



The Town of Fortune

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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Monday October 29, 1990 at 7:00 pm.

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

Items arising from Minutes:

- (1) Re our correspondence to Fire Commissioners Office-Town Manager had received call from Mr. E. O'Brian-full particulars will be sent in letter -Town Manager to contact him again for reply to section of letter relating to the changing of regulations.
- (2) Re School Board: Mayor Penwell reported that he and the Town Manager had met with Staff Sgt Dean & Sgt. Thorne and discussed vandalism etc. They too would contact the School Board re installation of burglar alarm system.
- (3) Seminar on GST to be held in Grand Bank Lions Den has been advertised.
- (4) No reply from Gilbert Crane re Softball Tournament.
- (5) Cost of replacing door-firemen's classroom has not been checked out but the present one has been made secure. Question re fire regulations-Town Manager to check same with fire chief.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor King, seconded by Councillor Thornhill the minutes be approved including omission as follows: Mayor Penwell informed Council that the Finance Committee had met and was experiencing problems with the balance sheet, which was not added properly and that the \$6,190.00 was not a part of 1990 expenditure and should not have any effect on 1990 operation-he would be contacting the auditor on same. Motion carried.

General Business

- (1) Arena Brine Chiller-repairs completed-ice making in progress. The Town Manager reported that Eric did not think the ice would be ready for Saturday unless extra help was available. It was agreed we would not incur any extra expense, however if any of the outside workers are available they will help.



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- (2) Damages to Arena Lights-report from the R.C.M.P. stating that Jamie Hillier, Jason Hardy, and Shawn Lake had broken the lights however charges could not be laid because they were minors and wish to have Council's position re same. After some discussion, it was moved by Deputy Mayor King, seconded by Councillor Warren the parents of the above mentioned children be written indicating the report from the R.C.M.P. and stating that when cost has been determined, they will receive a bill for same. Motion carried.
- (3) The Town Manager reported the work superintendent had an accident in the pick-up and struck Mrs. Marlene Thorne's car. Estimates have been done and the car is being repaired.

Correspondence:

- (1) Letter 2nd Fortune Cub Pack requesting donation for their activities. It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Cooper we donate the usual rate of \$3.00 per person. Motion carried.
- (2) Letter from NLFM requesting donation to the Headquarters Building Fund of at least one third of our membership fee which would be \$267.50. It was agreed to defer the matter until the new year.
- (3) Letter Neighbourhood Watch-re donation to help defray cost of repairs to Boyd Piercey's car. Since he apprehended individuals in the act of vandalism, his car was vandalized. It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Deputy Mayor King, that we find out the cost of repairs and donate our part in proportion with the rest of the business community. Motion carried.
- (4) Letter from Secretary of State re citizenship week April 14-20/91.
- (5) Letter Dept. of Municipal Affairs acknowledging receipt of capital works.
- (6) Copy of Burin Town Council Union Agreement received.
- (7) Final report on the Cowhead Facility received.
- (8) Correspondence from Al Conrod re propane outlet:
Dept. of Environment & Lands
Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs
Dept. of Works, Service & Transportation
Dept. of Labour-permit to install pressure system
Mr. Conrods business permit may now be issued.
- (9) Re Councils decision to scrap ford truck-Works superintendent inquired if Council would sell as is where is. It was agreed we tender sale of same-N-1 Cable and notices around Town.



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- (10) Received specs re construction of 10m diameter incinerator-estimated lump sum cost of \$150,000.00 (NewPlan). Approval to proceed with tender call. It was moved by Councillor Thornhill, seconded by Councillor Cooper that we accept specs as submitted by NewPlan Consultants and agree to joint tendering for same. Motion carried.
- (11) Letter Hon. Roger Simmons-copy to Doug Lewis, Minister of Transport Canada-suggest Council write minister to upgrade Winterland Airport. It was agreed to write.
- (12) Mayor Penwell reported that he and the Town Manager had lunch today with the M.H.A. Mr. Matthews & Mr. Keith Warren of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs-some discussion of the new municipal grant structure, poll tax changes etc.
- (13) Follow up re finance committee-Mayor Penwell reported that he had talked with Mr. Ches Kenway and Harvey Lunnen of Doane Raymond. He was disturbed by Mr. Kenway's reaction. Mr. Lunnen said the \$6,190. in question should not have been a part of this years deficit, however the \$16,000. may or may not be part of 1990 revenue and expenditure. The finance committee requested an interim audit as of October 31, 1990. Mr. Lunnen says the report and trial balance problem didn't make sense and there was no excuse for an addition error considering the quality of work that has been coming from this office.
- The Town Manager said the information supplied from this office was compiled to the best of his ability and the understanding of the audit statements through discussion with the auditors. He also said if the interim audit showed that we have deliberately misled Council or if expenditures were not recorded or any form of fraud revealed then if Council wants his resignation it would be tendered with no problem. Mayor's reply was, we are not asking for your resignation, but as Mayor of this Town, I can't understand what happened and why these expenditures were not reported to me before. He also said, he had no knowledge of these expenditures.
- Deputy Mayor King said he didn't understand much about the financing but suggested we wait for the interim audit and that all Councillors be present for the report on same.
- Mayor made statement in respect to having someone other than Ches Kenway do the audit.
- The Town Manager asked if he was insinuating that Ches would be influenced by him? He then said that would definitely not be the case, neither worked that way and the Mayor did not know Ches Kenway very well and gave examples of how technical Ches could be.
- Deputy Mayor King suggested maybe it was time we changed auditors. The Mayor said three other accountants he had talked with said the statements were incorrect. He said he would contact Mr. Lunnen to find out the possibility of getting someone other than Ches Kenway to do the interim audit.



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Mayor Penwell asked if outside workers were notified of lay-offs since he had heard rumors around town. The Town Manager said he had not met with workers or notified them of lay-offs.

- (14) Councillor Warren gave a report on the Community Futures meeting held on Wednesday October 24, 1990.
- (15) Councillor Thornhill asked if the Come Home Year Committee could cut a foot trail from the gravel road down to Mount Pleasant for for a picnic site during Come Home Year. It was agreed to grant permission.
- (16) Councillor Collier said he had talked to chairperson of Ramea Come Home Year Committee and they had raised approximately \$35,000.00 and the activities had not cost Council anything- however at this time it is not clear what our costs will be.
- (17) Mayor reported he had received more complaints re noise Rose's Amusement Center. Town Manager to mention it to Mr. Rose.
- (18) Councillor King reported that the Liquor Store in Grand Bank was closed during lunch hour and suggested we write to regional manager re same also suggest opening one night per week.

Bills were read as follows:

Newfoundland Telephone	\$ 714.81
Grand Bank Town Council	2,371.25
Norex Leasing	562.79
Robinson Blackmore	52.00
Sameday Courier	26.65
Day & Ross	49.30
Loveless Taxi	15.00
Canadian Liquid Air Ltd.	25.80
South Coast Electronics Ltd.	51.27
The Factor Co. Ltd.	20.29
Lake & Lake Ltd	60.56
Aylwards Home Center	98.44
Motorola Limited	61.60
Lloyd G. Lake Ltd.	61.97
J.C. Pratt (1974) Ltd.	106.44
Hickman's Bldg. Center	7.28
Nfld Light & Power	1,482.78
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	\$ 5,768.29

It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Cooper bills be paid as read.



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Re permit Larry Hickman to erect rock wall at front of his property, It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Warren he could do so at a distance of 6ft. from pavement line if he would sign an affidavit that Council will not be responsible for any damages incurred should repairs have to be made to water and sewer line. Also the grandfather clause permits him to replace his original fence, however if only low fence is put there Council will not be responsible for breakage during snow clearing. Motion carried.

No further business it was moved by Councillor Collier, seconded by Councillor Cooper the meeting be adjourned 9:10 pm.


Mayor


Town Clerk