

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH [31<sup>st</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2009 TERM]  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN  
ROAD, DEBE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -**

Alderman	Dr. Allen Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor	Premchand Sookoo	Debe East/Barrackpore West
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland Hall	

**MEMBER OF COUNCIL ABSENT: -**

Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
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**MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED: -**

Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Ms.	P. Harewood	P.I.R.O
Ms.	J. Charles-Joseph	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Mrs.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Constable	A. Hosein	Municipal Police
Mr.	C. Bullock	Public Health Inspector
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Looknath	Planning Officer
Ms.	N. Maraj	Clerk I
Ms.	S. Ramkissoon	Checker
Ms.	R. Khan	Checker
Ms.	V. Dwarika-Roopnarine	Checker

1692. The Meeting commenced at 9:40 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Roy Kissoon.

**CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

1693. **The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and made the following comments:**

As members of Council we sit through fourteen meetings monthly and have been repeating this cycle from year to year since mid - 2003. I estimate that we have sat in on over seven hundred (700) meetings since that time for which minutes were taken and recommendations made, all of which required follow - up action.

Why do we continue to persist in attempting to deliver goods and services to our people in the face of scarce resources, even when we were awash with money? This country continues to have an abundance of aggregate, steel, cement, oil sand, cold mix and timber, some of the main resources of our trade - yet people are crying out daily for box drains, road - repairs and bridge restoration. Where the main resource input is our workers and contractors, the Penal Debe Regional Corporation is able to clean cemeteries, cut recreation grounds, wash the markets, collect garbage, clear drains and remove derelict vehicles. The problem then must be with Central Government's inability to provide material needs in sufficient quantities on a sustainable basis over time.

They are extremely poor planners.

Goods and services requirements should be calculated on the basis of need, properly assessed and prioritized. Council continues to provide this information to central government on an annual basis yet their planners feel comfortable in taking decisions every year in preparing the budgets to base their estimates on the prior year's expenditure. This flawed formula is repeated ad nauseam and the people continue to suffer. There is no magic to good Local Government. Since Councillors know every single house in every single street in every single community, identifying the physical needs and feeding this information into a programme of works is easy. The stumbling block is the release of sufficient resources on a timely basis by Central Government to execute the projects in the overall delivery agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

1994. (i) At the last Mayor's and Chairman's Meeting we were informed that by reconstituted boundaries between Penal/Debe, Siparia and Point Fortin Regional Corporation it was requested that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation is requested to submit boundaries lines in each electoral district.

(ii) He stated that the price for a barrel of oil is targeted at fifty – five dollars a barrel (\$55.00).

- (iii) That the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation must sustain the pressure and continue to operate. He informed that he is aware of two (2) Municipal Corporations that laid off employees. He stated that employees of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation must continue to deliver.
- (iv) He informed that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation will be hosting a meeting in the Council Hall with Members of Council and stakeholders on 20/03/09 at 7:00 pm.
- (v) Councillors Roy Kissoon, Premnath Boodoosingh and Willvan Ramlakhan to have discussion regarding setting up of a Police Post at Lachoos Road, Penal.
- (vi) Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that on 19/02/09 at the Regional Coordinating Committee Meeting he requested that the County Superintendent be present at a site visit with the Ministry of Works at Oliverie Drive regarding flooding in the area. He stated that he spoke to the County Superintendent and was informed that the Road Officer II – Penal would be present. He then stated that the Road Officer II informed him that he was on his day off; therefore neither the County Superintendent nor the Road Officer II was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

1695. **RESOLVED:-**Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-**

[i] **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCUTURE COMMITTEE:-**

1696. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06, 2009.**

**RESOLVED: -** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 06<sup>th</sup> be adopted.

1697. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 03<sup>rd</sup> 2009 be accepted.

1698. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 03<sup>rd</sup> 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1699. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 be adopted.

1700. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1701. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-13 of Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>], the Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1702. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED**:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1703. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED**: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted with the inclusion of:

- (i) Project Wages for year 2008/2009.
- (ii) Recommendation # 2 to include "... driving class II, III & IV.

1704. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED**: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted inclusive of items i – ii above.

[iv] **FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

1705. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee meeting held on January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED**:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1706. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:**-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-17 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with the inclusion of:

- (i) List of Vouchers – 17<sup>th</sup> - 25th February, 2009.
- (ii) Virement 2007/2008 in the sum of Five Hundred, Sixty - Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred, Five Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$567,905.16).
- (iii) Details of Expenditure 30/09/08.
- (iv) Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on 03/02/09 recommendation # 5 to include "... for the construction of a concrete strip..."
- (v) Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on 10/02/09.
- (vi) Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on 17/02/09.

1708. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 inclusive of items i – vi above.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-**

1709. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1710. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1711. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE.**

1712. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1713. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1714. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[vii] **YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1715. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1716. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No. 1 – 4 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be accepted.

1717. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No. 1 – 4 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 13, 2009 be adopted.

[viii] **COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE.**

1718. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on January 06<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 06<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1719. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>]\_Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1720. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>]\_Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-**

1721. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1722. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 be accepted.

1723. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[x] **PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

1723. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1724. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-10 of the Thirtieth [30th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1725. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Thirtieth [30th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2009 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

1726. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

1727. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Report and Recommendation Nos.1-3 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted.

1728. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

1729. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted.

1730. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

- (i) List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-2 for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- (ii) Recommendation # 4 to include "... and promise to send a copy of the relevant laws and by laws to the Corporate Secretary.
- (iii) Delete recommendation # 6.

1731. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirty - First [31<sup>st</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted inclusive of items i - iii above.

- 1732. **CORRESPONDENCE: -** **N I L**
- 1733. **MATTERS REFERRED: -** **N I L**
- 1734. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: -** **N I L**
- 1735. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: -** **N I L**
- 1736. **PETITIONS: -** **N I L**
- 1737. **QUESTIONS: -** **N I L**

**PERSONNEL EXPLANATIONS: -**

- 1738. (i) Councillor Premchand Sookoo informed that on 11/03/09 a meeting will be held with the Sportt Company of Trinidad & Tobago, National Gas Company [N.G.C.] and Members of Council to decide a day for the handing over of the Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that members of the public need to be aware of this opening.

1739. **MOTIONS: -** **N I L**

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**

1740. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:**

- (i) He complimented the Police Officers for being vigilant at Penal Rock Road regarding illegal dumping of garbage and traffic cases.
- (ii) Chapman Park should be given contract to continue work? Who is being given the contract?
- (iii) He complimented the Surveyor for Palmiste Scout Headquarters 9000sq. ft. being completed. He stated that the scouts need to have further discussion with the Secretary of Palmiste Park regarding a stamp.
- (iv) The issue with the vending booths at Palmiste Park is long outstanding.

The Corporate Secretary informed that a meeting will be held on 05/03/09 at the Council's Hall regarding vending boots at Palmiste Park.

- (v) That something needs to be done to restore the Pond at Palmiste Park.
- (vi) The conditions of the roads at Cannon Road, Beckels Street South and Pond Street in Palmiste are impassable. He stated that there is no material to repair the roadway and something needs to be done immediately. He requested that copies of estimates to repair the roadway should be forwarded to the Minister of Local Government for urgent attention and to residents of Palmiste indicating that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation is unable to assist and the matter will be forwarded to the Minister of Local Government.
- (vii) That he is disappointed with the Health Section for not providing a Programme of Works report regarding the areas that were sprayed.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy informed that a meeting will be held on 27/02/09 to discuss Programme of Works.

1741.

**Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:**

- (i) He thanked the Corporate Secretary, County Superintendent, Building Inspector and Councillor Premchand Sookoo for a meeting regarding Chandroo development. He stated that the roads are very narrow and vehicles have to move in order for another one to pass. In addition recreation grounds have been taken away and homes have been built on it and Mr. Chandroo is collecting rent for homes.
- (ii) He stated that the roads are in a terrible condition since W.A.S.A laid lines and never repaired the roadway.
- (ii) That La Romaine is known for its high crime rate is and no one cares. He stated that the Police Post has been removed from the area and residents are afraid to make reports against drugs dealers since they are afraid of them.

1742 .

**Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:**

- (i) That technical officers do not care what happens at Oliverie Drive. He stated that the school children are unable to pass and is not sure if the County Superintendent took a look at the area.
- (ii) That at the stock pile in Penal the trucks drop the all the materials on top of each other causing it too be mixed up. He requested that it be cleaned up.
- (iii) That Mr. Soogrim Ballasario and Mr. Azim Bassarath are excellent workers and suggested that they both be promoted.
- (iv) That the economy is falling bad and he hopes the employees of Penal/Debe Regional Corporation do not get laid off.
- (v) That the Minister of Health imported vaccines for yellow fever and nothing is being done about the rampant spread of dengue. He stated that poor people have to sell their livestock to obtain money in order to acquire a bag of drips. In addition, the hospitals in has no place for the sick citizens.

- (vi) He requested the white waste truck to remove tree trimming near Mr. Winston's residence at Dookie Street, Penal.
- (vii) He requested that the Transport Foreman dispatch a backhoe at Adesh Drive to collect a steel pipe to make a crossing at Apollo Recreation Ground.
- (viii) That the drive way at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground be sealed.

The Works Supervisor I informed that no material is available.

1743.

**Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:**

- (i) Will the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation wait for the decentralization of Local Government. The closure of Penal/Debe Regional Corporation is a done deal.
- (ii) That the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation has drains to clean, derelict vehicles to remove and rat baiting and dyna fogging to be done. He stated that the Ministry of Local Government gave approval for the transfer of 1.5 Million Dollars and no approval was granted to spend the money. He added that he has been warning the Council that at the end of this fiscal year there would be a surplus.
- (iii) He requested the resumption of the Implementation Meetings as a matter of urgency so goals can be achieved.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy and Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan agreed with the resumption of the Implementation Meetings so each department can achieve their target.

- (iv) He complemented Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy for the manner which he conducts his meetings. He stated that if Members of Council work together they could achieve their goals at the end of the fiscal year.

1745. **Alderman Roland Hall made the following comment:**

- (i) That there are poor management and supervisory skills from some of the Technical Officers and a greater effort ought to be made.

1746. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and terminated same at 11:50 a.m.

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*Chairman*  
*Statutory Meeting*

