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An emergency meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Members present were: Mayor Charles Penwell, Deputy Mayor James Dunne, Councillors Levi Curtis, Joann Johnson, Jordan Keeping, Patrick Parsons and Frazer Smith.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the press release by Minister of Fisheries- Darin King regarding the Ocean International Redfish and Yellowtail proposal and the affect it will have on the proposed annual operation of the Fortune plant now that the Provincial Government has rejected the OCI proposal.

Mayor Penwell presented the members of Council with a copy of Minister King's press release for review. Mayor Penwell had a conference call with Minister King and Mayor Penwell highlighted some of the issues discuss: (1)Provincial Government requested that OCI process 10 million pounds of flatfish for Fortune instead of 7 million, however OCI refused; (2) OCI wanted 15 years exemptions but would only confirm 4.5 years for Fortune. Currently with Government's rejection, it will be up to OCI to come back with further proposal(s). Mayor Penwell stated that he expressed his disappointment to Minister King regarding the rejection, but hopeful that something will be resolved.

Council expressed its opinion on how this matter will play itself out, how the OCI situation with the crew of the Newfoundland Lynx complicates matters, and what impact all of this will have for any future of the Fortune plant.

It was agreed that Council would immediately request a meeting with Minister King, OCI, and Mayor Penwell will contact Karen Caines the local union representative.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Mayor



Town Manager