



The Town of Fortune

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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on November 25, 1996 at 7:00 pm.

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

Guest: Rodney Mitchell-Mitchell's Variety
William Mills-P. Eng.-Bae-NewPlan Consultants

Mayor Tulk welcomed guest to the meeting.

Additions to Agenda:

12) Community Center Report

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor King and seconded by Deputy Mayor Penwell the agenda, with the above noted addition, be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 12, 1996 were reviewed:

- 1) Sea Cadets-no reply.
- 2) New business Lloyd G. Lake building-no further response.
- 3) GLADA-funding for this type of project allocated to Development Association's.
- 4) Invoice Doane Raymond-wrote off.
- 5) Bus Shelters-Town Manager spoke to Mary Kearly and she will address at the next PTA meeting.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey the minutes of the November 12, 1996 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Guests:

1. Mr. Mitchell asked for an extension to December 31, 1996 to pay the municipal taxes for Mitchell's Variety. Mr. Mitchell informed Council that he would do his best to have the remaining balance paid.



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Mr. Mitchell also inquired if one of his apartments above Mitchell's Variety was vacant, would he have to pay water and sewer tax. Mr. Mitchell was informed by Council that he must notify the Town Office in writing of any vacancy in any of his apartments and water and sewer taxes would be written off for the period of the vacancy.

2. William Mills, P. Eng.-Bae-NewPlan-Mr. Mills gave Council and update on the Logwood Road Project. He informed Council that todate there was an overrun of \$21,009.30. The following attributed to this overrun:

1. Ditch collapsed and a new manhole had to be installed at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00
2. Additional cost for backfill because of type of soil being removed could not be recycled.
3. Engineering cost estimates did not take into consideration the type of soil in that area.

Mr. Mills reported on the type of extreme ground conditions and he noted that this time of the year creates an increase of about 10% to the total project cost. He also stated that the projected cost of the project would be \$170,000.00 plus engineering cost.

Council questioned if engineer Mr. Wayne Manuel had properly investigated the soil conditions in this area before determining cost estimates for the project. Town Manager informed Council that Mr. Albert Williams of Bae-NewPlan had determine problem and made the necessary corrections. Town Manager also stated that for the number of years that Bae-NewPlan has been the town's consulting engineers, they have given a lot of assistance to the town without any cost and the problems experienced with this project should not result in any hasty or unnecessary action against NewPlan.

Council also reviewed a letter received from Mr. Al Brenton of A & J Enterprises, contractor for Logwood Road. Mr. Brenton requested permission to have the project shut down and restart in the spring of 1997.

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Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor King that we would agree with A & J Enterprise's request to defer the project to the spring of 1997 and set up meeting with Dept. of Municipal Affairs to include extra cost with the request for funding already applied for. Motion carried.

Mayor Tulk thanked Mr. Mills for attending the meeting.

Request by Mr. Mitchell: Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Piercey that we give Mr. Mitchell until December 30, 1996 to pay the balance of municipal taxes for Mitchell's Variety. Motion carried.

General:

1. Tax Agreement with Fishery Products International Ltd. letter to Mayor Tulk-offered to pay \$80,000.00 grant in lieu of taxes for 1997. It was agreed to present a counter offer of a grant in lieu in the amount of \$112,000.00.
2. Logwood Road:
 - A. Nothing new to report from Bank of Nova Scotia
 - B. No report on request for funding, Hon. Judy Foote
 - C. Over-run Phase II Water & Sanitary Sewer replacement approximately \$21,009.30
 - D. Area-Bennett Place not completed estimated cost \$31,361.70
 - E. Limited provision for clean up and property restoration
4. Request from Georgie Forsey re poll tax exemption for 1996 because of family circumstances. Town Manger reported that the Town Solicitor informed him that such a decision would be at the discretion of Council. Regional Director of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Keith Warren endorsed Solicitor's position; however cautioned Council on the effect of setting a precedent for other cases.

It was agreed to write Mrs. Forsey informing her to present Council with a standard Bill of Sale designated her as the property owner. It should also be noted that should her husband make \$6,456.00, the basic amount for poll tax, he would then be liable for such a tax.



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5. Doane Raymond report on refinancing of Town's long-term debt. Total saving to Town per their report would be \$16,000.00. It was agreed to accept Doane Raymond's recommendation not to refinance.
6. Five Year Capital Works Program: It was agreed to include Logwood Road in the Five Capital Works Program.
7. Christmas Floats-since we are short of staff, anyone who would like to help, may do so.
8. Employees Christmas Party scheduled for Friday December 6, 1996, 3:00 pm fire hall, all Councillors are invited to attend.
9. Local museum relocation of Library-Councillor Harold Thornhill. Councillor Thornhill informed Council that several residents were prepared to set up a local museum on the Town of Fortune and wondered if the present library could be used if that facility was going to be transferred to Lake Academy. Deputy Mayor Penwell stated that there hadn't been any confirmation on the Memorial Library being transferred to Lake Academy; however the classroom that used to accommodate the Fire Department up stairs in the Town Hall was available to use as a museum.
10. Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday December 13, 1996 request for donation. Be it Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Penwell and seconded by Councillor Thornhill that we donate \$50.00 to the Tree Lighting Ceremony in memory of deceased Councillors. Motion carried.
11. Christmas Greetings-Southern Gazette-it was agreed to place greetings in Gazette as per budget provision.
12. Heat-Community Center-Councillor Barnes requested that the heat be turned on in the gym. It was agreed to have the breakers turned on. Councillor Barnes also stated that chaperons were now in place, some weight lifting equipment had been set up, and the process for applying for a Sports Coordinator had begun.

Councillor Piercey noted that Mr. & Mrs. Felix Bond celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November of 1995 but had not received any recognition from Council. Deputy Mayor Penwell to prepare a 50th Wedding Certificate for them.

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Finance Committee Report-Deputy Mayor Penwell, Chairman informed that the Finance Committee accepted the Workers proposal with down time at 12 weeks unless finances improved considerably, two office staff would work for 12 months other than their regular vacation period. The two office employees would be expected to work with out any extra pay to compensate for the extra work duties because of the Town Manager's retirement.

Be it Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Thornhill and seconded by Councillor King that the Bills totalling \$6,730.48 be paid as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Tulk noted that he had been appointed to the Schooner Regional Development Board.

No further business, it was moved by Councillor Thornhill and seconded by Councillor Reid meeting adjourn at 9:50 pm. Motion carried.



Mayor



Office Clerk



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Agenda
Council Meeting
Monday-November 25, 1996

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Mr. Bill Mills, Bae-NewPlan Group Ltd.

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Bill Mills to outline details of overrun etc.

3. Employee's proposal no problem with pension plan-employees may contribute to the plan while on lay-off.
4. Report re request from Georgie Forsey-poll tax exemption for 1996-Town Manager.

Town Solicitor informed that such a decision would be at the discretion of Council.

Keith Warren endorsed solicitor's position; however cautioned Council on the effect of setting a precedent.

5. Doane Raymond report on refinancing of Town's long-term debt (copied to Councillors)
6. Five Year Capital Works Program:

(1) Council position on Logwood Road, should we apply for funding for Phase II Road Upgrading and Paving under the Capital Works Program to cover us in the event we receive a negative reply from the Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs.

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10. Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday December 13, 1996 request for donation -1995-\$50.00. (no budget provision for 1996)
11. Christmas Greetings-Southern Gazette