

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH [35TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2009 TERM] HELD ON JUNE 25, 2009 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD, DEBE.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

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

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union/Hall Bronte
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Ms.	J. Charles-Joseph	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Inspector	K. King	Municipal Police
Sgt.	D. Singh	Municipal Police
Mr.	A. Suphal	Public Health Inspector.
Ms.	S. Sookai	Clerk II [Stores]
Mr.	K. Rambarran	Clerk I [Tenders]
Ms.	S. Badall	O.D.P.M.
Mrs.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	T. Bridgelal	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Maraj	Clerk I
Ms.	S. Seecharan	Clerk I
Ms.	F. Mahabir	Contract Worker

1917. The Meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Rampersad Hardial.

1918. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

[a] The Chairman welcomed all to the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Statutory Meeting.

[b] **In Appreciation**

When six years ago in July 2003, Mr. Basdeo Panday asked me to be part of the political team on the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation, little did I know how richly rewarding an experience it would have been. Historically, the region had been neglected by Central Government. My immediate past Chairman had worked manfully with his Council to reverse these years of neglect but so large is the task that his good work went largely unnoticed. Indeed, with the current team, the impact of Council's work is still largely unnoticed by a discerning public which is making even greater daily demands on a resource strapped Corporation.

In spite of the challenges, it has been a tremendous pleasure in leading a dream team of Alderman, including Alderman Ken Emrith, and Councillors. Ours has been a rocky epoch, fighting central government for our equitable share of resources in order to deliver quality services to our region's 90,000 people. Why Local Government has been so battered by its parent Ministry remains an eternal mystery. I am convinced that the marginalization of Local Government was part of a deliberately crafted master plan by the Prime Minister to assume total and complete control of the major arms of the state, namely the Executive, Legislature and the Judiciary. We have been pawns in these war games and the nation has been reduced to mere on lookers.

But more on my dream team. With few hiccups, the period of individual Council Members cooperation with each other has been exceedingly smooth. Each Alderman and Councillor has brought experiences earned in totally different work environments that gelled in a remarkable smooth mix of personal interface with each other and staff. Not once in six years has there been a loss of enthusiasm, of grumbling or threats of revolt, of personal indignation or falling out with a colleague of refusing to cooperate or accept responsibility of additional assignments, be it community meetings, civic awards engagements or the annual heritage festival week workload.

Indeed, I have witnessed an incredible sustained capacity of Members of Council, to attend wakes, funerals, weddings, religious functions, sport and cultural events and meetings with agencies, Ministries, the private sector and Council, without let-up, complaints, or any sign that they could take –it – no- more or an inclination to: “drop dey han”. What an incredible team of underpaid, overworked soldiers working tirelessly in a limited resource environment to deliver goods and services to a demanding public! I often cite the case of an incident at the wake of Councillor Sookoo's wife where a resident within his district said to him “Councillor, I know that this is not the time, but what about the box drain you have to clean by me?” I witnessed this incident first hand and the Councillor told me that at the cremation another resident made a similar approach.

In spite of these adversities and the magnitude of the Councillor's tasks, they have persevered. What have been the ingredients of this success. May I propose the following success factors.

1. Each Alderman and Councillor already had at least twenty-years of experience in their respective work environments.
2. Each is happily married with families, some of whom already had children of their own.
3. Each is a listener, an independent thinker and outspoken.
4. Each is willing to learn, to innovate and to share these learned experiences with his colleagues.
5. Each is willing to accept responsibility without strings attached.
6. Each is willing to sacrifice his family life for the good of the wider community, sometimes in spite of the protestations of their spouses.
7. Each is willing to accept excessive demands and sometimes abuse from the electorate in the exercise of their duties.

My period in office has been made easy by this dream team of Alderman and Councillors. You can now understand why. I wish them continued success and good health for the future and may they all continue to represent the people with the same professionalism and dedication.

1918. [c] The Chairman thanked all Members of Council for the good work done for the past six years. He then congratulated the team involved for making the Music Festival and Awards Function a success.
1918. [d] The Chairman further thanked Alderman Roland Hall and Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh for attending the Project Management Programme on June 24th 2009 and other meetings on his behalf.

1919. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

[i] **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following announcement:-**

- The flooding problems at Oliviere Drive, Clarke Road still needs to be addressed especially as the rainy season is here.

[ii] **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following announcements:-**

- He thanked everyone involved for the successful Award Function.
- That he held a meeting with the Barrackpore Police on June 24, 2009 to formulate plans for disaster preparedness. He added that another meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday June 29, 2009 at Valley Line Community Centre starting at 6:00 p.m.
- That the Chief Executive Officer held site visits in Mohess Road and Panoo Trace and and that he has taken serious offence at not being invited although he is the Councillor for the Electoral District of Debe East/Barrackpore West.

-That he would like the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer [P.I.R.O.] to submit on a Fortnightly basis a report on expenditure of wages.

[iii] **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following announcement:-**

-That he was granted 300 loads of dirt from [E.M.B.D.] Estate Management Business Development Company but there is no transport available from the Corporation to transport the dirt.

[v] **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following announcement:-**

- That as Chairman of Communication, Safety and Security Committee he was very concerned about safety and security and he was not satisfied with the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation's in house Safety Committee and the Police. He added that no work was being done to set up a muster point and a fire drill for the safety of the workers.

1920. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Statutory Meeting held on May 28, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:-

[i] Agenda Page #2 Item #[iv] b & c insert June 04, 09, 16 & 19 after Special Finance.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

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

1921. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 05, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 05, 2009 be adopted.

1922. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009 be accepted.

1923. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 02, 2009 be accepted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1924. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009 be adopted.

1925. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be accepted with the following amendment:-

a. Item #7 delete 'Andrew' and insert 'Anirudh'.

1926. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-16 of Thirty-Fifth [35th]Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted with the above amendment.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1927. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Third [34th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009 be adopted.

1928. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be accepted.

1929. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1930. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee meeting held on May 04, 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 04, 2009 be adopted.

1931. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on June 04, 09, 16, & 19, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-8 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 with the inclusion of the Special Finance held on June 04, 09, 16, & 19, 2009 respectively.

1932. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on June 04, 09, 16 & 19, 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on June 04, 09, 16, & 19, 2009 respectively.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-

1933. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009 be adopted.

1934. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Festival Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be accepted.

1935. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1- 4 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

[vi] HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE.

1936. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2009 be adopted.

1937. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations No 1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be accepted.

1938. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2009 be adopted.

[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1939. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009 be adopted.

1940. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be accepted with the following amendment:

a. Item #11 insert 'necessary' after 'seek' and delete 'from' and insert 'including'.

1941. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1 – 3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted with the above amendment.

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

1942. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Communication, Security and Safety Committee Meeting held on May 05, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 05, 2009 be adopted.

1943. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Security and Safety Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be accepted.

1944. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be adopted.

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

1945. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2009 be adopted.

1946. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009 be accepted.

1947. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009 be adopted.

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

1948. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2009 be adopted.

1949. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-16 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

a. The P.D.R.C's Policy for the Distribution and Maintenance of the Nine (9) Vendors Booths at Palmiste Park.

1950. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1951. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2009 be adopted.

1952. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 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-Fifth [35th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009 be accepted.

1953. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2009 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

1954. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Building Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth [34th] Building Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009 be adopted.

1955. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth[35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

- [i] List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-13 for June 25, 2009
- [ii] List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-7 for June 25, 2009
- [iii] Juman Ali sub-division plan #37/09, 14 residential plots, Satn arine trace, Rochard Road.

And the following amendments:

- a. Item #3 3rd paragraph delete 'send' and insert 'serve'
- b. Item #3 5th paragraph insert 're: Kumar Rajbally' after 'letter'.

1956. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 09, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusions and amendments.

1957. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated June 10, 2009 from Secretary, Public Accounts Committee re; Examination of the Accounts – Penal/Debe Regional Corporation

RECOMMENDED:- That copies of all reports being submitted in response to the above be circulated to Members of Council.

- [ii] Letter dated May 27, 2009 from President, Trinidad & Tobago Heart Foundation re: News letter

RECOMMENDED:- That a letter be sent requesting 12 copies of the Newsletter.

- [iii] Letter dated June 15, 2009 from Minister of Education re: Early Childhood Care and Education Centre to be constructed along Wellington Road. - Noted
- [iv] Memorandum dated November 07, 2008 from Administrative Officer II, Penal/Debe regional Corporation to all Members of staff re: Improprieties found at recent Audit of the Stores at Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. - Noted

1958. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** **N I L**

1959. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-**

- [i] List of Outstanding Development Programme Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at June 25, 2009. - Noted
- [ii] List of Outstanding Commitments for the Financial Year 2008-2009 as at June 25, 2009. - Noted.
- [iii] Details of Expenditure – June 24, 2009 - Noted
- [iv] Development Project – 2008/2009

RECOMMENDED:- [a] That the balance of Sixty-Four Thousand, Five hundred Dollars (\$64,500.00) Under Recreation Grounds be utilized on the restoration of Palmiste Park pond and a statue of Sonny Ramadin.

[b] That the balance of Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$20,600.00) under Cemeteries be utilized for the construction of a shed at Lagoon Cemetery

[c] That the following inclusion be made for Penal District under Development of Recreation Facilities – Completion of the Jogging Track and Turf Wicket at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground.

- [v] List of Vouchers as at June 18th – 25th June, 2009
Approved except vouchers for Alisha Marketing and Batchasingh Quarry.

The County Superintendent reported that the portfolio of Store Keeper did not fall under his jurisdiction.

Councillor Carl Dabideen, upon investigation on the invoices of the delivery of blocks from Alisha Marketing, that the blocks were received after the completion of the project and requested further investigation in this matter.

RECOMMENDED:-

[a] That Councillors investigate and report on box drains constructed in their Electoral District.

[b] That copies of the “Materials Received” and “Distribution” books be made available to Members of Council.

[c] That the County Superintendent conduct an investigation on blocks “In and Out” at Stores in order to account for their proper use on projects.

1960.

REPORTS AND REPLIES:-

- [i] The Chairman, Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that at a previous meeting the Chief Executive Officer stated that Ms. Fazeeda Mohammed was more ‘Out’ than ‘In’ the office and that he had a sting operation and her hand was caught in the cookie jar.

RESOLVED:- On a motion moved by Councillor Carl Dabideen and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the meeting be adjourned, for Secretariat to submit the notes of the meeting the above comment was made.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Re-convened at 11:25 a.m.

Move: Councillor Premchand Sookoo
Seconded: Councillor Rampersad Hardial

The Corporate Secretary reported that the following remarks were made by the Chief Executive Officer at the Thirty-Fifth [35th] Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2009.

“That Fazeeda Mohammed had ten [10] books to complete which she was doing at a rate of two [2] books per week. That nothing was being done in Stores Department and she was caught red handed. Not doing work.”

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh stated that Ms. Fazeeda Mohammed was transferred out of the section and enquired why. He added that she then proceeded on twenty-eight [28] days sick leave. He continued that there was no handing over to the current Store Keeper and he should not be made to sign for materials received when he was not there.

1961. **PETITIONS:-** N I L1962. **QUESTIONS:-**

- [i] Councillor Carl Dabideen enquired on the Directors of Alisha Marketing.

The Tenders Clerk stated that the current file on registration of contractors had no records of Alisha Marketing, however he will look through Registry for any other records that they may have.

- [ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of persons transporting earthfill.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that a Notice was placed in the newspapers and that “Take Notices” would be soon issued.

- [iii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of hiring the Surveyor, Mr. Ali.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Chief Executive Officer had to have discussions with Mr. Ali in relation to his employment and subject to the availability of funds.

- [iv] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on whether the Municipal Police did any investigation on an illegal building at Clarke Road bridge, which he reported since April.

Inspector Kelvin King stated that he was awaiting a “Show Cause Notice” from the Building Inspectors’ Department.

The Building Inspector informed that the “Show Cause Notice” would be done when a site visit is made.

- [v] Councillor Premchand Sookoo enquired on the following:-

[a] The status of the Awards of Contracts for Recreation Grounds and Cemeteries.

[b] The status of the list of projects re: Virement in the sum of One Million Dollars.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting re-convened at 1:12 p.m.

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1963. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

[i] He requested the backhoe to clean the waterway along Nancoo Street, to prevent flooding during in the rainy season.

[ii] That three hundred [300] loads of backfill was given to the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation from Estate Management Business Development [E.M.B.D.] however, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was required to provide transport. He requested that transport be made available. He also stated that backfill was to be transported from the vicinity of CNN Bar.

[iii] That more Police patrols be conducted in the La Romaine area since the level of crime was increasing.

1964. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-

[i] Thanked some of the Officers for their support and co-operation for the past six [6] years, especially Mr. Soogrim Bellasario and that if a promotional post was to arise that he be considered. He also thanked Mr. G. Alexander, Mr. A. Bassarath and Ms. R. Ganga Persad.

[ii] Thanks to the Chairman for an open door policy in his office.

[iii] That if diesel was required by other sections, that they utilize the stocks at the Debe Sub Office Transport Department.

[iv] That Oliverie Drive continues to flood and to date nothing has been done to alleviate the problem.

[v] That due to no proper signage at Grand Bazaar an accident occurred where a husband and wife died.

[vi] That after so many years the Prime Minister only realized that cocoa and coffee were selling at a good price.

1965. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:-

[i] That reports are not being submitted by the Municipal Police, on what they do, as done in the past.

[ii] That a Health and Safety Committee had been formed, however nothing has been done, adding that the Muster Point had to be corrected.

[iii] That action need to be taken on vendors with tents at Palmiste Park as it was unfair to the other vendors.

[iv] That the installation of the Sonny Ramadin sign at Palmiste Park was long outstanding.

1966. Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

[i] That a site visit was made with the Business community on June 20, 2009 in the Lower Barrackpore area and that they were in the process of constructing four [4] bus sheds.

[ii] That at the end of the fiscal year there would be a surplus under wages and this should not be.

[iii] Enquired on the Bridges Programme the Ministry promised that would be done and to date nothing has been done adding that there were bridges in the Penal/Debe Region that were broken down for the past fifteen to twenty years.

[iv] That there was victimization and discrimination towards the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

[v] That no one in Trinidad and Tobago benefited from the Summit of the Americas.

[vi] That all the N.H.A. houses in the Golconda area were unauthorized but yet distributed to La Brea and Point Fortin residents.

[vii] Requested a fortnightly report for the fiscal year on wages with persons names, and vacant posts.

1967. The Administrative Officer II informed that there was no file for Alisha Marketing.

1968. There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:10 p.m.

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1901. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated May 01, 2009 from B. Moonilal, 8A Rochard Road, Penal re; Invitation to Raksha Yatar on May 30, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

- Noted

- [ii] Letter dated April 28, 2009 from Mooniram Heru, Community Builders, Unity Court, Southern Main Road, Fyzabad.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval be granted for \$1,000.00 to be taken from Chairman's Fund.

- [iii] Letter dated May 26, 2009 from Chief Executive Officer to Collin Nymn, Operations Manager, Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] are: Informing on the number of trucks for water distribution on a daily basis and cost.

- Noted.

- [iv] Fax dated May 22, 2009 from Chairman, Princes Town Regional Corporation re: Legal opinion on Unspent Balances.

RECOMMENDED:- That the Chief Executive Officer forward this to the Permanent Secretary, and Minister of Local Government.

- [v] Memorandum dated May 26, 2009 from Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance re; Approval for Virement and Request for Release of Funds.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [vi] Letter dated May 19, 2009 from Chairman, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation to Minister, Local Government re; Objection to payment to GENIVAR from Unspent Balances.

- Noted.

1902. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** N I L1903. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-** N I L

List of Outstanding Commitments 2008-2009 as at May 27, 2009

- Noted.

Details of Expenditure as at May 27, 2009

- Noted.

1904. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**

- [i] Councillor Premchand Sookoo reported that a box drain was currently under construction along Mohess Road but ends in the middle of a residents driveway and requested that an additional 50 feet be awarded.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted

- [ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that earth mining along Lachoo's Road was still on-going and 200 feet of box drain had been collapsed.

The Corporate Secretary reported that charges cannot be made if the law is not breached, adding that dialogue can be entered into or legal action taken.

RECOMMENDED:- That a letter be sent to E.M.A. informing them of the situation and requesting their assistance as a matter of urgency.

- [b] That a "Take Notice" be drawn up and distributed to truckers in all affected areas.

1905. PETITIONS:- N I L

1906. QUESTIONS:- N I L

1907. PERSONEL EXPLANATIONS:- N I L

1908. MOTIONS:- N I L

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

1909. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

- [i] That he was experiencing problems with American Pipeline Industries [A.P.I] personnel to alleviate the flooding problem. A.P.I. has an oil lease-out block to which access is via a lodged gate, thereby preventing contractors from entering to clear the public water courses.

Councillor Diptee Ramnath stated that he would have dialogue with Mr. Harold Jagdeo of A.P.I. to render any assistance.

- [ii] That a letter be sent to the Police Commissioner, South and Minister of National Security on the escalating crime situation in the La Romaine area.

1910. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the following comments:-**

[i] That the Ministry of Agriculture was responsible for the deplorable condition of Cottage Road, St. John's and nothing was being done regarding the long outstanding repairs.

[ii] That the overburden to backfill the Diamond Recreation Ground was long outstanding.

[iii] Thanked the Road Officer II, for the completion of all the projects in his Electoral District.

1911. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-

[i] Thanked everyone for their co-operation for the past six [6] years adding that it was difficult with limited resources but utilized whatever he had.

[ii] That Suchit Trace was in a deplorable condition and that he was willing to give one [1] load of gravel and oilsand from his allocation for repairs.

[iii] That he would be out of the country 3rd-13th June, 2009.

1912. Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comments:-

[i] Apologized to anyone that may have been offended by his actions for the past six [6] years.

[ii] That bridges were in a total state of disrepair and should be repaired and repaved as a matter of urgency.

[iii] That mining were being done in Penal Rock Road and requested that the County Superintendent investigate and take necessary action.

1913. Alderman Roland Hall made the following comments:-

[i] That the School's Music Festival, semi-finals was a successful event on May 25, 2009.

[ii] That the finals would be held on May 29, 2009 at San Sec at 12:00 p.m. and invited all.

1914. Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

[i] That a Notice was placed on the newspaper on approvals of buildings and layouts, however no action was being taken.

[ii] That a letter dated February 02, 2009 was written by the residents of Derrick Road, Debe on the storing of old iron and the hazards it had caused, adding to date nothing has been done.

[iii] Enquired on the Bridges Programme by the Ministry of Works and the Projects by PSAEL, RDC, and Genivar.

[iv] Enquired if Penal/Debe Regional Corporation would have to reduce the working days of employees as Chaguanas Borough Corporation.

- [v] That a decision was taken by Penal/Debe Regional Corporation on how to utilize Unspent Balances and Genivar cannot be paid from this.

1915. **Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy made the following comments:-**

- [i] That a tour would be held with Tourism Development Company on May 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and all interested were invited to the Debe Doubles Shed to examine the proposal for upgrade of same.

1916. There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 12:00 p.m.

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masculation remains unchecked and is symptomatic of the Prime Ministers obvious desire to determine without consultation, the future directions of the country's development.

Our people have developed survival strategies over time to surmount the many adversities which they faced in shaping the Penal/Debe economic, social and cultural landscape. They have developed values of resilience, patience, resourcefulness, tolerance and fortitude in the process of building communities out of the forests and lowlands. They have tackled issues of drainage, the trapping of water for domestic and agricultural use, the harvesting of carat, timite, vines and mud to build their homes, the historical knowledge of their ancestors to plant and rotate crops, to experiment with seeds, to adapt musical instruments and create new musical scores, as part of their growth and development.

The people will survive the current political onslaught which is seeking to deprive them of their hard won rights to be equal partners with the state and civil society in shaping their future. The Penal/Debe Heritage Festival week of activities seeks to re-affirm the people's belief in themselves through their expressions in dance, music, culinary creations, story telling, art, craft, and artistic creativity. Their very rich symbols of expressions will be on display during the month of May for the nation and world to savour and cherish.

We take our achievements for granted perhaps because we do not realize that our individual industry in home making and community development are indeed the seeds for making life better for future generations. Let us celebrate our rich legacy together.

[b] The Chairman continued to make the following comments:-

- [i] That Penal/Debe Regional Corporation has emerged as a complaining Corporation and has never been recognized for its achievements such as the development of Heritage sites, Civic Award Functions or its annual Heritage Festival Week.
- [ii] That Heritage Week Festival was operating at twenty-five [25%] percent of its normal allocation and that a lot of events had to be cut eg. Car Rally, Chairman's Reception, Museum, Media Coverage etc. He added that the core events had been retained.
- [iii] That \$908,000.00 had been cut from water trucking distribution and citizens are suffering. He added that fifty [50] years ago water had been filled in barrels and water was still being filled in barrels after billions of dollars had been spent from the Treasury.

1806. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Chairman Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Penal/Debe Region was faced with a water crisis as the hydrants were not operating at full capacity. He added that a public statement should be made.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that the Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] indicated that there was nothing they can do to make the situation better. He added that only two [2] pumps were in operation at the hydrant and that there were forty-five [45] areas to be serviced and areas would have to be cut.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was forced to service the areas that the Water and Sewage Authority [W.A.S.A] is responsible for. He added that a Press Conference should be held and the water allocation should be given back to the Corporation.

During the meeting, a phone call was made to Mr. Raffic Davbid, Senior Water Distributions Enquiries at Water and Sewage Authority [W.A.S.A], in St. Joseph who was appraised of the water situation. Mr. David promised to address the matter urgently.

[ii] **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following announcements:-**

- [a] That a meeting was held with the Ombudsman on April 29,2009 at Dabiedial Road adding that the Chief Executive Officer and the entire Technical Staff was present. He continued that a report had to be submitted, by the County Superintendent, to the Ombudsman for a decision to be made.
- [b] That a meeting was to be held with Geeta Ramdeen, re: Land Development at Lahoo's Road, at 1:00p.m. on April 30, 2009 and requested the County Superintendent and Corporate Secretary to be present.

[iii] **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following announcements:-**

- [a] That electricity was disconnected at Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground on April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and upon investigation by the Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission [T. & T.E.C.] it was discovered that it was a wiring problem. He requested that the problem be rectified in time for his Heritage Festival to be held on May 08, 2009 and the official opening of the ground on May 16, 2009.

Councillor Diptee Ramnath stated that the internal wiring at the Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground was faulty and that the SPORTT Company and N.G.C. should be informed adding that it was an expensive job to rectify the problem.

The Works Supervisor I stated that the Engineer would conduct an inspection on May 06, 2009 and the matter would be pursued further. He added, however, that the supply was sufficient for a lighting and sound system for the events.

- [b] That Lalbeharry Trace #1 and #2 was impassible.

- [c] That a meeting should be scheduled with the Land Developer who is conducting earth mining works at Laltoo Trace, because he was damaging the roadway.

1807. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Statutory Meeting held on March 26, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:-

[i] Page 1 Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy was excused because he was out of the country attending a West Indies Cricket Board Sub-Committee Meeting.

[ii] Page 7 item #1834 2nd paragraph delete “4” and insert “5”

[iii] Page 9 item #1842 2nd paragraph insert “Councillor” before “Rampersad.”

[iv] Page 9 item #1843 1st paragraph delete “inclusive of Special Meeting held on March

17th

2009”.

[v] Page 9 item #1843 2nd paragraph delete “third” and insert “second”

[vi] Page 12 delete items #1801h and insert the following as an omission.

“That under the Bridges Programme, it was unfortunate that the wooden bridges in the Morne Diablo Electoral District was in a state of disrepair and that the Councillor should have no excuses for the standards of the bridges repaired.

“He continued that the threat was made by the representative for Morne Diablo that he will “kick up my ass” in the presence of all Members of Council, Municipal Police and Members of Administration. He added that he pleaded with the then Chairman for protection and for the member to withdraw his statement but was totally ignored.

He concluded that in the state of crime in the country he took threats to his life and family very seriously and requested police protection to his home.”

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

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

1808. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second[32nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 03, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on March 03, 2009 be adopted.

1809. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-48 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be accepted.

1810. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-48 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1811. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 10, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on March 10, 2009 be adopted.

1812. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009 be accepted.

1813. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-13 of Thirty-Third [33rd] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on April 23, 2009 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1814.. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009 be adopted.

1815. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1816. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Personnel Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1817. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second[32nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1818. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-11 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 with the inclusion of the Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.

1819. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12th 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28th 2009 respectively.

[v] FESTIVALS COMMITTEE:-

1820. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2009 be adopted.

1821. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1822. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1- of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Festivals Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be adopted.

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

1823. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009 be adopted.

1824. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009 be accepted.

1825. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on April 21st 2009.

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

1826. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 10th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 10th 2009 be adopted.

1827. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009 be accepted.

1828. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 – 12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009 be adopted.

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

1829. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on March 03rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on March 03rd 2009 be adopted.

1830. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 07th 2009 be accepted.

1831. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Communication, Safety and Security Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on April 07, 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

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

1832. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009 be adopted.

1833. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be accepted.

1834. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 19th 2009 be adopted.

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

1835. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1836. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be accepted.

1837. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third[33rd] Planning, the Environment & Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be adopted.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1838. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2009 be adopted.

1839. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Report and Recommendation No. 1 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be accepted.

1840. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on April 09th 2009 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:

1841. **Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Building Committee Meeting held on March 17th, 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal M. Manwah that the Minutes of the Thirty-Second [32nd] Building Committee Meeting held on March 17th 2009 be adopted.

1842. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be accepted with the following inclusion:

[i] List of Building and Layout Plan Nos. 1-18 for April 30th 2009

1843. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of

the Thirty-Third [33rd] Building Committee Meeting held on April 23rd 2009 be adopted with the above inclusion.

1844. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated April 27th 2009 from Randolph Sankar, Senior Hydrologist, Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] re: Request for the use of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Conference Hall on May 01, 2009 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [ii] Letter dated April 14, 2009 from Oudit Ramjattan 4 ¼ mile post, Jhulai Trace, Penal Rock Road re: Requesting approval for parking of one Leyland Flat Bed Reg:#TBP-4414-18000 kgs.

A site visit was made by Planning Officer and reported that the area was sufficient to accommodate the size.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

- [iii] Memorandum dated April 14th 2009 from Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance re: Release of Funds No: 34 of 2009 – Development Programme 2009, Head 42 Ministry of Local Government – Penal/Debe Regional Corporation

– Noted.

- [iv] Letter dated 29.04.2009 from Diaraj Goberdhan, Principal, Woodland Hindu School, LA Fortune Pluck Road, Woodland re: Requesting permission to use Kennedy Park and Francis Seepaul Recreation Ground for the hosting of semi-finals of the La Romaine/Debe Mixed Cricket Competition.

RECOMMENDED:- Approval granted.

1845. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** N I L

1846. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:-**

- [i] List of Outstanding Commitments 2008-2009 as at April 23,2009 - Noted
- [ii] Details of Expenditure – April 24th 2009 - Noted
- [iii] Estimate in the sum of four thousand, eight hundred, thirty-three dollars and forty-five cents (\$4,833.45) to purchase material for electrification of Bakal Recreation Ground. - Approved

- [iv] List of Vouchers – 27th – 30th April 2009 - Approved
Except Ag #20803 –Box drain at Pond Street – On hold.
- [v] Memorandum dated November 11th 2008 from Chief Executive Officer to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local re: Request for Release of fund Development Programme 2008/2009. - Noted
- [vi] Report dated April 27th 2009 from Andrew Suphal, P.H.I. re: Dengue Cases in the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. - Noted

1847. **REPORTS AND REPLIES**

- [i] The Chairman Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy stated that the Local Government Conference to be held in the Bahamas had been rescinded and that only three [3] Chairmen would be attending, adding that two [2] were from the P.N.M. Party and One [1] from U.N.C.

1848. **PETITIONS:- NIL**

1849. **QUESTIONS:-**

- [i] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired on the status of the Short Term employees adding that the work team in his district had to be ceased due to lack of funding to continue.

**Report submitted from Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer [P.I.R.O.] Section
- Funds Under Short Term 02/001/22 – Projection for April – September 2009.**

RECOMMENDED:- That a statement be submitted on a fortnightly basis for this fiscal year to date for Short Term and Daily Paid.

1850. **PERSONNEL EXPLANATIONS:-**

- [i] Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah expressed his disappointment in the Payroll Department that his pay was being sent to the wrong bank on a monthly basis and had to pay late fee each month on his loan installment and requested this matter be rectified.

1851. **MOTIONS:- NIL**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS

1852. **Councillor Rampersad Hardial made the following comments:**

- i. That box drains when constructed are not backfilled such as Charan Maharaj Trace and Ramsabad Trace.
- ii. That Clarke Road had been without water for the past three (3) weeks.
- iii. That twenty (20) lengths of rail line had been placed in the drain along Charan Maharaj Trace and that the Corporation should store it at the Debe Stores office.
- iv. That the Ministry of Health boast of being prepared for Swine flu but if the USA and Mexico are not equipped how can Trinidad be ready.

- v. Wished all Members of Council success in their Heritage Week Festival Celebrations.

1853. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:

- i. That the Corporate Secretary should prepare the legal documents for persons mining earth.
- ii. That when the Municipal Police were contacted to give warning to persons earth mining they indicated that they had no transport available to go to the site.
- iii. That production has increased in his Electoral District.
- iv. Thanked the Transport Foreman for the work done at Apollo Recreation Ground in having it prepared for his Heritage Week Festival.
- v. Enquired if jobs were inspected upon completion because a job had been completed at Lahoo's Road for more than a month and no inspection had been done to date.
- vi. Congratulated the three (3) Members of Council who attended the Summit.
- vii. That the Opposition had requested a state of emergency two (2) years ago to help alleviate the state of crime in the country, however it was not done. Adding that a declaration of Port-of-Spain was taken for the Summit and enquired if approval was given through Parliament for this.
- viii. That the opening of the Summit did not depict anything relating to the culture of the West Indies.
- ix. That the signature of the Declaration was only done by the Prime Minister and disappointment was shown in his face by this.
- x. Extended invitation to all to his Heritage Week Festival Sports and Family Day to be held on 2.05.2009 at Apollo Recreation Ground.

1854. Councillor Sonnylal Manwah made the following comments:

- i. That nine million dollars (\$ 9,000,000.00) had been spent on the Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground which could have been spent on eight pavilions, yet Councillor P. Sookoo was experiencing problems at the said recreation ground.
- ii. Requested the Works Supervisor Section to put everything in place to have a clean up before and after the Heritage Week Festival to be held on 6.05.2009 at Golconda recreation Ground.

1855. Alderman Allen Sammy made the following comment:

- i. That Mr. Raffie David from WASA contacted him and indicated that water supply would be boosted by the said afternoon.

1856. Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:

- i. Thanked the Works Supervisor I, in advance, for the lights to be installed at LA Fortune Recreation Ground for the Heritage Festival to be held on 5.05.2009.
- ii. That Pond Street, La Romaine had no water.
- iii. That box drains were not being backfilled in his Electoral District.
- iv. That the crime in the La Romaine area had been low during the Summit but the activities had increased there after.

1857. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:

- i. Thanked the W.S I for the work done in alleviating the health hazard in the vicinity of Cedar Grove School.
- ii. Requested that the problem of garbage collection at Renn Avenue be rectified.
- iii. That garbage was only being picked up two days per week in Jones Development.

- iv. That there was a pile up of solid waste in the Pond Street area and St. Benedicts College.
- v. Thanked the Corporate Secretary and the Clerk IV for the networking they did on getting all the documents for Members of Council to attend the Summit.
- vi. That a petty contract be awarded for Palmiste Park pond to be cleaned.
- vii. That documentation for permission to use the Palmiste Park with a bar was being forwarded to him and enquired if permission can be granted.
- viii. That the Palmiste Park vendors' booth issue was still outstanding and that this was creating a problem to users of the park.
- ix. That his Heritage Festival would be held on 9.05.2009 with All fours competition and Treasure Hunt.
- x. That this may be his 2nd to last Statutory Meeting as he would not be seeking re-election.
- xi. That all members should respect one another's views and conduct ourselves within the Council Hall with high standards.
- xii. That the responsibility of the Chairman was to protect members of Council and Administration.
- xiii. That a resident of #4 Boulevard Crescent Block 7, Palmist had called the P.D.R.C on several occasions to make a complaint on a blocked drain and for it to be cleaned, but were given a run around.
- xiv. That additional roads be included under the funding of Development Programme.
- xv. That Allahar Street, Rahaman Development and Pond Street to be done on Direct labour.

1858. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comment:**

- i. That his Heritage Festival would be held on 3.05.2009 at Bunsee Trace commencing at 9:00 a.m.

1859. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:**

- i. That a Checker should verify garbage collection and someone be held responsible if the contractor did not complete the job 100%.
- ii. That at the end of the fiscal year there would be a balance of two million dollars under wages.
- iii. That the last day of water distribution was scheduled for the 8.05.2009 because the allocation was cut by \$908,000.00 and all Members of Council would be affected.
- iv. That a meeting was held with the Regulated Industries Commission at Transfer Village Temple on 27.04.2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- v. Requested that Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground be cleaned after the Heritage Festival to be held on 8.05.2009.
- vi. That no courtesy was extended to Members of Council for the proposed jobs under Development Programme.
- vii. That nothing had been done to date for the fiscal year in the Penal/Debe Region by the RDC, PSAEL and PURE agencies and that this showed victimization and discrimination.
- viii. That URP had been placed under the jurisdiction of Local Government but no representative attends Regional Coordinating Meetings.
- ix. That a meeting should be scheduled to inform employees on the position of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation in respect of employment.
- x. Extended invitation to Heritage Festival to be held on 8.05.2009 and the official opening of Lower Barrackpore Recreation Ground on 16.05.2009.

1860. There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 12.06 p.m..



***Chairman
Statutory Meeting***