



The Town of Fortune

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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Charles Penwell, Deputy Mayor James Dunne, Councillors Levi Curtis, Joann Johnson, Patrick Parsons, and Frazer Smith.

Additions to the Agenda:

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| General Business | 4 (B). ICSP's |
| | 17. OCI |
| | 18. Community Centre |
| | 19. Recreation Commission |
| | 20. Arena Parking Lot |
| | 21. Municipal Orientation |

BE IT RESOLVED: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the agenda be adopted as read with the additions. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Smith that the minutes of December 14, 2009 be approved as read. Unanimously agreed.

ACTION LIST:

Deferred - Action List from the December 14, 2009 meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Budget 2010

Councillors were given a copy of the 2010 Budget and Finance Chairperson Johnson reviewed the 2010 proposed budget in detail with council members. The proposed 2010 budget is balanced as follows: Revenues \$1,037,292.14 and Expenses \$1,037,292.14.

Councillor Johnson explained to council in order to balance the 2010 budget, Municipal Taxes would have to be increased as follows:

1. Property Tax- Minimum Property Tax would increase from \$280.00 to \$320.00 per year.
2. Water/Sewer Tax - Increased by \$4.00 per month - from \$26.00 to \$30.00 per month.
3. Water Tax Only - Increased by \$3.00 per month - from \$24.00 to \$27.00 per month.
4. Poll Tax - Increased from \$280.00 to \$320.00 per year.



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1. Budget 2010 Cont'd

5. Permits:

- (A) To erect a Commercial Building - from \$15.00 to \$30.00
- (B) To add an Extension to a Commercial Building - from \$10.00 to \$20.00
- (C) To erect a Residential Building - from \$15.00 to \$30.00
- (D) To add an Extension to a Residential Unit - from \$10.00 to \$20.00
- (E) To repair, renovate or improve existing property, painting, etc. - from \$5.00 to \$10.00
- (F) To demolish an existing building - from \$5.00 to \$10.00
- (G) Occupancy - \$5.00 to \$10.00
- (H) New Business Establishment - \$25.00 to \$50.00

6. Development Permit: (Commercial, Construct, Renovate and or Extend)

- (A) \$100.00 for construction cost between \$0.00 to \$50,000.00;
\$250.00 " " " " \$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00;
\$500.00 " " " " \$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00;
\$1,000.00 " " " " \$250,001.00 to \$500,000.00;
\$2,000.00 " " " " \$500,001.00 to \$999,999.00;
\$2,500.00 " " " " \$1,000,000.00.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Smith the 2010 Budget be accepted as presented by the Finance Committee. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Tax Structure as presented in the 2010 Budget be accepted. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the Tax Structure for 2009 be gazetted. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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2. Noise Survey Test

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that she was contacted via email from Jennifer Wilson, Occupational Health & Safety Consultant about having noise survey testing done on the town's depots/garages to comply with the new OH&S regulations. It was recommended to jointly participate with the Town of Grand Bank along with 2 other towns on the Burin Peninsula to have a service provider from the St. John's area travel to the Burin Peninsula to conduct the noise survey testing of the town's depots/garages so that the testing may be more cost effective.

Need to check out cost of having this noise survey test done.

3. Correspondence re: Cess Pool

Written correspondence received from Edward and Ralph Pardy concerning the cess pool on their property located on Eldon Street. They have completed the work that needed to be done to the cess pool.

4. (A) Gas Tax Funding

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that one person inquired about the tender for the Heat Pump System.

Permission needed from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to get quote for heat pump.

(B) ICSP's

Work has to be completed by March 31, 2010. Samples of ICSP's are on the Municipal website.

5. Town of St. Lawn re Cell Phone Service - Letter of Support

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Curtis that the town write a letter of support for the Town of Lawn's efforts to have cell phone service in their town and area. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

6. Pinchmarsh Road

Lowest tender received was from Wally Drake's Trucking Ltd in the amount of \$507,033.26.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Smith that the tender received from Wally Drakes' Trucking Ltd. for Pinchmarsh Road be accepted. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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7. Property - Hillier Street

There have been several complaints received from local residents concerning this derelict property on Hillier Street. This property has been abandoned for several years and there is continuing to be damage done to the property and the youth are getting inside and hanging around the property.

Town Clerk Stacey has been trying to find out who is responsible for the property. It was suggested to write the finance company and the known last owners of the property to inform them about the condition of this property, and request they make necessary repairs to the property and inform them of outstanding taxes owing on the property. If taxes are not paid up to date, then the town may have to put the property up for a tax sale for the outstanding taxes.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dunne that the town send correspondence to the finance company and the last know owners concerning the condition of the property, outstanding taxes and the possibility of a tax sale of the property. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

8. Rock - Road to Western Pier

A request for rock has been made to council to be used for our harbour. It was suggested to have it put in writing that the road to western pier be maintained and repair if necessary. There was some concern about letting heavy equipment travel over the road to western pier.

More details required on this matter.

9. Employee Matter

Part-time arena employee interested working extra hours - may pick up some extra hours for snowclearing.

10. Land - Harbour Drive

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that Mrs. Phyllis Piercey owns land on Harbour Drive and would like to donate it to the town. Mrs. Piercey has no longer use for the land.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the town would accept the offer from Mrs. Phyllis Piercey and buy the land from her for the cost of \$1.00. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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11. Projects

Community Enhancement

- Fish Harvesters Project - 2 automatic qualified

- General Public - most of the funding for this project has been changed to a Brushcutting project - people that applied under the community enhance project were given the option of applying for the brushcutting project. Training to be provided for the brushcutting workers.

- General Public - some funding allocated for shed repairs/renovations.

Committee to review applications for these projects. Members of the committee are: Deputy Mayor Dunne, Councillors Parsons, Johnson and Smith.

12. Canadian Red Cross - Request to Invest

Will not be making a donation at this time.

13. Property - Springhill Road

Dept. of Health informed council that if feces was found on the property, the property could be declared unfit for human habitation. Cannot declare the property unfit due to structural conditions.

14. Pre-Budget Consultations

Scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Marystown Hotel and Convention Centre.

Inform Fortune Eco Friends about these consultations.

15. Invitation - Belanger Clarke Follett & McGettigan Chartered Accountants - Jan.21/10

Any councillor who can attend to let office staff know.

16. Poll Tax Exemption

Request for Poll Tax Exemption for the year 2010 has been received by a former resident of Fortune who works and lives in Alberta for approximately 9 to 10 months per year. This person has an Alberta Drivers License and address of residence.

This person lives in Fortune approximately 2 to 3 months per year.

Need to find out if this person still has medical coverage under Newfoundland or has coverage with Alberta.



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17. OCI

Mr. Joe MacIsaac inquired about getting a letter from the town stating if there was a break in the waterline that affects the plant or any significant changes in chlorine residuals that the town would notify OCI for quality control purposes.

Council in agreement to write a letter to OCI about their concerns.

It was also mentioned under this item about dredging of the harbour and the impact it has on boats landing their catch at the Fortune OCI plant.

It was suggested to keep track of how many boats that cannot come into Fortune because of the harbour's water depth.

Retaining Wall - gone out for tendering - need to check on status.

18. Community Center

Councillors Parsons informed council that he is having difficulty setting up a meeting with the community centre representative.

Mayor Penwell or Town Clerk Stacey to try to set up meeting.

19. Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission has purchased a storage trailer and has it put in behind the arena for storage use.

They are now requesting to purchase a small trailer to put in back of their small building on Eldon Street. There was concern what kind of condition the trailer would be in and how it would look on the property. It was suggested that rather than purchase a small trailer that they build on an extension to their existing building if building requirements are met.

More information required.

20. Arena Parking Lot

There were complaints received about the condition and access to the arena parking lot. There are some really large dips and holes.

To be looked at when road maintenance is done.

21. Municipal Orientation

Councillor Johnson, Curtis and Smith to attend this session on January 16, 2010.



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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MAA - Board Member Elected
Information
2. Certificate of Approval Waste Disposal Site
Information
3. Easter Health re: Community Addictions Prevention & Mental Health Promotion fund
Information
4. Community Volunteerism Luncheon - Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Information
5. Emails - MHA King - Funding - Garnish Water System
- RinC Funding - Fortune & Grand Bank
- Seniors Recreations Grants

PERMITS:

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| 1. Don Rose | Hornhouse Road | Frame Bridge & Put Roof On |
| 2. Charles Pierce | Hayter Street | Shed |
| 3. Cecil Thornhill | Bunkerhill Road | Front Step |

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the permits #1, 2 and 3 be approved as presented. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Curtis that the regular council meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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Privileged Meeting started at 8:25 p.m.

PERMITS Cont'd:

4. Brian Rose Lamaline Highway Fence

Mr. Rose has submitted an application to fence around his property located on Lamaline Highway. There is concern about the fencing of the land that includes sections of the walking trail that goes through Mr. Rose's land. Also there is concern about how far away fencing has to be from the brook that runs along Mr. Rose's land and the type of fencing to be erected.

There was a written agreement done up between the town and Mr. Rose concerning the sections of walking trail that goes through Mr. Rose's land. To date Mr. Rose has not signed the agreement.

Building committee members, Deputy Mayor Dunne, Councillor Parson and Smith, to review Mr. Rose's application this coming Friday afternoon.

Building committee members decided to review building applications on Friday afternoons from now on.

ADJOURNMENT:

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Curtis that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



Mayor



Office Clerk



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Agenda

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Adoption of Minutes: December 14, 2009

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2. Correspondence re: Cess Pool
3. Gas Tax Funding
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5. Pinchmarsh Road Tender
6. Property - Hillier Street
7. Rock - Road to Western Pier
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10. Projects
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