



# The Town of Fortune

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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Monday December 3, 1990 at 7:00 pm.

Members present were: Mayor Penwell, Deputy Mayor King, Councillors Collier, Thornhill, King and Cooper.

## Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. No further correspondence re second letter directed to Fire Commissioners office.
2. Tender for Turkey & Ham-Mailed out.
3. Christmas Party confirmed for December 14, 1990.
4. Spillway at the Dam-nothing to report.
5. Flooding-Area of Andrew Piercey's-Town Clerk will check with Work Superintendent re corrections made.
6. Lions Club & Senior Citizens Units-Norberg Associates have completed the drawings for 12 more units, similar to the present ones.
7. Opening Eastern Community College-Deputy Mayor King attended.
8. Insurance Tender Package-completed-with some packages picked up at the office. Closing date January 11, 1991.
9. "Umbrella Group" re youth of the Town-nothing new to report.

It was moved by Councillor Collier and seconded by Deputy Mayor King the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

## General Correspondence:

1. Minutes of Special Meeting November 16, 1990-Mayor Penwell gave outline of the necessary corrections re the breakdown of the \$105,000.00 and question of the \$8,300.00. It was moved by Councillor Thornhill, and seconded by Councillor Cooper the minutes of the Special Meeting be approved with the necessary corrections. Motion carried.
2. Mayor's Letter to the Residence of the Town- Deputy Mayor King wished to clarify that he was aware of financial problems before October 1, 1990 because of conversations with the Town Manager in the early spring of 1990 and also he felt that the possibility of raising taxes had been discussed in Council.



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Mayor Penwell said that raised taxes were only considered in connection with the Solid Waste Disposal Site.

Deputy Mayor King also wondered if, in the Mayor's Letter, the impression was left with the public that taxes would be increased to cope with the deficit.

Mayor Penwell stated he was directed by Council to include that in his letter. Mayor Penwell stated he had serious concerns regarding his letter after it was passed in to the Town Office for photocopying and mailing. He was not aware of any problem or concern with the content of the letter until he arrived home at 5:00 pm and there was a facsimile from the auditor, Mr. Harvey Lunnen, containing objections to his letter. Mayor Penwell was concerned as to how or why the letter was forwarded to Mr. Lunnen.

Deputy Mayor King stated he was not aware the letter had been sent to the auditor and although he had been in the Town Office and read it, he made no comment and would not do so until it was mailed.

Mayor Penwell outlined to Council Mr. Lunnen's objections. (Photocopies of facsimile attached to the minutes.) Mayor Penwell stated " I'm not out to ruin anyones reputation or get rid of the Town Manager or Town Clerk nor anyone else; however if a puppet was required for the Mayors chair, he was not the one". He also informed Council that he and the Town Manager exchanged words over this matter.

Deputy Mayor King stated again, he did not make any comment on the letter and he also felt that the present staff was aware that unless authorized by Council, nothing was to go out.

Councillor Cooper felt that in the last years he had no reason to suspect any wrong doing with the bookkeeping also he felt that what is discussed within the Council Chambers, should remain there.

Mayor Penwell felt his letter was to clarify rumors around town and he felt it had done so.

Deputy Mayor King expressed that maybe this letter did not have to contain all the details of the financing.

However, Mayor Penwell said he had stated in Council it would contain the facts to which the Town Manager replied he did not care about the facts. Mayor Penwell felt this whole situation has caused quite a bit of tension between himself and the staff and he felt the finance committee had every right to question finances of the budget.

Deputy Mayor King felt the inquiry was legitimate.

Councillor Thornhill stated that Councillor Warren had visited his home and left a message for him to attend a meeting at the Town Office; however he did not do so because the request did not come from the town office as is usually the case.

Councillor King felt that Council should have a motion of confidence or non confidence in the chair and he also felt, that which was requested to be in the Mayors letter was done and things had to be resolved and Council either approve or disapprove these moves. He also thought it was time to show support.

Deputy Mayor King felt that periodic checks on the financial situation of the



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*town should not be any problem.*

*Councillor Collier suggested in order to avoid any further misunderstandings the "press" could be invited to Council meetings.*

*Councillor Cooper supported the finance committee and mayor, however his biggest concern was information being disclosed outside of chambers.*

*It was moved by Councillor Collier and seconded by Deputy Mayor King that we give our Mayor a vote of confidence. Deputy Mayor King then put the motion to the floor. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. *Approval to Borrow-nothing to report.*

## General Business

1. *Transfer of Land-Lions Club. It was moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Thornhill that we donate the piece of land to the Lions for the Senior Citizens Cottages pending the success of approval of their application. Motion carried.*

2. *Letter G.S.T. Seminar-St. John's-File.*

*The Town Manager was unsuccessful in getting a representative to visit the area and discuss the G.S.T. with the various sports groups involved at the Arena. It was agreed to write these groups and notify them of the effect of the G.S.T.*

3. *Kix Country-Christmas & New Years Greetings-cost \$156.00. It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Thornhill we have the Christmas and New Years greetings, however Councillor Thornhill suggested the Mayor visit the station and have his own message. Motion carried.*

4. *Southern Gazette-Christmas Greeting \$61.35, New Years Greeting \$30.00 It was moved by Councillor Collier, seconded by Councillor Cooper that we purchase the regular Christmas & New Years messages at the cost outlined. Motion carried.*

## Correspondence

1. *Kix Country Wishing Well-cash donation or non-perishable goods. It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Deputy Mayor King that we would donate \$50.00 to the Kix Country Wishing Well. Motion carried.*

2. *Letter NTA-Royal Commission Hearing on Education in Newfoundland, December 13, 1990 at Marystown. Mayor Penwell to present brief. General discussion re the non-availability of school facilities to the public.*



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3. Letter All Saints Church-re Memorial Day Services
4. Letter Town of Marystown-support for the Winterland Airport. It was agreed to write the Town of Marystown and attach our letter of support that had been mailed to MP Roger Simmons earlier this fall.
5. Letter Continental Insurance-no coverage for Arena Brine System.
6. Letter Grand Bank-Fortune Ambulance Committee re tender awarded to Kiley Distributors Ltd, New Glasgow-for new ambulance.
7. Letter Canada Post-acknowledging our letter re postal cut backs.
8. G.S.T. Seminar sponsored by the Federation-file.
9. Burin Peninsula Health Care-re cut backs in funding. It was agreed to arrange a joint meeting with the Health Care Board and the Town of Grand Bank to discuss same.
10. Letter Federation of Municipalities-Five Star Awards-File.

## Concerns:

Councillor Cooper asked if a meeting had been set up with the plant manager? The meeting is set up with Mr. Hickey for 4:00 pm on Thursday December 6, 1990.

Councillor Collier asked if there was a float for the Santa Claus Parade? The outside workers are constructing same.

Mayor Penwell asked if we could invite Bow Collier to our Christmas Party and present him with a plaque in recognition of his induction to the Soccer Hall of Fame. It was moved by Councillor Thornhill and seconded by Councillor King we would send an invitation to Mr. Collier to attend the Christmas Party and present him with a plaque. Motion carried.

## Bills were read as follows:

Imperial Oil Ltd.	\$ 768.80
Jacob Thornhill	125.00
Cinco	1,723.14
Pitney Bowes	215.69
Nfld Lumber Producers Assoc.	137.60
Ultramar Canada Inc.	546.52
Nfld Liquor Comm.	755.70
Nfld. Mun. Fin. Corp	18,875.34
South Coast Printers Ltd.	14.21
Nfld Telephone Co. Ltd.	664.54
Twin Towns Electrical	110.53
Sameday Courier	22.10



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Motorola Limited	210.99
Sanitary Products Ltd.	66.81
Emberley's Transport Ltd.	63.12
Frank Patten	18.00
J.B. Foote Ltd.	225.45
Grand Bank Pharmacy Ltd.	66.43
Lake & Lake Ltd.	9.86
Lloyd G. Lake Ltd.	352.90 = \$24,972.73

*It was moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor King that the bills be paid as read. Motion carried.*

*It was agreed to deliver fruit baskets to the Town Manager and the Assistant Work Superintendent.*

*No further business it was moved by Councillor Collier and seconded by Councillor Cooper that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 am. Motion carried.*

  
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Mayor

  
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Office Clerk