



The Town of Fortune

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AGENDA Council Meeting January 11, 2016

Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: Budget Minutes December 10, 2015

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 2016 Municipal Tax Notices
2. MNL & PMA Membership Renewal
3. Water shut off/on fee- standpipes
4. Combining properties
5. Masonic Lodge/Museum
6. CEEP
7. Arena Update
8. CAO Travel
9. Correspondence – Mr. Jacob Thornhill

CORRESPONDENCE

1. FIRE PROTECTION GRANT
2. ARENA GRANT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BILLS

COUNCILLORS FORUM



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Minutes of a regular meeting of council Of the Town of Fortune, held at the Fortune Municipal Center, January 11, 2016

Members Present

Mayor

Charles Penwell

Councillors:

Levi Curtis
James Dunne
Dave Holloway
Patrick Parsons

Also Present

Chief Administrative Officer
Office Clerk

Corey Parsons
Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption of Agenda of January 11, 2016

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any additions to the agenda & approval of the January 11, 2016 agenda.

Motion 2016-01-11-01

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved that the agenda of January 11, 2016 be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell

Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.

Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes, December 10, 2015

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2015 as presented.

Motion 2016-01-11-02

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Holloway

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 10, 2015.



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In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

New Business

1. 2016 Municipal Tax Notices

2016 Municipal Tax Notices will be sent out early next week.

2. MNL & PMA Membership Renewal

\$1774.82 MNL Membership Renewal
\$165.00 PMA Membership Renewal

Motion 2016-01-11-03 Councillor Parsons/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to pay \$1774.82 for the MNL Membership Renewal & \$165.00 for the PMA Membership Renewal.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

3. Water shut off/on fee

Council discussed fees charged for water shut off/on.

Council agreed that residents will be charged a fee of \$25.00 to get their water shut of & turned back on, this is if a resident is going out of town and would like their water shut off for the time that they are away.

If a resident has a water leak the public works employees will turn off the water & back on for free the first time & if it's needed again they will be a charge a fee of \$25.00



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Guest/Delegation 7:00 p.m.

Council welcome Jeffrey Elford to the council meeting.

Jeffrey thanked council for giving him the opportunity to speak at the council meeting. Jeffrey brought to council's attention that this year (2016) is the 70th year anniversary that the Town of Fortune became incorporated. Jeffrey designed different logos that the Town can use for the 70th anniversary.

Delegation/Guest 7:00 p.m. Continued

Council thanked Mr. Elford for attending the council meeting & guaranteed that he would be recognized for the logos he had designed.

4. Combining Properties

CAO Parsons provided council with a copy of the form available for residents who wish to combine properties.

The only way residents can combine parcels of land is if:

- The parcels are adjoining.
- The parcels are owned by the same persons or company.
- The parcels to be joined have similar use or zoning.
- There are no delinquent taxes due on any of the parcels.
- The owner(s) of the parcels signs the request form.
- Subject to approval from the Municipal Assessment Agency.

The approved requests in the current year will appear on the following year's assessment roll and tax bill.

5. Masonic Lodge/Museum

As previously discussed in the fall, Heritage Fortune closed their operations at the Masonic Lodge/Museum.

It was agreed the once Heritage Fortune seized their operations at the Masonic Lodge/Museum that the building goes back to the Masonic.

CAO Parsons had met with members of the Masonic and they had asked if the Town would like to take over ownership of the building.

Council agreed that it could be used for a good storage building.



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5. Masonic Lodge/Museum Continued..

Motion 2016-01-11-04

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved that the Town of Fortune take over ownership of the Masonic Lodge/Museum & to get the power restored in the building.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

6. CEEP

CAO Parsons advised council that the Town received approval for another \$9,340.19 for the CEEP.

There will be two more people starting tomorrow (January 12th)

7. Arena Update

The Town of Harbour Grace was interested in purchasing the zamboni that the Town purchased from St. Pierre two years ago, they have agreed to purchasing the zamboni for \$10,000.00.

Motion 2016-01-11-05

Councillor Holloway/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to sell the zamboni to the Town of Harbour Grace for \$10,000.00

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

CAO Parsons advised council that the brime pump that was purchased 2.5/3 months ago is in need of some repairs. CAO Parsons has had conversations back & forth with Keep Cool and if the Town ships it to St. John's Keep Cool advised him that they will not be responsible for the cost of travel or labour.

CAO Parsons & Arena Manager Barnes are going to St. John's tomorrow morning to bring in the brime pump to get the repairs done by Keep Cool and then bring the brime pump back out again the same day.



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8. CAO Travel

CAO Parsons does a lot of traveling around the Town/Grand Bank each week; Mayor Penwell asked council if they have any issue with providing CAO Parsons with a travel allowance.

Council agreed to provide CAO Parsons with a weekly travel allowance of \$50.00/week.

Motion 2016-01-11-06 Councillor Curtis/Councillor Holloway

Resolved to provide CAO Parsons with a weekly travel allowance of \$50.00 per week.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

Councillor Holloway left council meeting at 7:50 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

9. Correspondence- Mr. Jacob Thornhill

Mr. Thornhill wrote a letter to the Town of Fortune stating that two parcels of land he currently owns on Forest Road cannot be developed at a reasonable cost and felt that the land should be re classified as non-use land for taxation purposes. Mr. Thornhill requested council's consideration to have the parcels of land re-classified as non-use land and be exempt from municipal taxation.

Mr. Thornhill also included that if the transfer of ownership of the parcels of land to Council would be of any assistance or benefit which would enable council to finalize the decision, he is prepared at his cost to provide the necessary documents to transfer the title of the parcels of land for a price of \$1.00.

Council discussed this matter & decided to keep this discussion/decision for a future council meeting.

Councillor Holloway returned to council meeting at 7:58 p.m.



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Poll Tax Exemptions

- MULLT003 Rent to own agreement
- BOLAC005 Living common law, responsible for bills/expenses of property
- HILLB009 Fully responsible for bills & expenses of properties on Lamaline Highway & 5 Ceko Place
- HILLD010 Fully responsible for bills & expenses of properties on Lamaline Highway & 5 Ceko Place
- HILLS012 Rent to own agreement
- HILLS010 Rent to own agreement
- SHEAV001 Rent to Own Agreement
- SHEAC004 Rent to Own Agreement
- STACN004 Paying expenses at current residence, resident does come in & pay municipal taxes for 77 Eldon Street
- CARRS001 Now owns property within Fortune was previously a rent to own agreement but now owns the property
- PITTA004 Living common law- responsible for paying expenses at spouses' residence
- KELLE002 Rent to own agreement
- COX.T001 Living with common law spouse

Motion 2016-01-11-07 Councillor Dunne/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to approve the poll tax exemption for MULLT003, BOLAC005, HILLB009, HILLD010, HILLS012, HILLS010, SHEAV001, SHEAC004, STACN004, CARRS001, PITTA004, KELLE002 & COX.T001.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion 2016-01-11-08 Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to adjourn the regular council meeting.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Councillors: L. Curtis, J. Dunne, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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Mayor Penwell



Office Clerk Symes