



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,
November 16, 2015

Members Present

Mayor	Charles Penwell
Deputy Mayor	Frazer Smith
Councillors:	James Dunne Yvonne Harris Patrick Parsons

Also Present

Chief Administrative Officer	Corey Parsons
Office Clerk	Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption of Agenda of November 16, 2015

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any additions to the agenda & approval of the November 16, 2015 agenda.

Additions to Correspondence:

3. John Burke High School Awards Ceremony

Motion 2015-11-16-01 Councillor Parsons/Councillor Dunne

Resolved that the agenda of November 16, 2015 along with the additions to the correspondence be adopted as presented

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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Adoption of Minutes, November 2, 2015

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2015 as presented.

Motion 2015-11-16-02

Councillor Dunne/Deputy Mayor Smith

Resolved to adopt the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 16, 2015.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

General Business

1. Community Enhancement Approval

Received an approval of \$18,700.00 for the community enhancement employment project.

There are three workers hired.

Approximately \$2000.00 for material money, it will be put towards regular maintenance throughout the town.



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2. Townsuite Renewal

The cost of the yearly renewal for Townsuite is \$4543.73; this invoice will be split between the Town of Fortune & The Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Service Inc.

Motion 2015-11-16-03

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Harris

Resolved to split the Townsuite yearly renewal with the Grand Bank/Fortune Ambulance Service Inc.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

3. Christmas Dinner

Motion 2015-11-16-04

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Parsons

Resolved to purchase prime rib steaks & chicken breast for the Town of Fortune's Christmas Dinner & to cater out the side dishes.

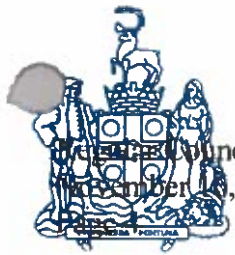
In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor F. Smith
Councillors: J. Dunne, Y. Harris & P. Parsons

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

Delegation/Guest Joann Johnson

Council welcomed Mrs. Joann Johnson to the council meeting. Mrs. Johnson congratulated the council & staff for the public budget consultation meeting held on November 9th.

Mrs. Johnson came to the council meeting to discuss the affect that the new municipal assessments will have on municipal taxes. There are a great number of residents affected by the new assessments, and Mrs. Johnson's is greatly affected. Mrs. Johnson questioned if there was a way the burden can be balanced throughout all of the residents within the Town of Fortune.



Council Meeting
November 19, 2015

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Delegation/Guest Joann Johnson Continued..

Council advised Mrs. Johnson that they are open to any suggestions from residents and thanked her for coming to voice her opinion and advised her that all suggestions will be discussed at the finance meeting.

Mrs. Johnson stated her suggestion which was to raise minimum tax to \$350.00 & she feels that properties valued at \$35,000.00 & under should be charged the minimum rate and she also felt that the Town of Fortune should have a maximum cap of possibly \$200,000.00.

4. Meeting with OCI

Thursday, November 19, 2015 in St. John's.

CAO Parsons, Mayor Penwell, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Harris & Councillor Dunne will be attending.

5. Land- 7 Bunkerhill Road

While the public works employees were ditching out a catch basin located on Eldon Street a resident claiming they owed the land asked the workers to stop their work.

The resident has written a letter addressed to council requesting that the town return and fill in the ditch that was dug out.

Council reviewed the correspondence sent from the resident and discussed this matter.

Council agreed that there was a pre existing ditch located on the land with public infrastructure located on it, the Town of Fortune has a right to service public infrastructure belonging to the Town.

Motion 2015-11-16-05

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Dunne

Resolved to advise the resident that the Town of Fortune's public works employees had no choice but to service the pre existing ditch which is considered public infrastructure.

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

Opposed: 0.

Motion carried.



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6. Vandalism

Within the last couple of months there have been complaints of stealing, break ins, speeding, etc..

Council discussed the effectiveness of a neighbourhood watch program within the community.

Council agreed to purchase a couple cameras to put around town.

7. 2016 Capital Works Motion

Motion 2015-11-16-06

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Dunne

Resolved that the Town of Fortune will make application under the 2016 Capital Works Program for the following projects, Arena Floor- to install new ice surface, Snooks Road & Extension- water/sewer/paving & Bunkerhill Road-water/sewer/paving.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

8. Poll Tax Exemption

Account #FORSP003
Account #THORB002

Motion 2015-11-16-06

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Harris

Resolved to approve the poll tax exemption for FORSP003 & THORB002 based on a rent to own agreement since 2009.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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9. Financial Report

For councillors information.

Meeting scheduled for finance committee for Monday, November 23rd.

Meeting Extension

Motion 2015-11-02-07

Deputy Mayor Smith/Councillor Harris

Resolved at 8:30 p.m. to extend the council meeting 15 minutes

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

10. 2016 Tax Structure

Council discussed different options regarding the tax structure; the finance committee will come back with suggestions.

Motion 2015-11-16-08

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Dunne

Resolved to set the minimum tax to \$330.00 for 2016, residents owning any additional properties will be a charged minimum of \$165.00 per property.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Christmas Ad- Channel 6

\$75 + tax for a 2 page ad for 2 weeks.

Motion 2015-11-16-09

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Dunne

Resolved to pay \$75.00 for a 2 page ad for 2 weeks at Channel 6 Ads

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

2. Lake Academy- Kids Eat Smart Foundation

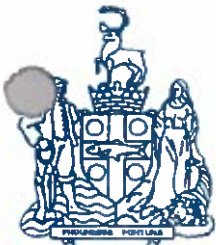
Motion 2015-11-16-10

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Parsons

Resolved to donate a lump sum payment of \$200.00 to the Kids Eat Smart Foundation. Cheque to be sent directly to Lake Academy.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



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PERMITS

#137 BENNETT'S CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT PERMIT- HARBOUR DRIVE
#39 39 HADDOCK ROAD SHED

Motion 2015-11-16-11

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Parsons

Resolved to donate a lump sum payment of \$200.00 to the Kids Eat Smart Foundation. Cheque to be sent directly to Lake Academy.

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

Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion 2015-11-16-12

Deputy Mayor Smith/ Councillor Harris

Resolved to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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

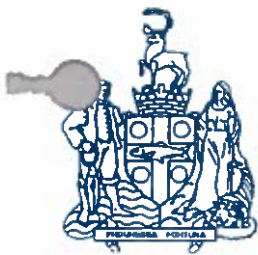
Opposed: 0.
Motion carried.



Mayor Penwell



Office Clerk Symes



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AGENDA

Council Meeting

November 16, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: November 2, 2015

Delegation/Guest: Mrs. Joann Johnson

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Community Enhancement Approval
2. Townsuite Renewal
3. Christmas Dinner
4. Meeting with OCI
5. Land- #7 Bunkerhill Road
6. Vandalism
7. 2016 Capital Works Motion
8. Poll Tax Exemption
9. Financial Report
10. 2016 Tax Structure

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CHRISTMAS AD- CHANNEL 6
2. LAKE ACADEMY- KIDS EAT SMART FOUNDATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERMITS

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BILLS

COUNCILLORS FORUM