

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHT [28TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008 TERM]
HELD ON NOVEMBER 25TH, 2008 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD,
DEBE.**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

Alderman	Dr. A. Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor	Premchand Sookoo	Debe East/Barrackpore West
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland Hall	

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive officer
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	C. Bullock	Public Health Inspector
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Ms.	P. Harewood	Personnel & Industrial Relation Officer
Mrs.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Inspector	J. Thompson	Municipal Police
Constable.	R. Duncan	Municipal Police
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	D. Mulchansingh	Clerk I
Mr.	M. Gajadhar	F.O.S.
Ms.	C. Ramphal	Ag. Clerk II
Mr.	J. Sookermany	Clerk I
Ms.	N. Maraj	-do-

1559. The Meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer led by Councillor Rampersad Hardial.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-

1560. Alderman, Dr. Allen Sammy welcomed all to the meeting.

- [i] The Chairman Dr. Allen Sammy read from a document and quoted "I wish to bring to Council's attention the pronouncement by the Honourable Prime Minister last week Thursday that the national budget is to be cut by \$ 6 Billion. Earlier last week, the Budgets Division had indicated unofficially to the Corporation that a budget cut to us is impending. I have since been informed that this cut is likely to be 40 %. The PDRC's 2008/2009 allocation for development work is \$ 7, 650 Million (\$ 1.5 M additional for vehicle purchase) and an additional \$10.5 Million for construction of box drains, road patching, etc including the purchase of materials. Of the \$18, 150 Million dollars for the actual physical delivery of services, a budget cut of 40 % is going to reduce the PDRC budget to \$ 10.95 Million. This will lead to severe community fallout since there is a reasonable expectation of infrastructural works on pavilions, drainage, markets, roadways, bridges and recreation grounds. The current allocations are already small and further reduction will have serious negative impacts in a number of areas. For example, only \$ 1.6 M and \$ 2.9 Million have been allocated for drainage and bridges respectively. The PDRC needs at least \$ 4 Million for immediate drainage works to prevent annual flooding and the resulting millions of dollars losses to household items, home damage and crop and livestock destruction. Almost every single one of the fifty eight (58) wooden bridges need annual repairs and when these become impassable, hundreds of motorists are affected daily as they seek alternate routes to work, school, shop and recreate. As we speak, the Laltoo Trace Extension bridge remains closed because of the cost of material. One mora plank, 3" x 12" x 14 feet costs \$ 2, 834.75 and dozens are needed annually.

I am putting the blame squarely on a government that refuses to allocate resources in a rationale and equitable manner to the PDRC, based on the real needs of its citizens. Poor planning is now going to further exacerbate an already bad financial situation within the Corporation and thousands of citizens will suffer further. We are perhaps the most physically under developed of the fourteen municipalities judging from the condition of the water courses, roads, bridges, drains and recreation grounds.

On a happier note, may I extend congratulations to Members of Council for a very successful 6th annual Civic Reception and Awards Ceremony held at the Lall's Shopping Complex on November 22nd 2008. Eighteen (18) SEA students and thirty one (31) Advance Level scholarship winners, all but three living within the region received awards for academic excellence. Eighteen (18) community groups from within the region and thirty one (31) individuals were also recipient of Certificates of Appreciation. Seven retirees were honoured, as well as ten national cricketers (different age groups) and eighth (8) schools for national achievements. The PDRC is extremely proud of its achievers and congratulate the youngsters as well as the groups and individuals who have helped to shape our distinguished cultural, economic and social heritage over the past few decades.

My sincerest congratulations to the hands-on organizers of the event and those who helped namely Sabrina Mowlah Baksh, Leisha Sookram, Neermala Khemraj, Rema Ganga Persad and Mukesh Raghoonath.

The word in political circles is that the Penal Debe region would be absorbed into Siparia next year. This would be a sad blow to our 90,000 citizens who have come to accept rapid responses to their requests. When a region is made too large, the voices of the communities are lost and the true meaning of local government disappears. Efficient and effective local government requires that the people be always within touching distance of their Councillors and the institutional edifice which they can access at a moments notice.

- [ii] He stated that the Training on minute writing started on November 24, 2008 for members of staff.
- [iii] He requested that the budget for the annual end of the year function be made available to Council in one week's time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- [i] Councillor Premchand Sookoo informed that the Water & Sewerage Authority is laying down a 4" water main in Ragbir Trace. Also he requested that a letter be forwarded to the Water & Sewerage Authority informing them that Amrish Drive is properly drained and maintained and Penal/Debe Regional Corporation will maintain the roadway.
- [ii] The Clerk IV Ms. R Ganga Persad informed that a meeting was schedule with Alpha Engineering and E.M.B.D. on December 02, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Corporation Hall

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-

1561. **RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Statutory Meeting held on October 30, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings pending the following amendments:-

- [i] Page 1 change "Councillor Hardial Rampersad" to read "Councillor Rampersad Hardial."
- [ii] Page 2 item 1521 paragraph four insert the "dollar sign \$ before 1.5 M."
- [iii] Page 2 item 1522 #4 paragraph two insert the "dollar sign \$ before 5M and put "Five Million" in brackets.
- [iv] Page 4 item [v] delete "roadway" and insert "water courses" along Harripaul Village.....in that particular area.
- [vi] Page 5 item [i] under questions insert "for preparation of grounds "after documents and change "games starts: to games start in January.
- [vii] Page 5 item [ii] under question paragraph 2 change "Dr. Allan Sammy" to Dr. Allen Sammy" and insert at the end of the sentence "if they are to play in the Championship and Premier Divisions of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board's Competitions."

- [viii] Page 16 item [xii] change “Caymans” to Caimans.
- [ix] Page 16 item [iv] insert “unspent balances of ” before \$1.7M.....in order of priority.
- [x] Page 18 paragraph one at the end of the sentence insert : “if he is found to be in breach of the law.”

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

1562. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 7th, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh[27^h] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 7th, 2008 be adopted.

1563. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 4th 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-19 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 4th, 2008 be accepted.

1564. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 4th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-19 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 04, 2008 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1565. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh[27th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14th, 2008 be adopted.

1566. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 11th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-26 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 11th, 2008 be accepted.

1567. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 11th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-26 of Twenty- Eight [28th] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 11th, 2008 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1568. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 21st, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 21st, 2008 be adopted.

1569. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 18th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 18th, 2008 be accepted.

1570. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 18th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 18th 2008 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09th, 2008.

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09th, 2008 be adopted.

1571. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Finance, Planning, & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13th, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-12 of the Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008 be accepted inclusive of Recommendations of Special Finance on November 04, 2008, November 11, 2008 and November 20, 2008 respectively.

1572. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008 be adopted inclusive of Recommendations of Special Finance on November 04, 2008, November 11, 2008 and November 20, 2008 respectively.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

1573. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be adopted.

1574. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendation of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 18th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-5 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008 be accepted.

1575. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 18th, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008 be adopted.

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

1576. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be adopted.

1577. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008.**

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 Twenty- Eight [28th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendment:

[i] Item #4 “Gandhi’s” to read “Gandhi.”

1578. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Eighth [28th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008.**

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 Twenty- Eight [28th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2008 be adopted with the amendment here before stated:

[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1579. **Adoption of the Minutes the Twenty- Seventh[27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be adopted.

1580. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-7 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendment:

(i) Item #6 “Ramdeo” to read “Ramdoo”.

1581. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Eight [28th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-7 of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008 be adopted with the above amendment.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

1582. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008 be adopted.

1583. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Committee Meeting held on November 04, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Twenty-Eight [28th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 04, 2008 be accepted.

1584. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 04, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Twenty-Eight [28th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 04, 2008 be adopted.

[ix] SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-

1585. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be adopted.

1586. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 30, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 30, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned amendments:-

[i] Item #3, “Letter of gratitude.....Council’s decision” to read “The construction of a concrete cricket strip at Dil Mohammed Trace Recreation Ground – Corporate Secretary to address matter including that raised by legal Counsel. Refer to letter from attorney from Sou Sou Lands to cease all works.

1587. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 30, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 30, 2008 be adopted with the above amendment:-

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

1588. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2008 be adopted

1589. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-8 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008 be accepted.

1590. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2008 be adopted.

[xi] GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

1591. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be adopted.

1592. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Report and Recommendation No.1 of the Twenty- Eight [28th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2008 be accepted.

1593. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Twenty-Eight [28th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2008 be adopted.

[xii] BUILDING COMMITTEE:

1594. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be adopted.

1595. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Development Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion:-

- [i] Building Plan and Layout Application Nos. 1-6 dated November 20, 2008 in favour of Krishna & J Samaroo and others. Only # 1, 2 and 4 were approved.

1596. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Eighth [28th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 11,, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Twenty-Eighth [28th] Building Committee Meeting held on November 11, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

REPORTS AND REPLIES:-

Councillor Premchand Sookoo reported the following:-

- [i] He stated that the 2009 water distribution schedule would be done to tanks instead of barrels in 44 areas, hence an additional water supply would be required from the hydrants.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo moved to have the agenda of the Statutory Meeting waived to committee stage to discuss the urgent issue of water delivery to the Penal/Debe Region.

It was seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial.

- [ii] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh enquired on the water schedule for the Penal/Debe Region for the Water & Sewerage Authority and invited Mr. Bickram of WASA to respond..

Mr. R. Bickram informed:-

- [a] That schedules are available but due to demands and disruptions it is difficult to follow:-
- [b] That Monkey Town was scheduled to receive water once per week on Mondays.
- [c] That the Regulated Industries Commission was the middle communicator between the customer and W.A.S.A. adding that recommendations were submitted to W.A.S.A. by the Regulated Industries Commission.
- [d] That steps were being taken to rectify the problem at the Clarke Road Well.

[iii] Councillor Diptee Ramnath requested that a letter be sent to the Utility Department Petrotrin Santa Flora – Re: Abandoned Wells. He said that sources of water included Haggard Trace and abandoned water wells at various sites. Trintopec water well sites should also be identified.

[v] **Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated:-**

[a] That water lines were laid in Sadoo Village, Dignty and to date there is no water, despite the fact that the residents have paid for a water connection.

[b] That road restoration works is long over due at Tin Pan Alley, Barrackpore since the running of water lines were completed sometime ago.

[iv] **Councillor S.B. Manwah stated:-**

[a] That the following areas had no water supply:-

- Sugar Road
- Papourie Road

[b] That water mains were laid in the Golconda squatting area, but connections were not made because residents did not have a certificate of comfort. He requested that W.A.S.A. assist in this matter.

[v] The Chief Executive Officer stated that water distribution for 2009 will be to tanks and drums, and enquired if the number of trips required will create a problem with the closing time of the hydrant. Mr. Bickram stated that another source for distribution will be identified when a letter is received.

[vi] Councillor Premchand Sookoo then moved to continue the Statutory Meeting. It was seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial.

The meeting agreed to take note of the discussions held at the committee stage and to adopt the decisions taken.

1597. **CORRESPONDENCE:- N I L**

1598. **PERSONNEL EXPLANATIONS:-**

The Chief Executive Officer stated:-

[a] That the budget would be cut by 40% of the 2007-2008 Expenditure and not 2008/2009.

[b] That the Development Programme Estimate will be revised.

1599. **OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-****[i] Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

- [a] That a letter be sent to T.N. Ramnath requesting that the concrete slab which is impeding the flow of water be removed from the Bhagmania river in Woodland. He said the resulting flooding is also affecting the residents at Mungal Street #2.
- [b] That a land developer at Mungal Street #2 promised to do restoration work on the roadway upon completion, and continued to maintain the roadway.
- [c] That the Building Inspector investigate land development by Mr. Chandroo, La Romaine where there are One Thousand (1000) lots without approvals.
- [d] Electrical wires taken off poles in Woodland be used at the La Fortune Ground for perimeter lighting.
- [e] That lights and water are needed for the New Village squatter relocation.

[ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-

- [a] Requested that the Corporate Secretary advise on legal action that can be taken on persons excavating land. He said that we should examine the Highways Act to help us.

[iii] Councillor S.B. Manwah made the following comments:-

- [a] That no document were taken at the site visit at Golconda Junction by the Building Inspector, and no progress could have been made.
- [b] Farmers received ridiculous compensation for crop loss.
- [c] He enquired if documents were submitted to Attorney Ronnie Boodoosingh.

[v] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:-

- [a] He enquired on:
 - Status of regulation on Palmiste Vendor Booths, and who is paying fee for rental.
 - Status of restoration work from Wellington Road Junction to the Quick Shop along the S.S. Erin Road, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Works.
- [b] He commended Municipal Police, Accounts Section, Secretariat, and Stores for their support.
- [c] Requested that Hillpiece Recreation Ground and Palmiste Play Park be cut.

- [d] There is a broken electricity pole on the S.S. Erin Road near Cuchawan Trace which is dangerous. We should contact T.S.T.T. agent responsible urgently.
- [e] A meeting should be called with Insect Vector re: spraying for dengue.
- [f] Petrotrin is damaging our roadways with its trucks. We should talk to them on a partnership on community projects and sharing of resources.

[vi] **Alderman Roland Hall made the following comments:-**

So many things to speak about sometimes there are more negatives than positives. I will start on the negatives and end with the positives.

Some negative thoughts:-

- Crime
- Babies dying at the hospital due to lack of proper health care and slackness of some health care workers [look at another mother on television last night crying for their child, how many more will die]
- Carnage on the most due to individuals not obeying proper road safety laws, the authorities not implementing bills that were passed in Parliament pertaining to traffic laws e.g. just a couple days ago a Policeman driving his vehicle knock down a healthy physical fit 65 years old woman she died – it was alleged that he was under the influence of alcohol, was he immediately taken for a blood test or left for days after to flush out himself.
- Chairman Water & Sewerage Authority [W.A.S.A.] we just heard so much about all negative to Penal/Debe Regional Corporation and I can go on and on, on the rising, rising, rising prices too too frustrating.

Some positive thoughts:-

- Our Cricket team is on a winning streak
- Our female boxer Jessel Salandy carrying six world titles.
- Our athletes did well in Beijing Olympics.
- Thousands of graduates from U.W.I. and U.T.T.
- Congratulations should be sent to our cricket team
- I also through email congratulate the new President of the United States.

Last but not least though my believe is that we are a nation of prayer in celebrating Divali, Spiritual Baptist Day, Christmas, Carnival the mix of Chutney an Soca there is always a Crusade running some were in this Country at any point and time the attendance of the peoples of this Country to the Mandir, Mosque and Churches, under tents, houses and those of us who pray at home during the day continuously. This is what keeps us going Chairman from the above I thing we are spiritually uplifted.

Mr. Chairman I ask of us here today to let us continue praying, try out best to live in Peace and unite and may God bless us all.

Members of Council, Members of Administration let us work together for a better Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. I thank you all.

[vii] **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-**

- [a] That legal action be taken against land developers who broke the law.
- [b] That mattresses and hampers were distributed to persons who were not affected by floods.
- [c] That the Statutory Meetings take place outside the Council Hall from January 2009.

1600. There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and terminated at 12:15 p.m.

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Statutory Meeting.

