on CANAL and Cruise NL Board meeting held in St. John's April 24, 2008
- Labrador Lake Melville Tourism News for July 2008
- Expo Labrador
- Port Authority Update
- Municipal Sustainability Self Assessment Tool Kit
- Regional Marketing Committee meeting July 29, 2008

- Come Home Year 2011 Committee minutes for July 15, 2008
- Aurora Energy

b) **Trapline Marathon**

Mayor Abbass and Community Constable Sampson will be attending their meeting and will then provide further information at a later date.

10 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Councillor B. MacKey

It was moved by Councillor B. Mackey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve the Finance and Administration Committee as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

a) **Request – Town of North West River**

Request received from the Town of North West River for Council to consider an offer of $5,000.00 for the sewer vacuum truck. Committee recommends approval.

b) **Request – Labrador Canoe Regatta Committee**

Request received from the Labrador Canoe Regatta Committee for $1500.00 towards this event, plus in-kind service as in other years. Committee recommends approval.

c) **Info Item**

Enclosed in Council's package was an update on the 2008 Forest insect Control program.

d) **Info Item**

Enclosed in Council's package was information regarding the FCM's Green Municipal Fund and offers of low interest loans for Brownfield Remediation.

e) **Resolution – Canadian Red Cross**

Committee recommends that Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Canadian Red Cross is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its creation as a national non-profit volunteer humanitarian organization under The Canadian Red Cross Society Act, 1909;

And whereas, under national and international law the Canadian Red Cross and other National Red Cross and

Red Crescent Societies are considered "auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field:

And whereas, the mandate of the Canadian Red Cross is to: "In time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world;"

And whereas millions of Canadians and beneficiaries in other countries have been assisted by the Canadian Red Cross for over a century through programs aimed at disaster assistance, emergency preparedness, international aid, assistance and development, health, injury prevention and the promotion of international humanitarian law and humanitarian values,

And whereas the Canadian Red Cross' Auxiliary Role Project seeks to revitalize the relationships with public authorities at federal, provincial, territorial and municipal levels so as to better serve the needs of humanity;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay expresses its support for the Auxiliary Role Project and in particular the renewal of the framework for cooperation between public authorities and the Canadian Red Cross to better address the humanitarian challenges of the 21st century by:

a) working to reinforce the status and roles of the Canadian Red Cross as auxiliary to public authorities in the humanitarian field,

b) and reviewing existing measures, arrangements and instruments supporting the relationship.

f) **Fines Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the traffic fines report for June 2008.

g) **Request – Peacock School**

Request received from Peacock Primary School for Council to partner with them in the school's playground enhancement. Committee recommends that Council write Regional Engineer Bruce McGrath of Municipal Affairs requesting to include this project under the 2008/2011 Multi Year Capital Works Program.

h) **Complaints Report**

Enclosed in Council's package was the complaints report for June 2008.

i) **Fuel Pricing**

Enclosed in council's package was the fuel pricing for June 19, July 3, and July 10, 2008

j) **Town Smoking Policy**

Committee recommends adopting the Town Smoking Policy as presented:

1. Smoking is not permitted in town facilities, such as the Town Office, Fire Hall, Arena, Town Garage, Lift Stations, Pump Houses, Water Reservoirs, etc., unless an area has been designated with the proper air exchanger being in place.

2. The Smoking Policy is amended to include equipment and vehicles. Also there is to be no smoking on or within 30 feet of town doorways. All outdoor sport and recreation areas and all events are to be smoke free. Failure to comply will result in the following:

1st Offence	Verbal Warning
2nd Offence	Written Warning
3rd Offence	2 days suspension without pay
4th Offence	Termination

These Amendments To The Town Smoking Policy Will Come Into Effect September 1, 2008.

k) Proclamation

Canadians love the water, but unfortunately, as millions take to it, aquatic injuries and fatalities occur. In fact, such incidents represent the third leading cause of accidental death among Canadians under 60 years of age. What is most unfortunate is that all of these deaths are preventable.

Whereas
In recognition of the hundreds of lives that could be saved each year by spreading water safety information to the public, the Lifesaving Society has developed a Water Smart® Drowning Prevention Campaign and proclaimed National Drowning Prevention Week.

And Whereas
The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay affirms and supports the need to reduce drowning.

Be it resolved that

The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay does hereby proclaim

July 19— 27, 2008
DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

In witness thereof
I urge all who participate in aquatic activities to maintain their own safety and safety of others around them.

I set my hand this 22nd day of July, two thousand and eight

Signed Mayor Leo Abbass

11 APROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was moved by Councillor B. MacKey seconded by Councillor P. Tsibidis to approve cheques in the amount of $799,480.62. Motion Carried unanimously.

Cheque Number	Pay to the order of:	Cheque Amount
60018924	Goose Bay Wholesalers	727.05
60018934	National Shoe	1,405.16
60018938	Paint Shop	880.02
60018943	TST Overland	1,154.60
60018949	Bell Aliant	1,218.77
60018950	C&B Nursery	661.00
60018954	Envirosafe Fuel	1,198.84
60018955	Goose Bay Wholesalers	668.85
60018964	Labrador Motors	1,172.03
60018979	Wade Atlantic	7,210.12
60018982	Transcontinental Media	2,024.94
60018991	C&K Trucking	840.00
60018995	Diamond Blade	2,388.00
60018986	Air Lab/Atco Frontec	500.00
60018999	Emco Waterworks	610.20
60019002	Goose Bay Wholesalers	700.81
60019008	John Kelland	1,695.00
60019012	Melville Trucking	1,700.65
60019014	Morneau Sobeco	9,512.90
60019015	Municipal Assessment	25,395.50
60019020	Pco Services	763.88
60019024	Switch Electrical	4,734.33
60019026	Total Group	3,227.28
60019029	Valley Business	572.27

60019032	Ron Fougere Assoc.	32,890.07
60019033	Stewart McKelvey	12,729.53
60019036	Aims	12,956.58
60019043	Harrison Burry	3,000.00
60019044	K&D Pratt	887.05
60019045	Lab Specialty Service	576.25
60019048	Mista-Shipu Construction	608,466.99
60019057	Breathing Air System	39,065.07
60019061	Flotech Enterprises	9,595.96
60019063	Goose Bay Wholesale	503.72
60019068	Labrador Motors	670.94
60019071	Morneau Sobeco	4,484.16
60019078	Sansom Equipment	1,449.55
60019080	Terry's Tents	1,242.55
	Total	799,480.62

12 COUNCILLORS FORUM

a) Councillor MacKey queried the resolution regarding cabins. Councillor Kelly has taken this resolution to the MNL meeting.

b) Councillor MacKey queried the sandy area on Johnny Hill and whether topsoil, lime and seed will be placed on this area.

c) Councillor Tsibidis had a request made to him about the willows near the ballfield fence and whether these could be cut.

d) Councillor Tsibidis queried the water testing. Proposals have to be obtained from two consultants and then this will be done.

e) Mayor Abbass commented he wished the *Labradorian* was covering tonight's meeting as he takes exception to a lot of the articles that were in print regarding the town. He said it is poor journalism and a lot of the facts are not accurate. The Mayor will be sending a letter citing a couple of things he has problems with and will run the letter by Council before it is sent.

f) Mayor Abbass queried when the interviews will take place to fill the Parks and Recreation Director position.

g) The Deputy Mayor, Councillor MacKey and the Town Manager will get together next week. Councillor Clarke also expressed an interest to sit on this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. for a five minute recess before reconvening at 7:20 p.m. with a Business Session.

13. **BUSINESS SESSION**

a) Councillor Clarke queried an update regarding employee rates and the implications with regard to the Union contract.

b) Councillor Clarke queried the use of town vehicles and insurance when children are aboard. This matter is now resolved.

c) Councillor Clarke commented on the head end cable line on Hillcrest Road and partnering with other agencies, Rotary, Masonic, to bring this line to the arena. This will enable televising of the Winter Games, and other recreation events at the arena.

d) Councillor Clarke queried Council's decision regarding early ice at the arena. It was Council's consensus that this would not be possible.

e) Councillor Clarke requested a letter to the Hon. Danne Whelan, Minister Transportation and Works, with a copy to Dionne Tee, asking about the 30km committed for paving this year on the Trans Labrador Highway, and confirming that it is Council's understanding that asphalt will be laid to Gull Island.

f) Councillor Clarke queried an update on the sewer flushing in the MacDonald Drive area. A report will be obtained from Superintendent Normore.

g) Councillor Clarke commented on other towns having points of interest to attract tourist and queried if our area could have a Big Goose or some other unique feature.

h) Councillor Clarke commented on change of ownership of T & R Marina.

i) Councillor Clarke queried who is responsible for paving the new subdivision in the Kelland Road area. He was advised that the contractor is responsible.

j) Councillor Clarke requested an update on the land survey and sale of lots by Barney Powers.

k) Councillor Clarke requested it be checked for next Council meeting the access from the school side to the auditorium at the Mealy Mountain Collegiate.

l) Councillor Clarke queried when the Leon Cooper memorial plaque will be received. Director Wheeler said the company has this completed and it will be shipped in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m

MAYOR LEO ABBASS

TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD