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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on January 20, 1997 at 7:00 pm.

Member present were: Mayor Harvey Tulk, Deputy Mayor Charles Penwell, Councillors Mary Piercey, Major King, Derrick Reid, Harold Thornhill and Lloyd Barnes.

Special Guests: 1) Const. John Warr, RCMP Grand Bank Detachment
2) Murdock Hiscock, resident

7:00 pm-Const. Warr informed Council of the rumoured changes that the RNC would replace the RCMP in Newfoundland-he distributed a fact sheet regarding the RCMP and stated it was not the RCMP's intention to criticize the RNC. Included with the handout was a sample letter directed to our MHA Judy Foote, expressing concerns and the RCMP's desire to have public consultation before any decision was made by Government. Const. Warr asked to have this letter forwarded to the MHA if Council was supportive of its content. He retired from the meeting at 7:20 pm.

7:25 pm-Murdock Hiscock presented his proposal to Council whereby he would voluntarily drive the snow plough to gain experience at snow clearing. Mr. Hiscock had completed a 22 week course in heavy equipment operation and wished to gain as much experience as possible. He strongly emphasized he did not wish to interfere with policies put in place between Council and their outside workers.

Mr. Hiscock also expressed concern about a "notice of arrears" he received and that the message "we would appreciate payment immediately to avoid any further unnecessary action" was upsetting to him since his arrears was only one month and the fact he had never been in that situation before, was inconsiderate of Council. Mr. Hiscock returned from the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Thornhill that Council would forward a copy of the sample letter presented by Const. Warr supporting the RCMP in their efforts for public consultation by government before a final decision was made regarding the RCMP remaining in the Province. Motion carried.

A general discussion followed regarding Mr. Hiscock's proposal. Members were in general agreement; however, felt that the matter should be discussed with the outside workers. Councillor King agreed to do so.



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Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey the agenda with the added item #33 "Recreation", be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Review Minutes November 25, 1996 meeting:

1. Sea Cadets non payment of rental for Community Center.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey that we write the Sea Cadets asking them to make arrangements to have the bill paid or discuss the matter with Council or return the keys to the building by January 31, 1997. Motion carried. It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to Alec Noseworthy, chairman of the Sea Cadet sponsoring committee.

2. Business, Lloyd G. Lake Ltd building-nothing new.
3. Bus Shelter blown down-awaiting return of loader to put back up.
4. Grant-in-lieu Fishery Products International-\$90,000.00 agreed too and payment received.
5. Local Museum-Councillor Thornhill stated that a meeting was planned for Wednesday January 22, 1997.
6. Heat Community Center-working okay.

Be It Resolved: It was moved Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Thornhill the minutes of the November 25, 1996 meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey the minutes of the December 17, 1996 meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

General:

1. Meeting Motel Mortier January 21, 1997 with Government officials re proposals on insurance rates as it applies to the Burin Peninsula-Mayor Tulk will attend.

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2. Workers Agreement-to be signed Friday January 24, 1997 at 5:00 pm.

Ease back to work-Hedley Hillier to work for 4 hours per day for next two weeks-still under Workers' Compensation.

Downtime schedule outside workers-Councillor King to discuss matter with workers.

Concern was expressed regarding the two injured workers off now and the fact that a casual worker was hired for two days a week to assist with garbage collection. This situation is not helping to save funds as was the intent when workers were asked to have 12 weeks downtime in 97. No decision was made as to whether the injured workers would have to complete the 12 week downtime after their period on workers' compensation was over and they were fit for work. For the time being the work superintendent would serve on the garbage truck.

3. Simeon G. Miller-apartment water rates. Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor King that we write Mr. Miller and inform him of Council's policy and ask him to inform Council, in writing, of the months his apartment was vacant before his request for exemption of water rates could be granted. Motion carried.

4. Hornhouse Road-Canadian Coast Guard-file.

Snow Clearing Hornhouse Road-resident request to have snow cleared to the top of the hill-it was agreed snow clearing would only be done to the area of the last residential home.

5. Lake's Travel Inc-Business tax partial exemption parking lot- Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey that we write Mr. Lake and inform him of town policy to rebate taxes when a business was not longer in operation. Motion carried.

6. A & J Enterprises Ltd-Bae-NewPlan Group-file.

7. 1984 Dodge Ram needs radiator, two front tires, steering problems and is rusted out-agreed to ask Work Superintendent's opinion and defer until next meeting.



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8. Logwood Road-in bad condition-contact Bill Mills.
9. Replacement for Town Manager on the following committees:

Town Development-Earl Rose
Finance Committee-Basil Collier-Town Clerk
Ambulance Committee-Basil Collier-Town Clerk
Waste Disposal Site Committee-Basil Collier-Town Clerk

It was also noted that the signature for signing power needed to be changed.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor King that the office clerk-Norma Stacey, would replace the Town Manager's name for signing power on the Town's Accounts. Motion carried.

10. Department of Finance-refinancing of loans.
11. Leslie Hillier-purchase parcel of land on back of his property on Springhill Road. Town Clerk to check minutes re prior decision on a similar request from Mr. Hillier.
12. Councillor Honorariums. General discussion and not all Councillors in agreement with reinstating honorariums for 1997; however the following items were noted for the Finance Committees when making their decision:
 1. Reduction in Firemen's honorariums already in place.
 2. The 12 week down time already put in place for the workers.
 3. Consider having a dinner meeting once or twice throughout the year.
13. Bridges Employment Corporation-requests permission to create an overflow parking area for trailers--.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Barnes that we grant Bridges Employment Corporation permission to create an overflow parking area for trailers in the Horse Brook Park. Motion carried.

14. The Community Vet-re business tax-check with Town of Grand Bank re their policy re eye specialist and vet.



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15. George Garden Circus-re Russian International Circus-rental price \$2000.00.-no confirmation. Councillor Reid suggested that if a confirmation was received, then the rental fee or at least part of it would be designated towards purchasing paint for inside the Arena. Agreed.
16. Doane Raymond agreement for 1996 audit.
17. Fire Department Budget-Will honorariums revert back to 1995? Mayor Tulk had informed Fire Chief Pat Parsons that the Finance Committee was still in the preliminary stages of the Fire Department's budget.
18. Schedule of meetings-review next meeting.
19. Chris Robert-verbal request to skate in the Arena during down time for therapy on his ankle. It was agreed Chris would be allowed to do this provided he did not have anyone else with him on the ice and he would not be allowed to use his hockey stick or puck.
20. Michelle Wells-additional hour worked beyond her work schedule due to customers at the Canteen after the hockey game. It was agreed to pay her.
21. Claude Mavin-\$200.00 for his contribution at the Arena during the season.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Thornhill and seconded by Councillor Barnes that we pay Claude Mavin \$200.00 for time contributed at Arena throughout the 1997 year. Motion carried.
22. Walter Shea broke light in dressing room at Arena. Arena Attendant-Wade Ayers estimated the cost at around \$10.00. Walter paid the amount. It was agreed this procedure was okay.
23. Finance Committee to meet with Eric Piercey regarding general operation of the Arena.
24. Amend policy regarding confirmation of earnings for residents charged poll tax.



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Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Charles Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey that in order for an individual to be exempt for poll tax, they must provide a statement of income from Revenue Canada. Motion carried.

25. Repairs required at the back of the Town Hall. Aubrey Ralph estimated cost between \$4,500.00-6,000.00 to replace and repair broken brick. He suggested Council might consider refacing with vinyl siding.
26. Clawbonnie Bridge-scheduled for repairs. It was agreed to write the Hon. Judy Foote and Hon. Julie Bettany-Minister of Transportation regarding condition of bridge.
27. St. John Ambulance First Aid Course-Fortune-February 13, 1997 and September 23/97.
28. Fortune Community Center janitorial services. Community Center committee agreed to provide services.

Be. It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Barnes that the Janitor for the Community Center-Christine Hillier-would be finish working effective January 30, 1997 due to the fact that the Community Center Committee has committed to complete the janitorial duties themselves. Motion carried.

29. Claim Rent a Wreck \$1125.50-defer until next meeting.
30. Newfoundland & Labrador Parks/Recreation Association-invitation to join the Association-cost \$50.00. Recreation Commission already a member.
31. Procom Data Services, Inc.-Software Support Agreement options for 1997, \$1677.76-Hardware Service and Support Agreement for 1997-\$1228.36. To discuss with Deputy Mayor Penwell before paying software agreement.

Note: A request to Eastern College, initiated by Mayor Tulk, resulted in the office receiving the loan of another computer, which has been set up. Will run Word Perfect only.

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32. Minutes of Council meetings. Agreed Office Clerk to record minutes at Council meetings.
33. Recreation Program-Councillor Barnes informed Council that under the summer recreational program there aren't any certified coaches which means individuals from out of town have to coach, which is not always convenient. A coaches' client will be held on Saturday January 25 at 9:00 am provided there are ten individuals present. At the moment all but two have been sponsored at a cost of \$50.00 each.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Deputy Mayor Penwell that Council would sponsor two individuals at a cost of \$100.00 for the coaching client. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Community Care Board-Food Bank-thank you letter.
2. Fishery Products International Ltd-acceptance of tax agreement of \$90,000.00 for 1997, also the company no longer wishes to proceed with appeals for 1997.
3. Dept. of Government Services & Lands-septic tanks shall be constructed in accordance with the Canadian Standards Association Standard CAN/CSA-B66-M90.

Permit:

1. Ivy Cooper to operate beauty salon in former Hairport Salon.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Barnes the permit to operate the former Hairport Salon as Louise's Hairloft Unisex Hairstyling be granted. Motion carried.

Councillor Barnes inquired if some of the lockers and desks at the Community Center could be sold to help defray expenses for paint and repairs at the center.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor King that authorization be given to sell the desks and chairs located downstairs in the Community Center to offset the cost of paint and repairs of the basement area. Motion carried.



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Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Thornhill and Councillor Reid the bills be paid as presented. Motion carried.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Piercey meeting adjourn at 10:35 pm. Motion carried.



Mayor



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AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 20/97

Special Guests:

7:00 Constable John Warr - RCMP

7:00 Mr. Murdock Hiscock

General:

- (1) Meeting Motel Mortier January 21/97 with Government officials
- Re proposals on insurance rates as it applies to the Burin Peninsula.
- (2) Workers Agreement
 - A. Status of injured workers.
 - B. Ease back to work - Hedley Hillier
 - C. Schedule
- (3) Simeon G. Miller - Apartment water rates.
- (4) Hornhouse Road - Canadian Coast Guard, also snowclearing.
- (5) Lakes's Travel Inc - Business tax - parking lot.
- (6) A & J Enterprises Ltd - Bae-Newplan Group
- (7) 1984 Dodge Ram - need radiator, two front tires, steering problems and rusted out.
- (8) Logwood Road - In very bad condition.
- (9) Replacement of Town Manager on the following committees - Finance, Town Development, ambulance and Waste Disposal.
- (10) Department of Finance - Refinancing of loans.
- (11) Leslie Hillier - Purchase of land.
- (12) Councillors Honorariums.



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- (13) Bridges Employment Corporation - Requests permission to create an overflow parking area for trailers.
- (14) The Comunity Vet - RE: business tax.
- (15) George Garden Circus - Re: Russian International Circus - Rental price \$2000.00.
- (16) Doane Raymond - Agreement for 1996 audit.
- (17) Budget - Fire Department - Meeting? - Will honorariums revert back to 1995?
- (18) Schedule of meetings.
- (19) Chris Roberts - Arena - skating no charge.
- (20) Michele Wells - additional hour worked.
- (21) Claude Mavin - \$200.00.
- (22) Walter Shea charged \$10.00 for replacement of light in dressing room.
- (23) Finance committee to meet with Eric Piercey.
- (24) Poll tax Amend policy - Taxpayer to provide a copy of the notice of assessment, Revenue Canada to claim exemption.
- (25) Repairs required back of Town Hall - Aubrey Wells to give quote.
- (26) Clawbonnie Bridge - Scheduled for repairs.
- (27) St. John Ambulance First aid Courses - Fortune Feb 13/97 Sept 23/97.
- (28) Fortune Community Centre - Janitorial.
- (29) Claim Rent a Wreck \$1125.50.
- (30) NFLD & Labrador Parks/Recreation Association - Invitation to join the Association - Cost \$50.00.
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(32) Minutes at council meetings.

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- (3) Dept of Governmet Services & Lands - Septic tanks shall be constructed in accordance with the Canadian Standards Association Standard CAN/CSA - B66 - M90.

PERMITS:

- (1) Ivy Cooper.

BILLS: