



# TOWN NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

## ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR THE TOWN

The Town conducted an Accessibility Plan survey in November - December 2025. The analysis identified five critical priority areas:

- Pedestrian infrastructure and sidewalks,
- Automatic door maintenance and accessibility features,
- Street lighting and visibility,
- Communication and information dissemination, and
- Inclusive programming and services.

Respondents rated existing Town facilities, programs, and services at an average of 2.4 out of 5, indicating substantial room for improvement.

A formal report will be published at a later date.

## NEW & ON-GOING CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2026

- Sewage Lift Station Upgrades
- Fire Hall Design
- EV Charging Station
- Road Intersection Upgrades
- Snow Guards Installation
- Riverbank Stabilization
- Churchill Street Housing Development
- Arena Heating
- D42 Pumphouse Upgrades
- Loring Drive Road Reconstruction
- Road Resurfacing
- Sewage Lift Station Upgrades - Phase 2
- Bike Trail Upgrades - Phase 2
- Town Hall HVAC



## SPRING CLEAN UP

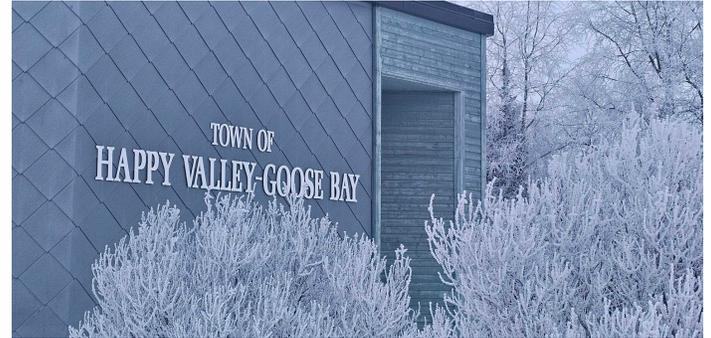
Spring Clean Up will start on May 12

- May 11 - Litter collection will start
- May 26 - June 5 Bulk pick-up Valley
- June 8 - June 10 Bulk pick-up MOT
- June 11 - June 12 Bulk pick-up Spruce Park and Canadian Side

If you get missed, please call the Town Office to arrange the pickup of your waste from June 15 - June 19.

- Street Sweeping will begin early May.

All dates are subject to change.



## EVENTS & DATES AT E.J. BROOMFIELD ARENA

### Events

- March 8 - 15 - Labrador Winter Games 
- March 27, 28 and 29 - Rec Hockey Tournament
- April 4 and 5 - Randy Hanson Hockey Tournament
- April 18 - Snow Flake Ice Show

- May 15, 16 and 17 - Junior Labrador Cup of Soccer
- May 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 - Senior Labrador Cup of Soccer
- June 8, 9, and 10th- Rec NL Meetings 
- June 23 - 26 - Expo Labrador
- July 1 - Canada Day Celebrations

### Skating Schedule

- Senior Hockey skate from 10:00am-11:00am Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Senior Skate from 11:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Noon Hour Skate from 12:00pm-1:00pm Monday-Friday
- Hockey Skate from 1:00pm- 2:00pm Monday-Friday
- Public Skate on Friday from 8:00pm-8:50pm and Sunday from 2:00pm-2:50pm

### Arena Hours of Operation:

- Monday-Friday- 8:00am-12:00 am (midnight)
- Saturday and Sunday- 7:30 am-11:30pm

### Kinsmen Park Hours of Operation:

- Monday-Sunday- 9:00am-9:00pm (Weather permitting)

## CORPORATE SERVICES

### 2026 Tax Invoices

You can pay by online banking, in person at Town Office (cash/debit/credit), or by cheque/money order.

- EMT is available email - [payments@townhvgb.com](mailto:payments@townhvgb.com)
- Please ensure the invoice number or account number is provided in the message field.
- EFT is also available. Please email [SAT@townhvgb.com](mailto:SAT@townhvgb.com) to set up.
- Pay online (quick steps):
  - Add the Town as a payee (search "Happy"), then enter your Municipal Account Number from your tax bill (6 or 9 digits) and add zeros to make 11 or 14 digits total (depending on your bank).
  - Need help? Call 709-896-3321.

### Taxation & Fee Stability

Holding rates stable reflects continued efforts to manage costs responsibly while minimizing financial pressure on residents and businesses. Council approved the 2026 budget with no changes to:

- Residential property tax rates
- Business property tax rates
- Water and sewer service fee

**Early Payment Discount:** Council has set a 3% discount for 2026 when Property Tax and Business Tax are paid in full by March 31 (and any arrears are also paid by March 31).

Arrears interest: 1% per month will be charged on unpaid arrears not paid by the due date of June 30, 2026.

### Relief / Rebates (applications):

- Residential property tax reduction (income-based): 100% / 75% / 50% / 25% based on household income ranges; apply annually and provide your CRA Notice of Assessment for the tax year two years prior. E.g. CRA NOA for 2024 is to be used for the 2026 application
- Recreational property tax rebate: Eligible seasonal properties please check policy number : F0010 (criteria apply).

Need to update your name or contact info of your property or business? Email [sat@townhvgb.com](mailto:sat@townhvgb.com) or contact Town Office.

### CONSERVE WATER IN THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY

1. Use your automatic dishwasher only for full loads.
2. Use your automatic washing machine only for full loads.
3. If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a panful of hot water.
4. Don't let the faucet run while you wash vegetables. Just rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water.
5. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful.
6. Check your faucet and pipes for leaks. Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, seven days a week and often can be repaired inexpensively.

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES



The Animal Control Annual Dog Tag Blitz, (Tag Your Critters) will be on Saturday April 25, at the Town Hall. More details to follow.



Annual Bike Rodeo hosted between the Town of HVGB Municipal Enforcement, the RCMP and the Military Police, will be on Saturday June 27. More details to follow.



- May 3-9, 2026, "**Emergency Preparedness Week**".
- The annual Open House at the fire department will take place on Sunday May 3, from 1:00pm-4:00pm. The theme this year is "Be Prepared."
- **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** is May 2, 2026. The Town will recognize this day during the open house for Emergency Preparedness Week.

There are multiple websites to note as well:

- FireSmart Canada, [www.firesmartcanada.ca](http://www.firesmartcanada.ca)
- Emergency Preparedness Week Canada, <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/emergencies/preparedness/get-prepared/emergency-preparedness-week.html>

Other Information available on Town website:

- Emergency Tab (button)
- Emergency Management Plan
- Emergency Volunteer Form
- Emergency Preparedness Checklist
- Important Links

Sign up for email updates from the Town through Constant Contact by visiting our website



[www.townhvgb.com](http://www.townhvgb.com)



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