

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD [33RD] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2009 TERM] HELD ON APRIL 30, 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	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union/Hall Bronte
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Alderman	Roland Hall	

**MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-**

Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer I
Ms.	J. Charles-Joseph	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mrs.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Inspector	K. King	Municipal Police
Sgt.	D. Singh	Municipal Police
Mr.	A. Suphal	Public Health Inspector.
Mr.	R. Looknath	Planning Officer
Mr.	M. Gajadhar	F.O.S. Penal
Ms.	N. Maraj	Clerk I
Ms.	P. Motilal	Clerk I
Ms.	F. Ali	Checker

1804. The Meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan.

1805. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMRKS:-**

[a] This Corporation has spoken exhaustively on the declining responsibilities of Local Government and some of the likely impacts on the efficient delivery of goods and services to its 20,000 houses and 90,000 people. We have spoken-out against the transfer of authority of road paving, bridge construction and community infrastructural upgrade to special purpose state enterprises and various arms and organs of the state. This emasculation 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 Lachoo'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 [32<sup>nd</sup>] 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 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph delete “4” and insert “5”
- [iii] Page 9 item #1842 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph insert “Councillor” before “Rampersad.”
- [iv] Page 9 item #1843 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph delete “inclusive of Special Meeting held on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009”.
- [v] Page 9 item #1843 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [32<sup>nd</sup>] 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 [33<sup>rd</sup>] 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 be adopted.

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

1819. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirty-Third [33rd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28<sup>th</sup> 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 [33<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2009 inclusive of Special Finance held on April 07, 21 & 28<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<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 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 - Approved  
Except Ag #20803 –Box drain at Pond Street – On hold.
- [v] Memorandum dated November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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:-** N I L

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:- N IL****OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS**1852. **Councillor Rampersad Hardial made the following comments:**

- i. That box drains when constructed are not backfilled such at 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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*Statutory Meeting*