The 8th meeting of the 9th elected Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay was held on March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Mayor Leo Abbass.

Present:
Mayor Leo Abbass
Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver
Councillor Bill MacKey
Councillor James H. Saunders
Councillor Dean Clarke
Councillor Madelyn Kelly
Town Manager Al Durno
Town Clerk V. Sheppard
Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Ken Anthony

Absent: – Recording Secretary Donna Jones – annual leave

1 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF THE 8th MEETING**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor B. MacKey to adopt the agenda of the 8th meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion Carried unanimously.

2 **SWEARING IN OF PAUL TSIBIDIS**

Town Clerk Valerie Sheppard commenced the swearing in ceremony for newly elected councillor Paul Tsibidis.

3 **APPROVAL TO BORROW**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor S. Oliver seconded by Councillor J. Saunders that the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay borrow three million dollars ($3,000,000.00) for a period of three months for interim financing on current account expenditures. Motion Carried unanimously.

4 **PRESS RELEASE**

The Town's Press Release concerning announcements made by Premier Danny Williams on funding for Mealy Mountain Collegiate performance space, long term health care facility, and funding for the College of the North Atlantic was approved by the Council for release.

5 **PROVINCE'S PRESS RELEASE**

Councillor Clarke queried the *"Investing in Road Infrastructure"* section of the Premier's Press Release, in which he said *"to start application of a sealed surface on Phase 1 of the Trans Labrador Highway between Goose and Wabush".* Councillor Clarke asked, what does this mean? If it is chip seal than he doesn't think it is worth while, as what is down now is not wearing well – it's full

of holes. Also, before it is paved the road must be brought up to highway standards with code

It was moved by Councillor D. Clarke seconded by Councillor M. Kelly to write the Premier requesting a copy of the report on the experimental chip seal on the Trans Labrador Highway, and also ask what is meant by "*application of a sealed surface".* Further to this that if the Trans Labrador Highway is to be called and treated as a highway then it should meet all highway specifications. Motion Carried unanimously.

6 **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

a) Mayor Abbass advised that he was in Voisey's Bay last week and it was a great opportunity to view the site. He requested a letter be sent to Bob Cooper thanking him for the tour and requesting that all councilors have the opportunity to view the site.

b) Mayor Abbass remarked the Opening Ceremonies of the Labrador Winter Games was very impressive. He noted that the Premier gave his support for the next Labrador Winter Games in 2009.

c) Councillor Clarke requested a report on the recent water break under the berm in Spruce Park. The Town Manager advised that staff is working on the break. All snow is cleared and documentation is being kept on all work being done on this site. Meetings are also being held with DND and Serco officials.

d) Councillor J. Saunders attended a meeting last week with the Major concerning the water. Councillor Saunders noted the water report should be available shortly.

e) Councillor Kelly welcomed new Councillor Paul Tsibidis. She also commented on the infrastructure funding meeting. The Town Manager advised that this meeting will be held in the Town Hall Board Room on March 16.

f) Councillor MacKey noted that DND vehicles that are used in Afghanistan are now here and being tested for cold weather use.

g) Councillor Tsibidis thanked everyone who voted for him. He looks forward to working with all of Council. He noted that something must be done to try and keep the young people in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and not have them go elsewhere looking for work.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

MAYOR LEO ABBASS

TOWN CLERK VALERIE SHEPPARD