



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a regular meeting of council
Of the Town of Fortune, held at the
Fortune Municipal Center,
September 8, 2015

Members Present

Mayor	Charles Penwell
Deputy Mayor	Frazer Smith
Councillors:	Levi Curtis James Dunne Patrick Parsons

Also Present

Chief Administrative Officer	Corey Parsons
Office Clerk	Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption of Agenda of September 8, 2015

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any additions to the agenda & approval of the September 8th, 2015 agenda.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion 2015-09-08-01 Councillor Curtis/Deputy Mayor Smirh

Resolved that the agenda of September 8, 2015 be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor F. Smith
 Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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Adoption of Minutes, June 29, 2015

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 29, 2015 as presented.

Motion 2015-09-08-02

Councillor Dunne/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to adopt the minutes of June 29, 2015

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

General Business

1. Audit

CAO Parsons disbursed all three audits & financial statements.

The Eco Friends & Grand Bank- Fortune Ambulance Service Inc audits had to be completed before the Town of Fortune's audit was approved.

Councillors to have a look at the financial statements & bring any concerns/input back to next council meeting.

2. Water System

The computerized water system is up & operating.

Harbour Authority

- Harbour Authority water should have a water meter.
- Using water outside of work purposes & the water hose has been left running during several occasions.
- Not charged for any business tax.

Letter to be sent to the Harbour Authority regarding Business Tax & let them know that the Town is looking into implementing a water system.



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3. Regulations

Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs

CAO Parsons brought it to council's attention that as of right now the Town has no regulations for swimming pools/hot tubs regarding installing/constructing & draining the pool.

CAO Parsons to check with other town's to see the regulations they have regarding this matter.

Open Composting

In 2013 a letter was sent to a resident regarding open composting, asking them to use the proper containers for composting. CAO Parsons sent another letter recently to the same resident because of the same issues. the letter asked the resident to remove the compost and use approved containers, if not removed in five days the Town's workers will remove it & the resident will be charged for the cost of the cleanup.

Motion 2015-09-08-03

Councillor Parsons/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to ban/disallow any open composting, composting only to be done in appropriated approved containers.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

4. Arena

Installation

The installation in the arena came off with the siding.

Arena Manager Barnes is going to get a price quote to see how much it will cost to blow in the installation.

Arena Floor

CAO Parsons has been in contact with Architect 49, waiting on approval from municipal affairs to be able to appoint them & will have more information regarding this matter within the next couple of weeks.

- The scheduled opening for the Arena is October 19, 2015.
- Minor Hockey has accepted the \$2500.00 fee to operate the arena for the entire ice/hockey season.

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5. Capital Works

Elford Street/Lake Street

- Water/Sewer is in the ground, Provincial Paving has the contract to pave the roads.

Council to think about applications for 2016 & bring back to next council meeting.

6. Vandalism

On the night of July 2nd, 2015 there were about 6-7 signs around town damaged/destroyed, a report was made to the RCMP & charges were laid to an individual.

7. Photo Contest

Municipal Photo Contest- submit photos of Fortune & council will pick their favorite photo.

Motion 2015-09-08-04

Deputy Mayor Smith/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to have a municipal photo contest & offer \$150.00 cash for the best photo.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

8. Staff

CAO Parsons pointed out that the quality of work from outside & inside staff is incredible.

Training/Courses

- Town Clerk Buffett & Office Clerk Symes will be attending a budgeting course being held in Marystown.
- There is a municipal accounting course offered by PMA in Gander & Mount Pearl, CAO Parsons feels that it would be valuable for both Town Clerk Buffett & Office Clerk Symes to attend. CAO Parsons will bring back to council once more information becomes available.

A nice few of outside workers Whalen & Randell's certificates are expiring will be updating their courses when courses are offered & available.



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9. Business Opportunities

CAO Parsons advised council that there is a meeting with SPM at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, September 9, 2015 at the Fire Hall.

Delegation/Guest *Helen Drake* *7:30 p.m.*
Council welcomed Mrs. Drake to the council meeting.

Mrs. Drake came to council meeting to discuss the water damage to her property after the heavy rainfall on July 23rd, 2015. Mrs. Drake stated that the adjuster came & took her statement, she never heard from him & had trouble contacting the adjuster (made 108 phone calls) so she contacted the parent company. The adjuster contacted her and said "Your claim was turned down & I have no answer to give you why, if you want an answer you will have to contact legal responders"

Mrs. Drake was wondering if the Town of Fortune was going to take any responsibility to the damage done to her property from the heavy rain fall on July 23/15, if the Town was willing to help with the damage- approximately \$60,000.00 worth of damage & if the Town was able to do anything to prevent this from happening again (apply for funding for Booth Place through Capital Works, etc) or if the Town was going to leave Booth Place as it is right now.

Mrs. Drake advised council that about 7-8 years ago when the Town's engineer (Jason from Bae Newplan at the time) came & looked at her property he advised her that Booth Place was supposed to be in the Town's Capital Works project along with Brunette Avenue. Mrs. Drake said that it was also discussed to run a pipe from Outer Drive to the outfall to prevent build up of water caused by heavy rainfall.

Mayor Penwell thanked Mrs. Drake for her input & stated that the public works employees did put an extra catch basin in that area to try to prevent any flooding from any rainfall. As far as council can remember they cannot recall Booth Place being on the list for any Capital Works Applications; however the office staff can check with Bae New Plan to see if it was ever on an application. The Town did contact their insurance company when the damage was reported on July 24th; however the insurance company advised the Town that this matter wasn't a responsibility of the Town of Fortune.

Mrs. Drake asked for some indication from council before she could move forward, whether she would have to proceed against the Town of Fortune if council is not prepared to do something. Mrs. Drake indicated that she will require a copy of the Town of Fortune's maintenance plan & the Town's insurance company information.

Mayor Penwell advised Mrs. Drake that the Town of Fortune will stay in touch regarding this matter & keep her informed.

Council thanked Mrs. Drake for coming to the council meeting.



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Motion to extend meeting
Motion 2015-09-08-05

8:30 p.m.
Councillor Dunne/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to extend the council meeting an additional 15 minutes.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

9. Business Opportunities

Postal Marine

• Looking into opening business within Fortune, representatives will be in Fortune early September to meet with council.

10. Heritage Fortune

CAO Parsons met with the Heritage Committee & they advised him that they are closing the LOA Lodge Museum; they are no longer taking responsibility of it.

Any artifacts that are there will be passed back to the owners/families.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Business Tax Exemption

Received a letter from a SPM parking service to be exempted from business tax because they haven't been conducting any business activity in 2015 & do not anticipate any in the foreseeable future.

Motion 2015-09-08-05

Councillor Dunne/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to extend the council meeting an additional 15 minutes.

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Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE

2. Take Back the Night-September 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
For councillors information.

3. Property Damage
Discussed in delegation/guests

4. Municipal Assessment 2016 Roll
For 2016 the average residential property is increasing by 32.4%, and the average change in commercial value is a 10% increase.

Council will take a look at the tax structure once the new assessment is sent in.

PERMITS

#89	98 BAYVIEW STREET	FENCE
#90	14-18 BAYVIEW STREET	NEW BUSINESS
#93	19 SPRINGHILL ROAD	FENCE
#95	9 NOSEWORTHY PLACE	EXTENSION TO HOUSE
#98	68 BAYVIEW STREET	SHED
#100	18 DIXON STREET	SHED
#105	40 SUNSET CRESCENT	FENCE
#107	HICKMAN STREET	SHED
#110	82 ELDON STREET	SHED

Motion 2015-09-08-06

Councillor Dunne/Councillor Parsons

Resolved to approve permit #89, 90, 93, 95, 98, 100, 105, 107 & 110.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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COUNCILLORS FORUM

Councillor Dunne

- Thinks the brush/trees needs to be cut out by the "Fortune" sign.
- Councillors to have a look at it for next council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Smith

- CHY Committee would like to thank the town's inside & outside staff for their help throughout the Come Home Year
- Christmas Party- come up with a date.

CAO Parsons

- There are two catch basins that runs into a ditch located on Eldon Street which is grew in. the public works employees went to clean out the ditch so that they can replace the catch basins however, a resident came & claimed that they owned the land & tried to shut down the work being done. The resident has no documentation showing ownership of the land, it's been un-serviced for 25 years & there are two pieces of public infrastructure attached to the piece of land. CAO Parsons will keep council updated once he receives more information.

Mayor Penwell

- CHY requires written permission (documentation) from council stating that the Town of Fortune donated will be donating \$5000.00 to the Come Home Year Committee next year, 2016.
- Council discussed putting the \$5000.00 for the CHY in the 2016 budget.

Motion 2015-09-08-07

Councillor Parsons/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to sign the necessary documents for the CHY Committee & to include the \$5000.00 for the CHY Committee in the 2016 budget.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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Adjournment

Motion 2015-09-08-08

Councillor Parsons/Councillor Curtis


Resolved to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



Mayor Penwell



Office Clerk Symes



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AGENDA Council Meeting September 8, 2015

Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: June 29, 2015

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Audits
2. Water System
3. Regulations
4. Arena
5. Capital Works
6. Vandalism
7. Photo Contest
8. Staff
9. Business Opportunities
10. Heritage Fortune

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Business Tax Exemption Request
2. Take Back the Night- September 21st at 7:00 p.m.
3. Property Damage
4. Municipal Assessment 2016 Roll

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERMITS

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BILLS

COUNCILLORS FORUM