



The Town of Fortune

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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mayor Alec Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor Kim Price, Councillors Terry Stacey, Harvey Tulk, Rosalind Matchem and Derrick Reid.

Councillor Penwell entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: 11) Road Conditions
12) Concerned Citizens
13) Recreation Commission

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Tulk and seconded by Councillor Reid the agenda be adopted. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes February 28 & March 8, 2005:

Item #1-FPI situation-Councillor Stacey noted that there was an article in the Southern Gazette re local shop stewards opinion regarding the income trust vote versus the opinion of the union executive.

Item #3-Regional Water Study-Councillors congratulated Councillor Reid on the excellent write-up in the Southern Gazette regarding the discussions with the Town of Grand Bank re water supply from Fortune.

Councillor Tulk inquired as to whether any information had been obtained regarding the School Board sharing costs in the upcoming Municipal/School Board elections. Town Clerk to check.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Tulk and seconded by Councillor Stacey the minutes of the February 28, 2005 meeting be adopted as presented. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Tulk and seconded by Deputy Mayor Price the minutes of the March 8, 2005 finance meeting be approved as presented. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Collier informed Council that we had received the Utility Tax cheque from Newfoundland Power and Aliant and we had also received the Tax Agreement cheque from FPI.



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Town Clerk Collier also noted that most of the back bills except for Bac-NewPlan had been paid. He also noted that when weather conditions improve we will have to hire someone to help with the town maintenance.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Fishery Products International Ltd.-copy of letter received from Hon. Bill Matthews re Mayor's request for meeting with Premier.
2. Fortune Head Ecological Site-Town Clerk Collier informed Council that we will have to go to public tender for the exhibits and he has talked to Greg Dominaux and Jody Brushett and Schooner is preparing the Tender package. Town Clerk Collier has also talked to Randy Douglas of HRE regarding the programs they have available. The Interpretation Committee will have to meet again.

Town Clerk also informed Council that there were cracks in the walkway leading to the new Interpretation Center.

Town Clerk Collier also noted the funding received at the Cape St. Mary's Bird Sanctuary :
\$50,000.00 Grant from the Dept. of Transportation
\$13,000.00 Dept. of Tourism
\$25,000.00 Funds realized by the "Friends of the Cape", group.
Salary for co-ordinator- Dept. of Environment

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3. Economic Development-Several individuals from the Town have responded to Councils letter-they are: Harold Thornhill-Bridges Employment, Brian Rose-Gateway Lounge, Earl Rose-Harbour Authority, Elias Dodge-Twin Towns Electrical, Pat Parsons-Parsons Electrical, Kim Price-K&C Enterprises, Harold Lake-Atlantic Shipping.

It was agreed to contact Kay Riggs to attend the first meeting.



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4. Corwin Marks-Business Permit

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Price and seconded by Councillor Matchem that the business permit for Corwin Marks be approved as presented. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

5. Fortune Teller-Deputy Mayor Price discussed the cost of the Fortune Teller with the Recreation Commission and it was suggested that we would try printing the Teller on 8½ x 14 paper both front and back and if the paper has to be folded then someone from the Recreation Commission would pick it up at the office and fold it. Deputy Mayor Price and Mary Mullins of the Recreation Commission will discuss the changes with Fay.

6. Social scheduled for April 9, 2005-Deputy Mayor Price and Councillor Matchem will make arrangements.

7. Philip Thornhill-shed-has not returned his building application. Town Clerk will check.

8. Marystown-Burin Area Chamber of Commerce Conference may 31-June 3, 2005-info.

8:00 p.m. Councillor Penwell entered the meeting.

9. Cyrus Caines-Retirement. Councillor Tulk requested that this matter would be discussed in a closed meeting to be held at the end of tonight's regular meeting. Agreed.

10. Fire Training Grounds-Town Clerk Collier spoke to Fire Chief's Cuza and Dunne and they hope to have project started around the middle of April.

11. Fishing Enterprises-Business Tax-Office Clerk Stacey has e-mailed the Dept. of Municipal Affairs but has not yet received a reply.



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GENERAL:

1. Land-Joseph Hillier-Mr. Hillier inquired whether Council would reduce the purchase price of the land in question.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Price and seconded by Councillor Stacey that we would offer the piece of land to Mr. Hillier for \$400.00. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

2. Guardrails-High Bank-it was agreed to check with the Dept. of Transportation re extension to present guardrails on high bank(in the vicinity of Clawbonnie).

3. Community Guide-not budgeted for.

4. Municipal Awareness Day-Monday, May 9, 2005-agreed to advertise in the Fortune Teller.

5. RCL Branch #25 and Fortune Lions-Mayor Noseworthy, Councillor Penwell & Tulk declared a conflict of interest due to their involvement with the Lions Club.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Stacey and seconded by Councillor Reid that we would reimburse the RCL and the Fortune Lions for their property tax. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

6. Destination St. John's-info

7. Cruise Newfoundland & Labrador-Mayor will review

8. News Flash-Fred Best -Chairperson Newfoundland/Labrador Municipal Assessment Agency-info.

9. Infonote-call for nominations Regional Council

10. NLFM-Workshop on Economic Development-April 2&3/05-Councillor Tulk will check out.



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11. Road Conditions-Councillor Stacey noted that resident/s had brought to his attention the road conditions around town especially Confederation Street and Benson Street. It was agreed to put a message in the Fortune Teller informing residents that as soon as weather permits efforts will be made to improve the road conditions.

12. Concerned Citizens Committee-Mayor Noseworthy updated Council on the meeting with Hon. Judy Foote. Hon. Foote has also made a request for a meeting with the Premier and Fisheries Minister Taylor. Lloyd Piercey working on arranging a meeting with Hon. Bill Matthews and Hon. John Eppard. The Concerned Citizens Committee met with Carson Little John and Ann Brenton of HRDSC to discuss a JCP for a co-ordinator(if necessary) for the Committee. Mayor Noseworthy informed Council that Jacob Thornhill was Chairperson of the Committee, Bill Mullins-Vice Chair, Wayne Collins-Secretary, Alec Noseworthy-PR. Concerned Citizens Committee will keep record of any expenses for attending meetings in St. John's and will contact the Town of Grand Bank to help share cost.

Councillor Penwell expressed concern that Council in his opinion has given up their right to speak with the Premier, as a result of the Concerned Citizens Committee. He was not speaking out against the Committee-but he felt that if the citizens elected Council-Council has an obligation to act on behalf of the Town.

Councillor Tulk had concerns regarding Councils credibility and input with regard to the Fishery Products situation, now that the Concerned Citizens Committee was also acting on the matter.

Councillor Stacey stated that he was confident that if Mayor Noseworthy felt Council's opinion was not being recognized by the Concerned Citizens Committee then the Mayor would remove himself from the Committee as he had previously stated.

Councillor Reid asked if Council wanted to meet with the Concerned Citizens Committee to discuss the matter and any questions Council may have.

Mayor Noseworthy asked what direction did Councillors want Council as a body to take now. It was agreed to try and arrange a meeting with the Concerned Citizens Committee- on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.



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13. Councillor Stacey informed Council that the Recreation Commission held an election of officers and the following position were filled: President-

Vice-President-Denis Lahiton

Secretary-Marion Wells

Treasurer-Mary Mullins

The Recreation Hockey Tournament was a success however the number of teams registered were reduced from the expected 7 to 4.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Price and seconded by Councillor Matchem the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor

Office Clerk



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AGENDA Council Meeting March 21, 2005

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 28, 2005 and Finance Meeting March 8, 2005

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2. Fortune Head Ecological Site
3. Economic Development
4. Corwin Marks - Business Permit
5. Fortune Teller
6. Social Scheduled for April 9, 2005
7. Philip Thornhill - Shed
8. Marystown-Burin Area Chamber of Commerce Conference - May 31 to June 3, 2005

9. Cyrus Caines - Retirement
10. Fire Training Grounds
11. Fishing Enterprises - Business Tax

GENERAL:

1. Land - Joseph Hillier
2. Guardrails - High Bank

3. Community Guide



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4. Municipal Awareness Day - Monday, May 9, 2005
5. RCL Branch #25 and Fortune Lions - Property Tax
6. Destination St. John's
7. Cruise Newfoundland and Labrador
8. News Flash
9. Infonote
10. NLFM