



# The Town of Fortune

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MINUTES  
of a regular meeting of Council  
of the Town of Fortune  
Held in the Town Hall, March 31st 2014  
6:30pm

## *Members Present*

MAYOR  
DEPUTY MAYOR  
COUNCILLORS:

Charles Penwell  
Corey Parsons  
Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith  
Levi Curtis

## *Also Present*

TOWN MANAGER  
OFFICE ASSISTANT

Norma Stacey  
Dora Hillier

## *Additions to the Agenda:*

23. Resident Complaint
24. Animal Control
25. FFFIF
26. Deferred payment forms



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### Additions to Agenda of March 31st, 2014 Meeting

Mayor Penwell asked for approval of the additions to the agenda of the March 31st, 2014 regular meeting.

**Motion 2014-03-31-01** Parsons /Curtis

*It was resolved that the additions to the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 agenda for a regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith  
Levi Curits

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

### Regular Meeting of March 18th, 2014

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes Of the regular meeting of March 31st, 2014.

**Motion 2014-03-31-02** Curtis/Harris

*It was resolved that the Minutes of March 18th, 2014 regular meeting of Council be adopted.*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.



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### GENERAL BUSINESS:

#### 1. Account receivable

A Town resident informed office staff they can't pay anything on their account until April, the resident can't sign a payment plan as they are on an unknown pay schedule, the resident was asked to make a \$5.00 good faith payment, and the resident was unable to pay \$5.00. This resident is behind in payments for 2012, 2013 and now 2014. Council deliberated and decided to send this resident a letter stating they have 30 days to pay the bill in full or make appropriate arrangements they will be able to honor. If they default within five days of April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, their water will be shut off. Payment arrangements will have to specify payment in full by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

#### 2. Water Agreement

Mayor Penwell enlightened Council with details on the meeting with the Water Committee regarding the Water Agreement.

- Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The Water Agreement would rise from \$33,000 yearly to \$44,250 yearly.
- It was added that instead of crew visiting this site once a week, they now visit this site three times a week on average. This is an estimated cost of \$4,500.00 a year.
- Fortune would be paying for the same volume of chlorine prior to the start of this agreement as the price of chlorine is gone down in price.

**Motion 2014-03-31-03** Parsons /Curtis

*It was resolved to approve the new Water Agreement.*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Levi Curits

Opposed: 1  
Motion carried.



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### **3. Sale by Auction**

Town Manager Norma Stacey described two properties. One was a property that was returned to Scotia Bank and the other was a piece of land a person owns, there was a house on it at one point in time, however there are no taxes paid on this land. Approval was requested to start the auction process.

**Motion 2014-03-31-04**      Parsons/Harris

*It was resolved that town will move forward for the sale by auction process.*

In favour:      Mayor C. Penwell  
                     Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors:    Yvonne Symes-Harris  
                     Patrick Parsons  
                     Frazer Smith  
                     Levi Curtis

Opposed:      0  
Motion carried.

### **4. Emergency Plan meeting date**

Town Manager Norma Stacey was seeking to set a date for the Emergency Planning meeting. Councilor Parsons informed Council that the Anglican Minister was interested in offering the Church basement as a warming center for emergency black outs, as the furnace will aid in comfort for residents. Council discussed how the fire hall has less capacity. This will have to be discussed with the Fortune Fire Department. Town Manager Norma Stacey will email all Emergency Committee members to see if April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm will work for all.



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### **5. Fire Hall**

Town Manager Norma Stacey wanted to clarify who will be paying for installation of high beam for the Fire Department. The Fortune Fire Department is expecting the Town to pay, however council agreed this was not the deal. Mayor Penwell added we need their financial statements, and all financial statements by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Town Manager Norma Stacey informed Council that installation of the high beam is not included in the contractor's quote; the issue of the beams has to be addressed as soon as possible. It was decided to have the contractor contact Dominion Recycling for a quote plus delivery, also correspond with the Fire Chief to see if the Fire Department will be paying the bill.

### **6. Signing of the Collective Agreement**

The date was set for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 4:30pm for all workers and Councillors.

### **7. Appreciation for former Councillors**

Council deliberated and concluded that during the end of the regular council meeting (held between five and seven o'clock) of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Schedule a dinner at Doc's diner to show appreciation for former councillors.

### **8. Request for support**

Marystown Minor Hockey is looking for support. It was decided to pass on to the Recreation Commission, and maybe share the payment of a ½ page for \$60.00. If not the Town would go ahead with a ¼ page ad for \$30.00.



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**Motion 2014-03-31-05** Smith/Curtis

*It was resolved that town decided to pass on to the Recreation Commission, and maybe share the payment of a 1/2 page for \$60.00. If not the Town would go ahead with a 1/4 page ad for \$30.00.*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith  
Levi Curtis

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

Also seeking support was the Boot Shrine Club. The enormity of this event was discussed. The Boot Shrine Club used to always support Fortune.

**Motion 2014-03-31-06** Curtis/Smith

*It was resolved that town decided to support the Boot Shrine Club*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
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Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.



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### **9. Ideal Enterprises**

Town Manager Norma Stacey contacted the Harbor Authority to discuss a letter the Town received in regards to the closing of the wharf. It was suggested to the Harbor Authority, to place signs down by the slip way just up the side of customs, so residents can access Community Street.

### **10. Correspondence from a citizen regarding sod damage**

Town Manager Norma Stacey described a picture presented. There are heavy equipment tracks on a resident's lawn. The damage is caused from the Town's machines. Council decided to fix the lawn damage.

**Motion 2014-03-31-07**      Smith/Curtis

*It was resolved that town would fix the sod damage*

In favour:      Mayor C. Penwell  
                     Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors:    Yvonne Symes-Harris  
                     Patrick Parsons  
                     Frazer Smith  
                     Levi Curtis

Opposed:      0  
Motion carried.

### **11. Gas Tax**

\$211,000 has not been received yet. It is gone to finance for processing, but financing has been backed up. This money was allocated last year for the paving of the Town's roads.

### **12. U Rock Awards**

This was past the nomination deadline.



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### **13. Environmental Assessment: The Greater Lamaline Area Multipurpose Trail Association**

Town Manager Stacey was contacted by Environmental Assessment, they should have sent us a copy of the assessment but forgot it. They wanted this to go forward to Council and if Council had any objections to let them know.

### **14. Southern Gazette**

Council decided against advertising in the Annual Summer Vacation Guide.

### **15. Spring/Summer 2014 Operator Education Seminar**

Council decided to look into sending an outside worker that has no certification in water.

### **16. Legends City Wrestling at the Arena**

Due to preferred scheduling issues, it was decided not to hold this event in the arena.

### **17. Request for land**

Town Manager Norma Stacey was visited by a party interested in purchasing a parcel of land behind the old IMP location for possible development. They were wondering if the Town would be interested in selling this parcel of land to build a home. The other consideration would be water and sewer. There is a small section between the back of Brookfield road and IMP. Council members were wondering if this parcel of land could be developed into multiple building lots. Town Manager Norma Stacey contacted the engineer from Bay New Plan; he said if the Town was considering developing on this land there are a lot of things to consider, such as a flood plain assessment, trench and drains, soil sampling.

If this parcel of land was leveled off, it could be creating issues for current residents. Mayor Penwell requested information on how many building lots are there, where would the road go, and is there a possibility of developing on the other side of the road? Water and sewer could be ran from Farm Road and loop water and sewer.





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### 18. Recreation Commission

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 is the date of the Recreation Commission's volunteer supper. Councillor Harris will attend and serve if needed.

### 19. Recreation AGM

Council would like to sent the Arena Manager to the Recreation AGM, May 28<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

Motion 2014-03-31-08      Curtis/Smith

*It was resolved that town would sent the Arena Manager to this Recreation AGM*

In favour:      Mayor C. Penwell  
                    Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors:    Yvonne Symes-Harris  
                    Patrick Parsons  
                    Frazer Smith  
                    Levi Curtis

Opposed:      0  
Motion carried.

### 20. RFP Proposal

Town Manager Norma Stacey received a letter advising the Town of their success. Mayor Penwell wants construction started in June or July at the latest, not October. Higher powers have to be contacted to propel this construction forward. Tenders have to happen and the agreement between the Towns, the department and Bay New Plan have to arrive before motion.



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### **21. Community Center**

Town Manager Norma Stacey reviewed her conversation with the Community Centers Chairperson. The Chairperson wanted the roof examined further for repair. Council explained the Community Center is losing money by the day. Also noting the health issues from moisture and mold, along with terrible air quality. Council was advised of several local businesses in the area interested in this location, for a soccer field and development.

Council will consult with the Chairperson, empathizing with their feelings and offering them a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication. It was decided a request for proposal will be made public after speaking with the Chairperson. Contact the organizations within the building to remove their belongings, and schedule the closure for the later part of April. The Community Center will pay off their outstanding bills and work with the Chairperson in aiding them with the account transition process. This point in time the locks will be changed as there are many keys in circulation.

### **22. Resident Concern**

Councillor Curtis enlightened Council on a concern raised by a resident who has claimed they have called into the Town numbers of times and now it is writing. The letter indicated the garbage and dogs behind the residents house on Hickman Place is a real hinder to everyday living. The dogs will not allow the resident to move from the house to the car, without an incident. The resident wants this issue dealt with. Also the garbage is deplorable, there are chesterfields, parts of cars. Council decided to contact Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and sent the resident causing the problem a letter they have 30 days to clean the property. Council also indicated there are two other properties in the Town that need a letter sent for clean up. If the occupants of these properties do not comply, the Town will clean it up and they will be billed for the cleanup.

### **23. Animal Control**

Deputy Mayor Parsons revealed details of messages he received with reference to using gas chambers to euthanize animals. The concerns were this is inhumane. The cost to gas an animal is \$10.00 and the cost to euthanize via injection is \$50.00. As per the SPCA, wild cats are not adoptable, and it has been 6 months or more since the last cat adoption. Fortune's Town Council decided to pay \$50.00 to humanely euthanize stray animals.



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**Motion 2014-03-31-09** Deputy Mayor Parsons/Curtis

*It was resolved that town would pay \$50.00 to humanly euthanize it's stray animals*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith  
Levi Curtis

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

## 24. FFFIF

May 4<sup>th</sup> FFFIF are holding a fundraiser, their Committee was seeking approval to use the Arena for a movie day, turning it into a theater atmosphere. Also the Committee was Wondering if the Town will allow Dr. Hook tickets to be sold at the Town Office.

**Motion 2014-03-31-10** Parsons/Deputy Mayor Parsons

*It was resolved that town would grant the FFFIF the use of the Arena for the fundraiser and allow the sale of Dr. Hook tickets at the Town Office.*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
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Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.



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Town Manager Norma Stacey informed Council of a possible \$6000.00 to \$7000.00 loss for the NHL Legends event. The final tally has not been calculated. Mayor Penwell discussed how the first NHL Legends was a \$9000.00 gain so all is not lost. This is just a quick calculation explained Town Manager Norma Stacey, and this has not been reviewed with the Arena manager.

### **Deferred payment**

One was for Pole Tax. Total amount would be paid by the end of April in full.

**Motion 2014-03-31-11**

Smith/Parsons

*It was resolved that town would approve the deferred payment*

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell  
Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris  
Patrick Parsons  
Frazer Smith  
Levi Curtis

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

### **25. Employee Matter**

Town Manager Norma Stacey enlightened Council on Town Clerk Debbie Hillier's recover from her leg injury. Town Clerk Hillier is upbeat and doing well. It will be six to eight weeks before she is able to apply any weight to her leg. Town Clerk Debbie Hillier offered her services through logmein.com, preparing for the audit from home. Her position will be advertised as soon as possible.

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**Correspondence**

- 1) 2013 Summer Drinking Water Quality Report
- 2) Wooden Boat Museum

**Bills**

**Motion 2014-03-31-12**                      Smith/Parsons

*It was resolved to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:40pm*

In favour:      Mayor C. Penwell  
                    Deputy Mayor Parsons  
Councillors:   Yvonne Symes-Harris  
                    Patrick Parsons  
                    Frazer Smith  
                    Levi Curtis

Opposed:        0  
Motion carried.

*Adjournment:*



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Mayor



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Office Clerk