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MINUTES of a regular meeting of Council of the Town of Fortune Held in the Town Hall, March 3rd 2014

Members Present

MAYOR
DEPUTY MAYOR
COUNCILLORS:

Charles Penwell
Corey Parsons
Yvonne Symes-Harris
Patrick Parsons
Levi Curtis
Frazer Smith

Also Present

TOWN MANAGER
TOWN CLERK
OFFICE ASSISTANT

Norma Stacey
Debbie Hillier
Dora Hillier

Visitors

RCMP- S.Sgt. Edgecombe
Sgt. Edgecombe
Const. Mark Jenkins

Additions to the Agenda:

11. Bereavement
12. Arena Worker
13. Financial Statements
14. Pavement Recycler



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Additions to Agenda of March 3rd, 2014 Meeting

Mayor Penwell asked for approval of the additions to the agenda of the March 3rd, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion 2014-03-03-01 Parsons/Smith

It was resolved that the additions to the March 3rd, 2014 agenda for a regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor Penwell Corey Parsons
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
Patrick Parsons
Levi Curtis
Frazer Smith

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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Regular Meeting of February 17th, 2014

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes Of the regular meeting of February 17th, 2014.

All names of residents have been removed and replaced with street address.

Motion 2014-03-03-02 Smith/Parsons

It was resolved that the Minutes of February 17th, 2014 regular meeting of Council be adopted.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
 Patrick Parsons
 Levi Curtis
 Frazer Smith

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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Business arising on the discussion of the minutes:

1. REF'S: Number 1 in the Minutes

- Mayor Penwell gave the Council an update on RFP; results are the same. A letter has been sent to the Minister for signing. Nothing can be announced until this has been done, as per Craig Gorman.
- Municipal Affairs had Bay New Plan ranked 5, Dynamic was ranked 6 or 7; EXP from Marystown was ranked 5th or 6th. Craig Gorman combined both the Town's and Municipal Affairs results and averages them. Bay New Plan, EXP and Dynamic were the top three. Looks like Bay New Plan first, EXP second and Dynamic third.
- For the record Deputy Mayor Parson would like the Town to keep an eye on Bay New Plan, ensuring the Engineering is part of the agreement along with water, sewer and pavement.

2. NHL Legends: Number 10 in the Minutes.

- Council inquired about profit and loss for this game. Town Clerk Debbie Hillier informed Council there has been no final tally. Some Councillors members felt this should not be the Town Managers duty, even though the Town Clerk was sick. these calculations should have been passed to other office staff. Town Clerk Debbie Hillier discussed how it has been hard collecting money from Arena staff, due to cash handling issues such as payouts in cash instead of check form. A meeting with the Development Committee ASAP was recommended, also a full transfer of Arena duties on Thursday March 6th, 2014.
- Council felt in the future players that never sold their tickets, should pay a small nominal fee for each ticket in order to play in the hockey game, as an incentive to sell more. It is not fair to the other players.



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Business arising on the discussion of the minutes continued:

- Town Manager to email update on Operational Review
- Town Manager to email update on the old Video and Sound owned by George Burfitt.

Planning and Priorities meeting scheduled for Monday March 31st at 6:30 pm.

- Please follow up with a reminder e-mail.

Meeting with R.C.M.P: S/Sgt. Edgecombe and Sgt. Gale; Const. Mark Jenkins

- There will be a new policing unit in the area beginning June or July 2014. Sgt. Gale will take over. Sgt. Edgecombe will be transferred to Clarenville; Const. Mark Jenkins will be also transferred once his position is filled. One person shy of a full detachment.
- S/Sgt. Edgecombe enlightened the Town Council on community updates. R.C.M.P. are combating major drug problems, drug of choice seems to be prescription drugs, cocaine and marijuana.
- A lot of small street level drug arrests.
- They are working in conjunction with Burin.
- Last drug search was in Fortune, a couple of week ago.
- S/Sgt. Edgecombe will be requesting a meeting with the Shared Councils. Ruby Hoskins, Marystown Council liaison. This is the time of year to develop the 2014 policing plan. Number one topic is usually drug problems, with everything else stemming from that.
- Last year break and enters were out of control. Fortune, Grand Bank, Marystown. *All* criminal were caught and placed in jail.
- S/Sgt. Edgecombe empathized with the Town, regarding frustration build up in the community, as to why the drug problem in Fortune is still a huge concern. He explained the community is afraid to talk and get involved.
- Local skidoos and ATV's, the rules are the same and have not changed. It's usually the same law breakers, it would be nice if residents would call the R.C.M.P., and they would pay them a visit. S/Sgt. Edgecombe explained how Garnish North's and St. Lawrence's ATC association control these same concerns with great success. They basically found more eyes on the road. There are more responsible



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Meeting with R.C.M.P: S/Sgt. Edgcombe and Sgt. Gale; Const. Mark Jenkins continued;

- ATV owners and they have taken ownership of this. They have produced names of offender, and the R.C.M.P. Paid them a visit, stating they know they are driving their unregistered ATV, they are being watched and they will lose their bike if this continues.
If this system was in place for Fortune, it has proven to improve this type of problem very successfully. In St. Lawrence it is the ATV assoc that places the call and in Garnish the Town Council places the call. S/Sgt. Edgcombe said he can honestly say Garnish has never had an issue with any bad ATV use on their trail.
S/Sgt. Edgcombe suggested sending a letter to the resident breaking the ATV law, stating we have been receiving complaints (not accusing) of unsafe ATV use. Town Clerk Debbie Hillier has a copy of this type of letter. Next send a photocopy to the R.C.M.P. in Grand Bank and they will go see them. Mayor Penwell will follow up on this with the ATV Assoc.
- Const. Mark Jenkins took a moment to thank the Town of Fortune for the support shown to him and the R.C.M.P. He will spread the word informing the public what a great place Fortune is to come and work.
- Council commended the team on their fine efforts and results. It is refreshing see the revived trust level built back with the R.C.M.P.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Planning and Priorities Meeting: Scheduled for March 31st, 2014

2. FFFIF, Recreation Commission and Coming Home Year Committee

Council agreed that the three groups listed above need clarification. Councillor Smith explained he spoke to the other two groups and they are all on the same page.

The volunteer groups listed do not mind giving a donation to the Town of no set amount, pending on the turn out of the event; however they would never be able to pay for the Arena. The Town's moral has increased because of these events, it would be a shame to cancel them.

- FFFIF just broke even last year with Ron Hynes.
- FFFIF made \$700.00 with their On Broadway production. If they would never of been able to pay \$500.00 for the Arena from that profit.
- FFFIF does not want a bank account, just enough to get through.



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2. FFFIF, Recreation Commission and Coming Home Year Committee continued;

- Councilor Smith asked for a motion that the Town of Fortune would grant FFFIF, Recreation Commission, Coming Home Year Committee, and for that matter any other volunteer group that will bring people into Fortune, not to charge rent for the Arena. If there is money left over they can donate. Councilor Smith added Ice time is different, as paid staff have to be present. Funding for FFFIF from Canadian Heritage is strictly local. It used to be for international entertainment.
- Deputy Mayor Parsons discussed how he supported activities, entertainment and value to our community, through a festival and other outlets. Fee structure has to be reviewed he added. He supports no fee, however we should be cautious when we say no charge, as toiletries and clean up are costly, Council agreed to make this a stipulation. The Town has to be clear on the expectations. Also the Town has to clarify Arms of Council or a volunteer organization. Council agreed this should be looked at as needed, on an individual basis.

Motion 2014-03-03 Smith/Parsons

That Non for Profit volunteer groups will receive use of Fortune's Arena for free, restricted to Arms of Council dealing with others on an individual requests.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
 Patrick Parsons
 Levi Curtis
 Frazer Smith

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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Mayor Penwell asked to have the old Arena speakers sent to Councillor Harris's husband Chris Harris some the evening for analysis. If worth while the Town will send them to Long & Mcquade in St. John's for repair.

3. Community Center

Mayor Penwell enlightened Council on a meeting with the Community Center. In attendance were Mayor Penwell, Town Clerk Debbie, Councillor Parsons, Mary Mullins and Wayne Moores. They agreed

to give the Town their financial statement

- Basically what they could understand from the meeting, taking in a total of \$625.00 monthly, including what the Town is giving them.
- Their light bill in the winter months is \$2100.00 for last month and \$2800.00 for the month before.
- Pending on Keyin Techs' enrollment numbers, they may be finished up next year in the Community Center.
- The Community Center is claiming they voluntarily paid the insurance when their finances were in good condition. Prior to that they *never* paid it, it was Council's contribution. The cost of insurance was a little over \$4000.00 at that point in time, now it is \$10,000.
- The Community Center does not see any other options. Best case scenario they continue on another couple of years. They have no issues with Council finding other options for the building.
- Mayor Penwell speculated Keyin Tech's contract is on a year to year basis, but whatever Council decides, they have to find proper placing for Keyin Tech, TOPS and most importantly Brighter Futures. Council discussed using the rooms upstairs located in the Town Hall. Deputy Mayor Corey Parsons was concerned with swift placement for Brighter Futures children. He spoke with the School Board about the possibility of moving the children into Lake Academy. Unfortunately the current school administration said there is no current space available.
- Councilor Smith suggested finding out Keyin Tech's contract, give them the notice at the end of this contract there will no longer be space available in the Community Center due to building closure. In terms of Keyin Tech, if they would like to stay in Fortune after the closure, the Town should offer them a class room upstairs in the Town Hall building.
- Council contemplated different locations for the misplaced parties involved. As it is Council's responsibility to keep them in Fortune. Council decided to keep this as quite a possible until information has been received and decisions are made, as not to cause upset in the building. Also avoiding vandal damages. The Community Center will remain on the current Agenda, and Council will continue conversation through e-mail. In the mean time Councilor Parsons will walk through the Community Center for other placement options.



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4. Fortune Resident- Water problems on Sunset Crescent

Town Clerk Debbie Hillier enlightened Council on a meeting between Town Manager Norma Stacey and a resident on Sunset Crescent Thursday February 27th at the Town Hall.

- Resident trouble over the last few years with water running down from Myles road. Council installed a French Drain; unfortunately this drain has not helped the problem.
- Council deliberated this ongoing issue, and settled on having an engineer looking at this property again the spring for the second or third time.

5. SNC-Lavalin invitation Thursday March 13th, 2014 5-9pm. Glendenning Golf Course

Council members were not interesting in attending.

6. PGS marine Geophysical NSA-proposed marine seismic survey

Information purposes only

7. Puddle Pond Resources Inc.-application for exploration approval.

There was an information seminar held at Fortune's Fire Hall. 25 or 30 people attended. They discussed exploration in Point May, also as close as 10 kilometers in the road of Fortune; PPR also mentioned at the seminar, locals could buy shares for a minimum of \$500.00. Some of the work is located in the boundaries of Fortune and Grand bank as well. They mentioned the North West Pond ATV Trail to assess the drilling area. ATV Trail president was present. This correspondence sent to Council was for information purposes only.

8. Burin Peninsula Housing Supports-Community Pancake Breakfast for Housing and Homelessness March 4th 2014.

No Councilor's were available to attend.

9. Make-a-Wish Canada-Hospital Activity Book-request for support

Council decided not to support. The Town usually supports Children's Make-a-Wish Foundation.



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10. Resident-request for reimbursement

Resident of Eldon Street brought in buckets last week, claiming he purchased three buckets of hydraulic cement costing him \$69.80. This resident is asking Council to reimburse him the total amount of expenses, as he felt this is the Town's fault.

- There was a water leak in this residential area last week that has been repaired by the Town.
- The sewer line was not fixed as it travels directly across his lawn, and the residents are responsible for this themselves stated Town Clerk Debbie Hillier.
- Council deliberated, some were concerned if The Town does it this time, and they are also responsible for other residents in the community when the same problem arises.

Motion 2014-03-03-04

Parsons/Deputy Mayor Parsons

The Town of Fortune will not reimburse the resident for \$69.50 for the hydraulic cement.

In favour: Councilor Patrick Parsons

Opposed Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor Parsons
 Councilors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
 Levi Curtis
 Frazer Smith

Motion carried.



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11. Bereavement

Council decided on a Fruit Platter and a Cheese Platter equivalent to \$50.00 for a sympathy gift from the Town of Fortune, for a loss in family of a Town Employee.

Motion 2014-03-03-05 Smith/Parsons

The Town of Fortune will deliver a Fruit Platter and a Cheese Platter to the Stacey Family.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councilors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
Patrick Parsons
Levi Curtis
Frazer Smith

Opposed:
Motion carried.

Council decided to park this issue for a month so Council can create a policy that is fair for all employees.

Motion 2014-03-03-06 Smith/Curtis

To extend the Council meeting 15 minutes

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councilors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
Patrick Parsons
Levi Curtis
Frazer Smith

Opposed:
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12. Arena Worker Layoff

Town Clerk Debbie Hillier explained to Council an Arena worker has finished up her project hours 2 weeks ago, and has been paid for the last two weeks on the Council's dime. Council has an issue with this, wondering how this could have been over looked and why the Arena worker was passed a schedule. It was decided to allow this Arena worker to finish working through the Recreational Tournament March 14th, 15th and 16th. At this point in time the Town Manager can proceed with the layoff already processed. The Arena has enough coverage from the three remaining project workers. The Arena will close for the season on the first Tuesday after Easter Sunday.

FYI: Councilor Smith informed Council he was approached by an Arena employee, wondering about retroactive pay for another Arena employee.

This Arena worker is also a casual worker with the outside workers. Council decided that seeing the contract dated back to January 1st 2014, and this employee has been working 40+ hours a week, retroactive active pay will be permitted to this employee. He will be granted a percent increase for the Arena and a wage increase for the outside.

Motion 2014-03-03-07 Smith/Parsons

That the part time Arena Worker that will now become a full time worker will be Granted retroactive pay dating back to January 1st, 2014.

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
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Opposed:
Motion carried.



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Council discussed the Town's snow clearing schedule. One of the Town's operators has been on the machine for 12 hours or more. They felt it was the Town Foreman's duty to remove him from the machine after 8 hours and replace the operator with himself or another operator. They also felt both parties should have been reprimanded for this. Council asked Town Clerk Debbie Hillier to take note of all hours operated on machine by the Town's foreman. Mayor Penwell also requested a list of snow clearing hours worked by the Town foreman to be presented at the next council meeting.

13. Financial Statements

Council felt it is time for a financial update; the Town is in to the tail end of the first quarter. Mayor Penwell asked for the financial statements to be ready for the finance committee first. Right now the Council understood the Town is just starting to get money in, they requested statements to the end of February 2014.

14. Pavement Recycler

Council was wondering where the Town is with the Pavement Recycler. Please e-mail councilors an update.

Correspondence

Bills



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Adjournment:

Motion 2014-03-03-08 Smith/Parsons

It was resolved to Adjourn the regular Council meeting for March 3rd^h 2014 at 8:50pm

In favour: Mayor C. Penwell
 Deputy Mayor Parsons
Councillors: Yvonne Symes-Harris
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Opposed:
Motion carried.

Mayor

Office Clerk



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AGENDA

Monday, March 3, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes February 17, 2014

Delegation/Guests: RCMP-S/Sgt. Edgecombe and Sgt. Gale; Const. Mark Jenkins

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Planning/Priorities Meeting
2. FFFIF & Recreation Commission-use of Arena
3. Community Center
4. Perry Barnes- water problems Sunset Crescent
5. SNC-Lavalin invitation Thursday, March 13, 2014 5-9 p.m. Glendenning Golf Course
6. PGS marine Geophysical NSA-proposed marine seismic survey
7. Puddle Pond Resources Inc.-application for exploration approval.
8. Burin Peninsula Housing Supports-Community Pancake Breakfast for Housing and Homelessness March 4, 2014
9. Make-a-Wish Canada-Hospital Activity Book-request for support
10. Resident-request for reimbursement



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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Municipal Assessment Agency-Board of Directors
2. Midland Courier Rate Schedule
3. Harbour Authority has received verbal funding approval for extension to Customs Building

COUNCILLORS FORUM