



# 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,  
February 9, 2015

### *Members Present*

Mayor	Charles Penwell (via telephone)
Deputy Mayor	Frazer Smtih
Councillors:	Levi Curtis James Dunne Dave Holloway Yvonne Harris Patrick Parsons
Chief Administrative Officer	<i>Also Present</i> Corey Parsons
Office Clerk	Lacey Symes

### **Additions/Adoption of Agenda of January 26, 2015**

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if there were any additions to the agenda February 9, 2015 & approval of the February 9, 2015 agenda.

#### *Additions:*

14. Recreation Commission

Motion 2015-02-09-01      Curtis/Harris

Resolved that the agenda of February 9, 2015 for a regular meeting of council be adopted as presented along with the addition to the agenda.

In favour:      Deputy Mayor F. Smith  
                    Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne, Y. Harris, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed:      0.  
Motion carried.



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## Adoption of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2015 as presented.

Councillor Curtis pointed out that under 'Councillor's Forum' it states that the FFFIF Valentine's Dinner & Show is going to be held at the Fortune Lion's Den but it's actually at the Fortune Legion.

Motion 2015-02-09-02                      Curtis/Harris

Resolved to adopt January 26, 2015 minutes with the correction.

In favour:        Deputy Mayor F. Smith  
                      Councillors:    C. Curtis, J. Dunne, Y. Harris, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed:        0.  
Motion carried.

## General Business

*Mayor Penwell called into the council meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

### 1.        Warming Center

CAO Parsons advised council that in last year's budget there was an amount budgeted for a new generator for the warming center.

There were discussions last year whether the warming center should be at the Anglican Church Basement or at the Fire Hall. Council agreed that it would be best to use the Fire Hall as a warming center when needed.

Councillor Parsons & Councillor Holloway to check out generators.

Motion 2015-02-09-03                      Harris/Curtis

It was resolved to use the Fire Hall for a warming center when needed and to ask someone who is qualified in the generator field to see what type of generator would best meet our needs.

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

Opposed:        0.  
Motion carried.



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## 2. Firehall

### Beam

Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Parsons & Councillor Dunne are going to install the beam; they will measure the beam & have one ordered.

### Leak

There is a leak in the Fire Hall where the building is joined on, in under the library.

Public Works Employees will take a look once the beam is installed.

## 3. Water Issue- Eldon Street

The Public Work Employees will have a better look at the issue once spring comes. CAO Parsons to advise residents that the Town's Employees will take a closer look in the spring, once the frost is gone.

## 4. Brookside Road Property

A resident was wondering if the Town of Fortune was willing to sell the piece of land across from the Park.

Council agreed that they had a discussion on this particular land before and agreed to keep the land for extra parking for the Park.

Office Staff to advise the resident that the Town of Fortune is not interested in selling this specific parcel of land.



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## 5. Municipal Assessment Review Commissioner

The retainer fee for the assessment review commissioner for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015 is \$300.00, received from Mr. Albert Snook.

Motion 2015-02-09-04

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to approve the \$300.00 retainer fee & appoint Mr. Snook the Municipal Assessment Review Commissioner.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

## 6. Joint Council Fees

Received a bill for Joint Council, three options

- pay 10 cents per resident which would work out to be approximately \$141.00
- pay 25 cents per household which would work out to be approximately \$159.00
- make a donation

Motion 2015-02-09-05

Councillor Parsons/Councillor Harris

Resolved to make a \$150.00 donation to the Joint Council.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.



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## 7. Donation Request- Regional Science Fair

Motion 2015-02-09-06 Councillor Curtis/Councillor Holloway

Resolved to donate \$100.00 to the Regional Science Fair, the same amount as last year.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

## 8. Joint Employment Project

Council discussed the idea of having a joint JCP project with the Town, Come Home Year Committee & Recreation Commission.

Motion 2015-02-09-07 Councillor Harris/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to submit a joint JCP application for the Town of Fortune, Come Home Year Committee & Recreation Commission.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.



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## 9. Poll Tax Exemption

Two poll tax exemption forms, both residents have a rent to own agreement, documents attached.

Motion 2015-02-09-08

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Harris

Resolved to approve the two poll tax exemption forms based on their rent to own agreement.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

## 10. Arena

### *Break In*

Unfortunately the arena was broken into.

There was \$120.00 stolen from the United Town's Minor Hockey cash can.

The two main red steel doors were extremely damaged and need to be replaced.

There are four interior doors that are damaged.

Arena Manager Barnes to do up a cost estimate and see how much it would cost to do the work ourselves.



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## 10. Arena Continued...

### *Old Zambonis*

CAO Parsons advised council that the two zambonis were sold for \$630.00 and was wondering if the \$630.00 could be used for tool allowance in the arena workshop.

Motion 2015-02-09-09                      Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to use the \$630.00 to go towards tool allowance for the arena workshop.

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

Opposed:     0.  
Motion carried.

### *Alumni Game- Canteen*

CAO Parsons made an offer to United Town's Minor Hockey in regards to the canteen throughout the alumni game. CAO Parsons said with the revenue raised out of the canteen sales throughout the alumni game the Town will purchase a new deep fryer for the canteen. Representatives from United Towns Minor Hockey weren't sure and haven't made a decision yet.

Motion 2015-02-09-10                      Councillor Dunne/Councillor Harris

Resolved that the Town of Fortune has made the offer and if United Town's Minor Hockey doesn't want to go ahead with the offer then the Town of Fortune will close the existing canteen for the Alumni game and set up their own canteen to be used. Money raised will be used to purchase the new deep fryer, \$1500.00

In favour:     Mayor C. Penwell  
                  Deputy Mayor F. Smith  
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Opposed:     0.  
Motion carried.



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## 10. Arena Continued...

### *Legends Wrestling*

Representative from Legends Wrestling contacted Arena Manager Barnes and was wondering if the Town of Fortune would be interested for them to come here on June 10, 2015.

There will be no risk to the town, no cost to the town, there will be a 70/30 split of the ticket sales, 30% will go back into the arena and they will cover their own advertising cost.

Motion 2015-02-09-11

Councillor Holloway/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to approve Legends Wrestling to come to the Fortune Arena June 10, 2015 at a 70%/30% split, 30% of ticket sales going back into the arena.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

## 11. Public Work Tools

CAO Parsons showed council the tool that the Public Works Employees use to detect a water leak and advised council that the sewer jet is ordered.





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## 12. Water Meeting Update

The Town of Grand Bank will be reconnecting to the water supply sometime this week.

The Town of Grand Bank hasn't sent any payments since October 4, 2014; they were told in early November that they were able to reconnect. The Town of Grand Bank was wondering if they could get some leeway on the payments they are responsible to pay.

Motion 2015-02-09-12                      Councillor Parsons/Councillor Curtis

Resolved to forgive October/November payments and the Town of Grand Bank will be responsible to pay from December 1, 2014 and onward. In the future, the Town of Grand Bank has 7 days after being told that they can reconnect to pay regular water rates with no negotiations.

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

Opposed:     0.  
Motion carried.

## 13. Taxes

CAO Parsons advised council that the Burin Peninsula Waste Management Corporation is charged the Town of Fortune for 665 households rather than 636 household. CAO was already in contact with BPWMC and they're currently in the process of working something out.

Information regarding business tax will be brought forward for next council meeting.

CAO Parsons advised council of the delinquent accounts; up to December 31, 2014 the amount owed to the Town of Fortune in delinquent taxes is \$250,363.10

Motion 2015-02-09-13                      Councillor Curtis/Councillor Holloway

Resolved to send a letter to the delinquent account owners and advise them that they have 30 days to straighten up their accounts, if the Town of Fortune does not receive any payment their water will be immediately shut off. This will be determined on a case by case basis.



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## 13. Taxes Continued...

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

### *Recreation Commission*

Recreation Commission was wondering if the council will host "free hotdogs & pop" on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the winter carnival. Council agreed to host "free hot dogs & pop" in front of the Firehall on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Winter Carnival.

The Recreation Commission & The FFFIF were going to go halves on 60 plastic tables, 30 tables each at approximately \$1200.00, the Recreation Commission was wondering if they were able to purchase 30 tables at \$1200.00 and if it would be able to come out of the 2015 budget.

Motion 2015-02-09-14                      Councillor Parsons/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to grant the Recreation Commission permission to purchase 30 plastic tables at approximately \$1200.00 out of their 2015 budget.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

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## Committee Reports

### *Recreation Commission Continued...*

The Recreation Commission is having a senior's supper on March 4<sup>th</sup> and was wondering if council members would be able to cook two turkeys & veggies.

Deputy Mayor Smith- Turkey  
Mayor Penwell- Turkey  
CAO Parsons- Veggies

### *FFFIF*

Deputy Mayor Smith advised council that the FFFIF committee purchased a new bouncy castle and the WonderBolt Circus will be coming to Fortune again this year at the end of May.

## Councillor's Forum

### *CAO Parsons*

### Employee Matter

Motion 2015-02-09-15

Councillor Holloway/Councillor Harris

Resolved to keep Town Clerk's Buffett's wages going while she is traveling back & forth to St. John's with her son.

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Councillors: C. Curtis, J. Dunne, Y. Harris, D. Holloway & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.



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Adjournment

Motion 2015-02-09-16

Councillor Curtis/Councillor Dunne

Resolved to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

Opposed: 0.  
Motion carried.

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Deputy Mayor Smith

*Lucy Symes*  
Office Clerk Symes



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## AGENDA Council Meeting February 9, 2015 7:30 p.m.

### Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: January 26, 2015

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Warming Centre
2. Fire Hall
  - Beam
  - Leak
3. Water Issue- Eldon Street
4. Brookside Road Property
5. Municipal Assessment Review Commissioner
6. Joint Council Fees
7. Donation Request- Regional Science Fair
8. Joint Employment Project
9. Poll Tax Exemption
10. Arena
  - Old Zamboni
  - Alumni Game Canteen
11. Public Work Tools
12. Water Meeting Update
13. Taxes

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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