



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a regular meeting of council
Of the Town of Fortune, held in the
Town Hall, January 6th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor	Charles Penwell
Deputy Mayor	Corey Parsons
Councillors:	Levi Curtis
	Patrick Parsons
	Yvonne Symes-Harris
	Dave Holloway

Also Present

Town Manager	Norma Stacey
Town Clerk	Debbie Hillier
Office Clerk	Dora Hillier

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Payroll
2. Sanitation and Waste/Hornhouse road
3. Emergency plan
4. Alumni Game
5. Operational review

General Business:

Additions to Agenda of January 6th, 2014

Mayor Penwell asked for approval of the additions to the agenda of the January 6th, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion 2014-01-06 Councillor Curtis/Deputy Mayor Parsons

It was resolved that the additions to the January 6th, 2014 agenda for a regular meeting of council be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Y. Harris-Symes
 Councillors: P. Parsons, D. Holloway, L. Curtis

Opposed: 0
Motion carried

6. HNL Membership/Conference-Gander 2014

- No announcements of the website. Little over a month away to be held on February 26th, 27th and 28th.
- Linda Collier expressed interest in attending this conference.
- Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons will be attending with work; he will keep us informed on any updates.
- Business deferred until next meeting.

7. Payroll

- Paul Tulk never worked due to power outage, and was given 1 ½ hours notice. Paul would like to get paid for the 5 hours he was scheduled. He worked 35hrs and needed those 5 hrs to make up his work week.
- Council members express interest in having a policy in place for casual workers and weather conditions. Collective agreement is for regular employees and regular hours.
- Council decided because Paul was at work or very close to being at work, pay him the 5 hours.

Motion 2014-01-06

P.Parsons/D. Holloway

It was resolved to pay Paul Tulk 5 regular hours of pay due to insufficient notice prior to him being at work.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor C. Parsons
Councillors: P. Parsons, Yvonne Symes-Harris, L. Curtis
D. Holloway

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

8. Closure of arena due to power conservation

- Darren Barnes got an email from minor hockey, asking all minor hockey associations to postpone all events due to power conservation.
- Council decided to close the Arena tomorrow January 7th, until power is stabilized.



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Motion 2014-01-06

Curtis/P.Parsons

It was resolved to close the arena tomorrow and postpone all scheduled events. No mass email needed as only 1 customer has arena booked. Rework arena employee's schedules.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor C. Parsons
Councillors: P. Parsons, Yvonne Symes-Harris, L. Curtis
D. Holloway

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

9. Sanitation and waste Hornhouse Road

- Town Manager Norma Stacey spoke to Peter Power from waste disposal regarding two complaints he received from the contractor, that Hornhouse road is slippery
- Phil was sent to investigate, he reported at that time the road was wide, and not slippery.
- Norma Stacey's concern was that while she realizes the road is the town's responsibility, she does not want the town's workers collecting garbage and bringing it to the highway.
- Mayor Penwell stated that if the road is extremely dangerous, yes. Monitor road conditions. Council agreed to be very careful setting precedence, as they may expect this all too often.
- Mayor Penwell waste disposal also is having trouble on Hickman place; the truck is unable to turn around on the cul-de-sac.

10. Taxes on Port Authority

- Town Manager Norma Stacey stated that Public Works Canada paid for the grant in lieu, for the taxes same as any other year for 2013. We have to bill Fortune Port Authority.
- Town Clerk Debbie Hillier placed this issue on the municipal assessment list a year and a half ago.
- Mayor and Deputy Mayor would like this addressed right away. Not to wait another 6-8 months. Meeting needed before billing.
- Harbour Authority and Port Authority are not charged business taxes because they are a not for profit organization.

11. Emergency Planning

- Mayor Penwell asked if the council was still interested in purchasing a 25,000 watt generator. Earl from the Port Authority has it for sale, asking \$5000.00. Earl indicated to Norma he could do a little better than that seeing it is for the town.
- Council members agreed to inspect the condition and age of the generator, before tender.
- Council discussed eventually modifying the generator for Fortune's emergency command centre. As we may need to expand further than the fire hall, pending on where the emergency may be.
- Storms like hurricane Igor and weather due to climate change will strike again, causing crisis of power loss 12 hours or more. Encourage residents to create their own emergency plan through the Fortune Teller communications FES website has example emergency plans as a guide for families.
- Mayor Penwell would like to contact a local store like Collins, to order a quantity of land line telephones to have available to his customers.
- Councillor Curtis suggested we contact Bell Mobility; maybe they would donate some free landline telephones.
- Town Manager Norma Stacey stated Grand Bank Fire Department used their personal vehicles to pick up residents, transporting them to the warming centre. Norma's concern was liability issues. Mayor Penwell said there are times you have to over look liabilities during emergencies.
- Deputy Mayor Parsons stated the town needs a subcommittee, with the divisions of Fire Hall, Ambulance, Council and community, careful not to undermine mentioned divisions. Town Manager Norma Stacey said Bill Collins from FES, has offered to go through the emergency plan, along with a table top exercise, so we have a knowing on different seniors.
- Mayor Penwell said there is nothing in our emergency plan that covers power outages.



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Town Manager Norma Stacey asked Phil, the town's foreman, what his team learned, and if we need to purchase and so forth?

- Town had to borrow a diesel 110 pump from Pat, to pump diesel for our equipment. The Town's pump is a 220, and they needed a 210. Need to get one to have on hand for future. Talk to councillor P. Parsons.
- 200 gallons per minute. Screens were pulled and they were plugged. Screen pulling will be a future preparation practice for future storm warnings.
- Wayne bolt from Grand Bank told Town Manager Norma Stacey, they were not getting any water from Fortune during the power outage, as they could not pump it. Grand Bank got their water from their reservoir, which drained. Will replenish once power returned. Low water pressure at hospital, poor flushing abilities. Fortune's is gravity fed.
- Town Manager Norma Stacey would like to advise residents of a boil order during power outages, as it is the town's responsibility. Chlorine is not pumped into water. Mayor Penwell would use caution, setting fear throughout the community.

Councillors P.Parsons and D. Holloway had to leave meeting at 8:20pm.

12. Alumni Meeting

- Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons raised the question, where we stand with this meeting? We have to come up with a game plan as the game is quickly approaching. Councillor D. Holloway said there is another meeting planned this Sunday January 12th.
- Interview to be set between CHCM and Marty Mcsorley.
- Last advertising bill for advertising a game was \$1000.00

13. Operational Review

- Town Manager Norma Stacey has not heard anything from this issue.
- Mayor Penwell would like terms of reference from Grand Bank and Burin

- Mayor Penwell spoke to Rex Matthews of Grand Bank, Rex stated he would not accept the Operational Review involving Job description and salaries, for the Town of Grand Bank
- Fortune in need of Operational Review for efficiency, not job description and salary.

Councillors Forum

Councillor Levi Curtis

- Clearing of the roads was an issue, now resolved.
- Minor issues with residential fences torn down and standing pipes damaged etc. They have been taken care of and attended to. No big outstanding issues.

Mayor Charles Penwell

- Recalling past winters, and current harsh winter.
- Some residents complained that out of courtesy they pull into a random driveway to allow the plow to pass, and the operator plowed them in.
- Next issues will be residents wondering why we never got the salt down before it got slippery.
- Inquired about the Info red camera, OCI wanted to borrow from Fortune's Fire Department because their generator was down and they could not figure out the problem, they needed to put the camera through. Debbie Hillier spoke to the Fire Chief, and he said it was ok.

Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons

- Wondering Council's policy or direction on fences and garbage boxes. It should be included in the next fortune teller.
- Town Manager Norma Stacey stated anything 10ft from the road. There was 2 garbage boxes on log wood road destroyed, they were less ten feet from the side of the road. Anything outside those ten feet should not be replaced in her opinion.
- Has heard comments like "Don't worry when the snow melts the town is responsible".
- Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons would like to thank the staff during the Christmas Break. Debbie and Norma are taking a lot of heat from public and on social media. Great communication with Councillors, as they received any and all info. Thanks to outside staff as well.



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- Town Manager Norma Stacey would like to thank them as a group. Over Christmas they worked hours and hours, days and day

Town Manager Norma Stacey

- Snow clearing complaint from a lady on Confederation Street approached Dennis Lake on Saturday January 4th that the snow was piled outside her window and would like it removed.
- The town went around today and cleaned out all catch spaces.
- Norma answered a call during tonight's meeting. Ed Hillier on Eldon Street noticed the town was cleaning catch basins, and wanted his cleaned. This particular catch basin is questionable. It is the Town's catch basin? Or a catch basin placed there just for Ed? Mayor Penwell said to help him when we have the time.
- Councillor Yvonne Symes-Harris asked if we had any flood plans in place. Council informed her that the Fire Department has pumps for that.

Councillor Yvonne Symes-Harris

- Place a reminder in the Fortune Teller for residents to be excessively careful, concerning people on the roads on their ATV's and snowmobiles. Yvonne has received complaints about ATV users flying around the corners and over snow banks.
- Deputy Mayor Parsons added that Brian Rose offered council to dump access snow on his property, as long as it is not on his step. He is not expecting a ferry any time soon.

Motion requested to extend meeting for another 10 minutes

Motion 2014-01-06

Curtis/Deputy Mayor Parsons

It was resolved to extend the meeting an additional ten minutes.

In favour:

Mayor C. Penwell

Deputy Mayor C. Parsons

Councillors: P. Parsons, Yvonne Symes-Harris, L. Curtis
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AGENDA

Monday – January 6 , 2014

Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes December 16, 2013

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Planning/Priorities meeting
2. Snow clearing Equipment
 - a) Town
 - b) Kelloways
3. Donation – “Dial A Carol”
4. Meeting – Community Centre Committee
5. Temporary Office Clerk
6. HNL Membership/Conference – Gander, February 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Municipal Assessment Agency News Release
2. Memo MNL
3. CWTA – “Recycle My Cell in Newfoundland and Labrador”