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A regular meeting of the Fortune Town Council was held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Charles Penwell, Deputy Mayor James Dunne, Councillors Levi Curtis, Joann Johnson, Patrick Parsons, and Frazer Smith.

Additions to the Agenda:

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| General Business | 26. | Heritage Run Tourism Association |
| | 27. | Council Meetings |
| | 28. | Projects - Arena |
| | 29. | Clock |
| Correspondence: | 7. | Town of St. Lawrence |
| | 8. | Sustainable Municipal Sewage Treatment |

BE IT RESOLVED: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Curtis that the agenda be adopted as read with the additions. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED: It was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Smith that the minutes of November 9, 2009 be approved with the corrections as read. Unanimously agreed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Fair Isle Motel

There is a 60 days notice of Tax Sale to the owner posted on the Fair Isle property on November 20, 2009. A copy of the notice has been sent to the bank and Revenue Canada.

Town Clerk Stacey to follow up.

2. Roundtable Rescheduled for December 3, 2009

Discussions rescheduled for December 3, 2009 at the Fortune Firehall at 7:00 p.m.

3. Fire Hydrants

Town Clerk Stacey has discussed the fire hydrants with Fire Chief Peach and Work Foreman Thornhill. Waiting for them to go around and check the fire hydrants.

Town Clerk Stacey to check and see if we can get fire hydrants replacement/repairs/maintenance covered under the Gas Tax funding.



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4. Ambulance

Council members were informed that at an ambulance committee meeting was held on November 19, 2009 that the ambulance committee members approved to purchase a new ambulance - Type III vehicle. Tenders to be called.

Another issued discussed at the ambulance committee meeting was the agreement which was signed in July 2009 by both towns. The agreement allows both towns to withdraw funds from the ambulance service. The Town of Grand Bank would like to withdraw their share of the funds but the Town of Fortune does not want the funds withdrawn by either town. It was decided at the ambulance meeting for both towns to revisit this issue at their next council meeting. If the Town of Grand Bank still wants to withdraw their share of the funds then they have every right to do so under the agreement.

The ambulance service will be looking at the old Grand Bank municipal building as a possible site for renovations for an ambulance garage.

Minutes from the ambulance meeting to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

5. Arena

(A) 50hp Motor to be donated by AAB

Thank you letter to be written to the Arena Advisory Board for their donation for the cost of the motor for the arena.

It was suggested to get a picture for the paper to inform the public of the donation.

Town Clerk Stacey to check on the cost of a back up motor for the arena.

(B) Zamboni Report from Saunders Equipment

This report was reviewed by councillors.

(C) Zamboni Inventory & Price List - Saunders Equipment

Given to councillors for review.



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6. ATV Trail Association

Apparently there is some confusion about Hornhouse Road, particularly signage on the road and ATV usage of the road. According to the RCMP the road would have to be turned into an ATV trail in order for ATV users not to be ticketed for using the road. According to the ATV Trail Association they do not want the road turned into an ATV trail but want signage indicating Cabin area and ATV usage.

It was suggested to have an "Information Sharing" session with the residents of Hornhouse Road, ATV Trail Association representatives, RCMP and council to discuss this issue and try to resolve any issues of concern or importance.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Johnson to have an Information Sharing session with the ATV Trail Association representatives, Hornhouse Road residents, RCMP and council with the Mayor facilitating the session. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Stacey to check with other communities who have ATV trails to see how accessing and using these trail work.

7. OCI Meeting

Mayor Penwell sent emails to all councillors concerning the meeting.

Town Clerk Stacey to follow up about retaining wall and harbour dredging.

8. Lions Club Seniors Party

Councillor Parsons informed council that the Seniors Christmas party was now scheduled for December 12, 2009 which is the same night that the Fortune Recreation Commission is having their Christmas social.

Office Clerk Hillier to check with Lions Club President, Jake Weymouth, about the date.

9. Assessment Appeals Commissioner

Town Clerk Stacey to check with suggested persons to see if they are interested in the role of Assessment Appeals Commissioner. Names suggested were: Alec Noseworthy, Jacob Thornhill and Albert Snook.

Will review again at next council meeting.



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10. Action List

It was suggested by Councillor Johnson that an "Action List" be created from the minutes of council meetings. On the list would be: Item, Action to be Taken, Date, Person Responsible and Completed columns.

Councillor Johnson to email an example action list to go by.

11. Ad for Heat Pump System Municipal Building

Town Clerk Stacey has a Heat Pump Tender Ad done up.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Curtis that the town would run the Heat Pump Tender ad in the Telegram and the Southern Gazette. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

12. Loader - Waiting for Approval to Borrow from Government

Town Clerk Stacy to follow up.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Property Springhill Road

There are two properties on Springhill Road that need to be cleaned up.

Town Clerk Stacey to write property owners asking them to clean up their properties and give them 30 days to do so.

2. Fortune Teller/Eco Friends

Do not put in hours of operation of the Recycling Depot in the Fortune Teller - it may be seen as advertising.

Town Clerk Stacey to notify Eco Friends of this matter.

3. Firemen - New Recruits

Town Clerk Stacey to ask secretary of the fire department to put in writing the names of the new recruits - Andrew Keeping and Jeffery Walters.



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4. Employee Matter

Town Clerk Stacey asked council if the part time arena employee would be paid for Remembrance Day. He did work the day before and the day after the holiday.

It was agreed to pay the part time arena employee for the holiday.

5. Waste Disposal Site

(A) Winterland & Burin informed of landfill site rate of \$58.00

Based on study this rate is per household - effective January 2010.

(B) Correspondence to Min. Hedderson re: Financial Assistance

Copy of letter in council package for review.

(C) Minutes - November 2 and 9, 2009

Enclosed in council package for review.

6. Garbage Collection

There were discussions concerning garbage collection:

- efficiency of garbage collection - time that it takes to walk to residents garbage boxes to put board of truck.

- garbage collection policy and regulations - present regulations is the garbage box has to be within 50 feet from curb.

- safety issues - our employees are bending over and pulling garbage bags out of garbage boxes.

- liability - who is responsible if employee is hurt while on residents property - such as falling on property while collecting the garbage or getting hurt while collecting garbage from garbage boxes.

It was suggested to change our policy and have residents bring their garbage to the curb. This in turn will reduce the time of garbage collection and reduce the chance of injuries from removing garbage from the garbage boxes.



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6. Garbage Collection Cont'd

It was suggested to check out the cost of renting the Town of Grand Bank garbage truck with and without driver. If rental is possible then this would reduce the amount of time for garbage collection and free up our workers to do other work such as road maintenance, water & sewer maintenance, etc.

Town Clerk Stacey to check with the Town of Grand Bank concerning cost of rental for their garbage truck with and without driver.

Town Clerk Stacey to ask employees to bring back names of persons garbage that they cannot get and also remind them of the rules and regulations for garbage pickup.

7. Nomination Day

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dunne that the By-Election Nomination Day be set for Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Unanimously Agreed. Motion carried.

8. Embankment - Snooks Road

Some of the rock down under the embankment on Snooks Road has fallen out of the cages into the bay.

If problems arise from this rock falling down then council will have to apply to government for funding to fix the problem.

9. Community Profiles - Request permission to use community info or images within towns website

Council agrees to grant permission to use community info or images within towns website.

10. Cluster Project - Making Connections - Saturday, November 28, 2009 at Burin Campus

Linda will be attending from Eco Friends. Correspondence also passed on to Recreation Commission.

11. Multi Culturalism Award

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12. MNL Municipal Safety Sector Council

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13. John Burke High

(A) Awards Ceremony, December 21, 2009

Mayor Penwell to attend. Deputy Mayor Dunne or Councillor Johnson to attend if for some reason Mayor cannot attend.

(B) Request for Donation

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Curtis that a donation in the amount of \$200 be approved for John Burke High School's Scholarship program this year. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

14. Assessment fees for 2010 and 2008-2009 Municipal Assessment Report

The assessment fees for 2010 will be increased to \$29.00 per property & tenants.

15. Brighter Futures 15th Anniversary - December 1, 2009 at St. Patrick's Parish Social Center in Burin

Councillors to let Office Clerk Hillier know if they can attend. Deadline is Nov.24/09.

16. 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Councillors to bring back to next council meeting the name of any person they would like to nominate.

17. Quarry Permit - Bennett's Construction

No more excavation of this quarry due to the condition of the road and bridge &/or unless work is to be done in Fortune.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Smith that the quarry permit for Bennett's Construction will not be approved. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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18. Channel 6 Ads - Christmas Message \$75.00 + Tax

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Smith that the Christmas Message in the amount of \$75.00 plus tax be approved for Channel 6 Ads. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

19. Special Assistance Grant - Fire Department

The Department of Municipal Affairs has approved a special assistance grant for the Fortune Fire Department in the amount of \$3900.00 on a 90/10 Provincial/Municipal cost shared basis to purchase three bunker suits complete with boots, helmets and gloves.

The fire departments share after HST rebate will be \$373.00 - covered under the budget.

20. Sound System

(A) Town

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that the amplifier is not repairable - two options are: (1) disengage amplifier and use mixer only or (2) get new amplifier.

It will cost approximately \$700 to \$800 to get a new amplifier that is compatible with the mixer and \$100 to \$150 for a power supply.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Smith and Councillor Parsons that the town purchase a new amplifier to attach to the mixer. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

(B) Arena

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that the speakers in the arena are blown and are sent to Music City for repairs. Town Clerk Stacey to check with Arena Operator Piercey to see if Music City has them sent them to Montreal to get repaired.



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21. Conoco Phillips - Drill Rig to arrive

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that the Drill Rig is on its way to the Laurentian basin.

22. Santa Claus Parade - December 5, 2009

Recreation Commission has donated \$100.00 to the parade.

Town to get float ready for the parade.

23. Town of Clarendville - Mayor Best re Election to Assessment Board

Information

24. Municipal World Magazine

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25. Vendor Permit Application

An application was submitted to council for operation of a mobile Hot Dog stand to service various areas in Fortune

Town Clerk Stacey to find out what locations they plan to use and how they will handle garbage.

Council does agree in principle to granting this permit.

26. Heritage Run Tourism Association

The Heritage Run Tourism expressed their appreciation for our support in the form of the levy last year in the amount of \$583.20. They are looking for our support again this year.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the town will continue to support the Heritage Run Tourism Association in 2010 in the form of a levy. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



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27. Council Meetings

Councillor Smith is concerned about the length of time council meetings are generally taking. He suggested a time of 2 to 2 ½ hours in duration.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Johnson that council meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and run through to 8:30 p.m. with the option of running to 9:00 p.m. with majority vote of councillor present. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

28. Projects - Arena

Town Clerk Stacey informed council that we are still waiting for approval from the provincial government for the arena project.

Town Clerk Stacey also informed council that she has resubmitted an application to the Community Enhancement funding program to get some matting for the arena. The material cost would not be high due to the fact that it is based on the labour component and there are only two applicants left that qualify under the Fish Harvesters criteria.

29. Clock

Councillor Johnson requested permission to buy a clock for council chambers. It was suggested to buy one in the range of \$30.00 to \$50.00.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email MHA King - St. Lawrence & Garnish receives funding for fire equipment
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2. PMA - Avalon Director - Neil Shute
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3. News Release re: ACOA funding for RiNC project Arena
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4. Newco Metal & Auto Recycling

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5. Infonote

Proposed NAFO amendments - looking for support from municipalities to contact their Member of Parliament stating council's support for this resolution and for them to reject the amendments as proposed in the prayer of the resolution.

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Smith that council will write to our member of parliament stating council's support for this resolution and for them to reject the amendments as proposed in the prayers of the resolution.
Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Stacey to write the letter to our MP, Judy Foote.

6. Charles Wiscombe re: Eastern Director Municipal Assessment Agency

Information

7. Town of St. Lawrence

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8. Sustainable Municipal Sewage Treatment

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ADJOURNMENT:

Be It Resolved: It was moved by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Unanimously agreed. Motion carried.



Mayor



Office Clerk



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