

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH [27TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008 TERM] HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH, 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
Alderman	Roland Hall	

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo

MEMBER OF COUNCIL ABSENT:-

Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive officer
Mrs.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	C. Bullockl	Public Health Inspector
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Inspector	J. Thompson	Municipal Police
Cpl.	Duncan	Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mrs.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector

1520. The meeting commenced at 9:50 a.m. with a prayer by Councillor Roy Kissoon.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-

1521. Alderman, dr. Allen Sammy welcomed all to the meeting and apologized for the later start of the meeting.

He informed that the Minister of Local Government would be visiting the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation on October 31, 2008 and that she was expected to arrive at 9:00 a.m. and leave at 2:00 p.m.

He said that five Members of Parliament were invited two of whom had confirmed their coming while the other three is still to indicate. He added that a tour of the region was critical and that a Member of Council would state what were their main priority. He stated that if the Minister did not arrive at 9:00 a.m. they would not be able to have a tour.

He further stated that the market was critical to us, and added that in his view if we were going to lose the 1.6M unspent balances, then how sports for 1.5M will have to be done.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:-

- [1] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that if the Minister gives the commitment to utilize unspent balances on the market, then there would be no need for a tour.
- [2] Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that the untimely release of funds to Penal/Debe Regional Corporation result in the Corporation being unable to spend its allocation.
- [3] The Chief Executive Officer announced that the Chairman submitted a list of projects that would be funded from the unspent balances to the Ministry of Local Government, but it was misplaced at the Head Office. He further added that the Council should have certain strategies to deal with these errors. He then stated that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation applications are always listed last and hardly ever considered. He made references to San Fernando City Corporation and Sangre Grande Regional Corporation who already got approval to use unspent balances and that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation request could not even be found up to October 29, 2008.
- [4] Councillor Rampersad Hardial announced that he was concerned about the Barrackpore Market and wanted to know if any funding was released to upgrade the market.

The Chairman indicated that an additional 5M for the Barrackpore Market was requested and that in no way was the Barrackpore Market being neglected, in fact he stated that Barrackpore Market and the Penal Market was a number one priority.

The Clerk IV Mrs. R. Ganga Persad announced that she had written a letter to the Ministry for additional funding and had received a reply indicating that 1.6 million dollars were allocated for Penal Barrackpore Markets. She read from a letter dated September 18, 2008.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy indicated that a copy of the letter was sent to the Minister of Local Government and also reminded the Council that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation is always the last to receive funding.

Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah announced that two [2] land slips for Pierre Trace and Sookoo Trace were not included in the budget.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy enquired as to what was priority to have on the listing of projects to be done for the Minister to view on her tour. He mentioned that the number of officials expected would be approximately ten [10] guests, but they should cater for twenty to twenty-five [20-25] guests. Finally he announced that Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan asked to be excused from the said meeting.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kisson that the Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Statutory Meeting held on September 23, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings pending the following amendments:-

- [i] Page 2 item 1469 paragraph two – change “which have” to which will have” change “do” to “does” and change “advance” to “advanced.”
- [ii] To insert after paragraph four. “He informed that the Chief Executive Officer’s memorandum dated August 27, 2008 regarding his wife clinic appointments was misleading because they were link to two different incident over a period of time.
- [iii] Item #1470 paragraph one, change “occasion” to “occasions” and insert the work “the” before Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was not present at the said meeting.
- [iv] Page 3 item v, change “Corporation” to “Corporations”
- [v] Page 3 item vi, change “concern” to “concerns”
- [vi] Page 20, Under Abstained insert “Ramnath” and “Roland”
- [vii] Page 21, Item [xi] change “419” to “404.”

REPORTS AND REPLIES:-

- [i] **Dr. Allen Sammy reported the following:-**

He made mention at a report on the Dil Mohammed Recreation Ground as requested as requested at Special Finance Committee Meeting dated October 23, 2008 from Works Supervisor I.

The Chief Executive Officer was not to clear on the Dil Mohammed Report and asked for another report to be re-submitted.

Dr. Sammy asked where was the approval for the installation of lights at Dil Mohammed Recreation Ground but believe that the report got mixed up.

- [ii] **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh reported the following:-**

He asked for the approval expenditure in the sum of \$4,827.96 for the retreat at the Rampersad Brothers Ranch on October 29, 2008.

MOVED Premnath Boodoosingh

SECONDED:- Sonnylal B. Manwah

[iii] Councillor Premchand Sookoo reported on the following:-

He informed that a special meeting be held to discuss matters at Ragbir Trace and that Minutes be confirmed before going to committee stage. Also that Mr. Ramai meet with Council and all relevant officers involved to have discussions. The meeting would be held on Tuesday November 2008.

Councillor Rampersad Hardial informed that the Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting are normally very lengthy, however he stated that it would be acceptable for the meeting on Tuesday November 04, 2008 take place.

QUESTIONS:-

[i] Councillor Rampersad Hardial asked what was the position with the tender documents concerning the upcoming cricket season since most games starts in January.

The Chief Executive officer stated that the tender documents has already gone out.

[ii] Councillor Roy Kisson asked if the turf wickets will be done in time for the upcoming cricket season at Woodland Recreation Ground. He mentioned that he might need other Councillors funds to help accomplish this.

Dr. Allan Sammy stated that Tender documents should be prepared for the awards of contracts and that invitations for quotations should be sent out. He added that clubs were aware that they must have Turf Wickets.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[i] **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

1524. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kisson that the Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be adopted.

1525. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kisson that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-36 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendments:-

1526. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-36 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008 be adopted with the above amendments:-

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

1527. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be adopted.

1528. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned amendments:-

1529. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-20 of Twenty- Seventh [27th] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be adopted with the above amendments:-

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1530. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth[26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted.

1531. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Personnel 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-23 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusion:-

1532. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Personnel 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-23 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be adopted.

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

Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be adopted.

1533. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Finance, Planning, & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-7 of the Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008 be accepted inclusive of Recommendation of Special Finance on October 14, 2008 and October 21, 2008 with the under mentioned inclusions:-

1534. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008 be adopted inclusive of Recommendations of Special Finance on October 14, 2008 and October 21, 2008 with the above inclusion:

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

1535. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted.

1536. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendation 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be accepted.

1537. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be adopted.

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

1538. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth[26th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor S.B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted.

1539. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations 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 S. B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Sixth [27th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned ammendments:

1540. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Seventh [27th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor S.B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2008 be adopted with the above ammendments:

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

1541. **Adoption of the Minutes the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be adopted.

1542 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be accepted.

1543. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Seventh [27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be adopted.

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

1544. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be adopted.

1545. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Alderman R. Hall that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008 be accepted.

1546. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations 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 Councillor R. Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 07, 2008 be adopted.

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

1547. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted.

1548. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations 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 Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned amendments:-

1549. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations 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 Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be adopted with the above amendments:-

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

1550. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted

1551. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations 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 Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-7 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2008 be accepted.

1552. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: -Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2008 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

1553. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted.

1554. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations 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 Roy Kissoon that the Report and Recommendation No.1-3 of the Twenty- Seventh [27th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be accepted.

1555. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [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 Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 16, 2008 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

1556. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor S.B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be adopted.

1557. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Development Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor S.B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendment/inclusion:-

1558. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor S.B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Twenty-Seventh [27th] Building Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:-

- [i] The Chief Executive officer stated that with respect to dengue eradication we must get additional sum of monies for clean up and other services necessary.

He said that the schedule for truck borne water was completed. Also that people prefer to get water in tanks, but who don't have tanks will receive water in drums.

He continued to say that water distribution in tanks will affect the existing contract as there will be a greater quantity of water to be distributed on a daily basis, hence the budgeted allocation will be twice as last years figure.

- [ii] The Chairman said that Council will have to look at the new schedules for water distribution and he noted that distributing water in tanks will last the people longer.
- [iii] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh stated that he will like to see a comprehensive approach towards the trucking distributing. He said discussions should be made at a Public Health Meeting to identify issues concerning Health hazard and how to solve them. He recommenced that water distributed in barrels be covered with mesh to prevent dengue. He suggested that people use tanks instead of barrels.
- [iv] Dr. Allen Sammy and Councillor Premchand Sookoo recommend that a Special Health Meeting take place to discuss Health Hazards in relation to water distribution.

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-**

- [i] He reported that the two poles at La Fortune Recreation Ground has not been removed and is still causing a problems. He mention that a person playing on the field ran into the pole. He is pleading with the officers in charge to remove the poles and replace it 3 feet outside the drain.
- [ii] He raised concern that a contractor working Mungal St. #2 Woodland was damaging the roads and said that the road needs to be re-sheeted although the Contractor has spot patch the road. The Road Officer II visited the site and is aware of the situation.
- [iii] He informed that the development being done at Bay View by the E.M.B.D. has led residents complaining about the mud and dust that are being release into the surrounding areas since the roads are not being washed residents are negatively affected especially younger children in the area.
- [iv] He presented a letter that was address to him from the Bien Venue Presbyterian School P.T.A. La Romaine, informing him of the dilapidated condition of the school. He said that the problem was a situation between the Government and the Presbyterian Church over a document called the Memorandum of Understanding. The Government has refused to give any financial aid for repairs or renovation.

He mention that there was no electricity at the school and that the matter was removed causing great discomfort to the children and staff. He added that the children are being sent home early every day, and that the school do not have any funds available to remedy the situation.

He wanted to know what assistance could be given to help the children at the school. He further mention that the P.T.A. had a meeting, however they did not know who to protest against regarding the matter.

Councillor S.B. Manwah made the following comments:-

- [i] He enquired if the Building Inspector if he did any letter to the County Medical Officer of Health department concerning the restaurant at Golconda between Rajbally and Benny.

The Building Inspector informed that the was in contact with the County Medical Officer of Health department, and was assured that the building in question was being monitor. He mention that no permits or food badges were given but that the owner of the building had Town & Country approval. He also added that the matter of the cesspit was being look at.

The Chairman stated that the building does not have final approval, because the County Medical Office of Health and Local health Authority approval are still outstanding.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh mention that every building within the region whether for Private or commercial use needs to get the approval of the Council.

- [ii] He said that he wanted two letters to be done, one to the Justice of Peace at court and one to the County Medical Officer of Health indicating that they should not give any approval for bar licence.

The Building Inspector said that there was an official complaint form for persons to express Concerns one of which he completed at the County Medical Officer of Health department on this matter and hence there was no need for a letter to be done. He added that the give Mr. Benny the time needed and listen to what he had to say.

- [iii] Councillor S.B. Manwah indicated that a complaint form was also done by Mr. Benny a couple of years ago, but he still feels that a letter be done by the Building Inspector to the County Medical Officer of Health indicating the issues about the cesspit.

- [iv] He mentioned that somebody has some interest in this building and that something was very wrong, seeing that the Building Inspector did not do his work.

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan advise that file be open with all court matters, so that this would help trace documents and deal with matter on a timely basis.

- [v] He wants the Building Inspector to get plan from Princes Town Regional Corporation, so that this problem could eventually be solve.

- [vi] He said that he notice that number of Chinese are already living in the building, and this would mean that they are using the toilet facilities. He wanted to know who are looking into this situation. Again he said that officers are just sitting down and not doing their job.
- [vii] He informed that the complainant was here, and that he will say what the Building Inspector told him. Also he made mention that sine the cesspit was being used it was not part of a structure.
- [ix] He wanted the Building Inspector to give the court a copy of the application stating that it was a single family dwelling house 15ft by 12.” He also said that after this meeting he would like the Chairman, Chief Executive officer and Councillors to attend a site visit at Golconda regarding the Mr. Benny matter.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the following comments:-

- [i] He stated that Mr. Benny’s issue is long outstanding and is unable to understand why Penal/Debe Regional Corporation cannot assist the burgesses with regards to genuine complaints.

He informed that the extension of Mr. Rajbally’s building is almost touching Mr. Benny’s building. Also the run off from Mr. Rajbally toilet facilities is causing a serious health problem.

He stated that he strongly suggest that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation should take immediate action to stop construction of the building. He question who will be held accountable if any unfortunate situation occurs. In addition he stated that if any food is sold from the Chinese restaurant, legal advice should be sought to stop the restaurant from operating. Also, that the complainant is very frustrated and nothing is forthcoming

In addition the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation needs to come up with a firm decision regarding Mr. Benny’s issue.

- [ii] He stated that it is administration failure when nothing is done with regards to Council’s request. He referred to Councillor S.B. Manwah request regarding the poles at Woodland Recreation Ground. He further stated that obviously the Works Supervisor I did not visit the site and the matter still needs to be address. In addition he hopes and trust that the issue will be raised at the retreat to be held on October 29, 2008.
- [iii] He informed that the Water & Sewerage Authority dug a trench opposite Sunkist Development in Palmiste. He question as to how we as a Council deal with the issue to get the Water & Sewerage Authority and Ministry of Works to repair the roads. He stated that whenever issue arises regarding different agencies no response is given.
- [iv] He informed that the stench at K.F.C. in Debe is causing health problems, he stated that legal action need to be taken to resolve the problem.

- [v] He informed that at the Palmiste National Park it was unfortunate that a tree fell on a gentleman's vehicle. He stated that if he could have been a child, which would have resulted in serious injuries. He question who will pay the damages for the gentleman's vehicle.
- [vi] He commended the Chief Executive Officer and the Building Inspector for their quick response regarding dengue within the Penal/Debe region.
- [vii] He stated that construction of building within the Penal/Debe region are not being monitor. Also that the builders are very inconsiderate with respect to leaving gravel and mud on the roadway resulting in traffic and drains being fill up with debris. In addition it is at the Corporation expense to repair roads and drains. He suggested that someone be hired to monitor the construction of the building. He requested that pictures be taken of the building before and after construction.
- [viii] He informed that the children of Palmiste, presented the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation with a poster as a token of appreciation showing pictures where the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation cleaned and constructed a play park. He stated that the poster can be seen in the Council Hall.
- [ix] He congratulated the Secretariat department for a good job since the first month was very difficult, because there were new staff assigned to the department without any formal training. Also he commended the Chief Executive Officer and the financial Officer in providing information regarding the Accounts department.
- [x] He stated that at the stores department there is a serious issue with regard to procurement. He informed that progress has been made but there is room for improvement.
- [xi] He question where owners of vending booths at Palmiste National Park to rent the said booths at \$2,000.00. He stated that the rent money needs to be paid to the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation and the issue needs to be address as a matter of urgency.
- [xii] He informed that there are caymans in the pond at Palmiste National Park, he stated that this is a safety issue and needs to be address urgently.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

- [i] He said that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation having completed the first month in the 2008/2009 financial year, it is alledged that purchase orders and invoice orders has not been completed. He suggested that administration should put measures in place to investigate and implement proper systems.
- [ii] He informed that on November 01, 2008 the Water & Sewerage Authority would be laying 4" main pipe in Ragbir Trace, and earthfill will be provided by Mr. Roy. He added that the Transport Foreman made necessary arrangements to have earthfill transported.

- [iii] He stated he is unable to understand why land developers take advantage of transporting building materials on minor roads in the dry season.

He made reference to Ragbir Trace, Lalbeharry Trace #2 and Ramai Trace, Hindu School.

He added that school children are forced to carry on extra pair of shoes because of the deplorable road condition. He suggested that in the same way the Chaguanas Borough Corporation published a newspaper clipping regarding destruction of roadway by land Developers if the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation should do the same.

- [iv] He stated that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation submitted a letter to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government requesting approval for \$1.7M and no response was given to date. He stated that no one is aware of which bridges would be repaired within the Penal/Debe region.
- [v] He mentioned that the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation had 2 micro-phone systems one of which was sent to Siparia Regional corporation resulting in the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation having to rent one.
- [vi] He stated that the dyna-fogging operation should be ongoing to resolve infestation of mosquitoes to prevent the spread of dengue within the Penal/Debe Region.
- [vii] He stated that Administration and Members of Council have a vision planned for Penal/Debe Regional Corporation and we should work as a team to ensure that our vision becomes a success.

He informed that over the past months the standard of all minutes and recommendations had deteriorated and that steps should be taken to improve the quality of same. He pointed out that the Head of the Section should have a part in reviewing all minutes and recommendations because of her years of experience and that the new persons assigned to Secretariat should be trained to improve the quality of minutes. He added that he was not pleased with the minutes and recommendations before him.

He referred to the 2008/2009 budget which have little impact on the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation, since the allocation do not necessarily reflect our real needs. For example there is no real attempt in the allocation to tackle the problems of flooding and dengue, the delivery of water and the development of heritage sites. The \$200,000.00 allocation for Holistic Development was lost this year, in spite of the advance work done on selected sites.

He stated although requests were made by Members of Council with regards to money being spent, Administration was showing no compliance, which has resulted in Council holding five Special Finance Meetings for the month of September 2008.

1470 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that he represented the Chairman of Council at a Chief Executive Officers and Chairmens Meeting at Kent House, Maraval and observed that on two occasion the Chief Executive Officer of Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was not present at the said meeting.

The Project Engineer at the meeting indicated that all Corporations must submit their IRIAD Projects early.

He also announced that the contractor transporting earthfill in Ragbir Trace, Debe was making the roadway impassable and suggested that the Municipal Police visit the site to investigate the matter.

- [ii] Councillor Ramlakhan announced that he had received a telephone call from a resident of Lachoos Road, Penal informing him that Mr. Billy Ramdeen was in the process of bringing an excavator to start work in the said area.

- [iii] Councillor Diptee Ramnath announced that the Turks and Caicos Island had a hurricane and 95% of the houses were damaged and he requested that the Corporation assist in shipping food items and bottled water to the island.
- [iv] The Administrative Officer II asked that the Chief Executive Officer be excused from the meeting.
- [v] Dr. Sammy informed that the Ministry of Local Government had failed to deliver on Penal/Debe Regional Corporation request for support to eradicate dengue. He added that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation had not received any of the \$4.7M requested and that Council had to vire \$300,000.00 of its own funds to deal with the dengue emergency.

He thanked Councillor Boodoosingh and Councillor Manwah for implementing operation “Bulldozer” targeting the aedes egypti mosquito.

He then referred to Memorandum dated August 27, 2008 from the Chief Executive Officer which was read at the Special Statutory Meeting on August 29, 2008 regarding his wife’s clinic appointments and said that the dates were misleading because they were linked to two different incidents over a period of time.

He informed that minutes of meetings were the business of the Council and did not belong to the Chief Executive Officer, therefore matters should not be left out.

- [vi] Councillor Boodoosingh expressed total contempt with the recommendations before him, and said that the recommendations made at the Special Finance Meeting should be separated according to dates.

He had concern with the movement of staff from the Secretariat Section and was unsure whether the Clerk IV was even consulted about same.

- [vii] Dr. Sammy informed that he agreed to have the recommendations given out at the Implementation Meeting on September 22, 2008, due to the late meeting on Thursday September 18, 2008. He added that the Clerk IV’s responsibilities were taken away and handed over to the Corporate Secretary.

- [vii] Councillor Premchand Sookoo and Councillor Carl Dabideen agreed with Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh that the recommendations were of a poor standard.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-

- 1471 **RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth [25th] Statutory Meeting held on August 26, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings pending the following amendments:

- [i] Page 14 item 1463 “money would be released to the Corporation for same” to read “money would be released to the Corporation for same if requested.”
- [ii] Page 13 item 1461 change “La Fortune Recreation Ground” to “Wilson Road

Recreation Ground.”

- 1472 **RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Special Statutory Meeting held on August 29, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings pending the following amendments:-

- [i] Page 2 item 2 delete “Alderman Dr. Sammy welcome all to the meeting.....had a funeral to attend.”

Insert “Dr. Sammy informed that he was contacted by Members of Council on the Statutory Meeting day on August 26, 2008 seeking to hold a Special Statutory Meeting on August 29, 2008 to deal with recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting which were deferred at the said meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

1473. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth [25th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 05, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth [25th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 05, 2008 be adopted.

1474. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-45 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be accepted.

1475. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-45 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1476. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2008 be adopted.

1477. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be accepted.

1478. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-18 of Twenty- Sixth [26th] the Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1479. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008 be adopted.

1480. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusion:-

(i) Item 10 – New gang structure be established by the Corporation to cater for 404 workers.

1481. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted with the above inclusion.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008.

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008 be adopted pending the following amendment

[i] Page 3 Item #583 –delete ‘trail’ and insert trial.”

1482. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Finance, Planning, & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-20 of the Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendments/inclusions:

[i] Item 9 “Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh to identify” change to “Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh to assist in identifying.”

[ii] Item 14 delete “Approval be granted.”

[iii] Item 15 “letter dated July 09, 2008 from Patrice John ... Approved” to read “Approval be granted in the sum of \$9,396.08 & VAT for Shelving System.”Letter dated July 09, 2008 from Patrice. John Tracmac Engineering Ltd.

[iv] Item 19 “A list ... submitted” to read “A list of commitments and to whom committed to date be submitted to Council urgently for a Special Finance Meeting”.

[v] Item #3 “Estimate..... Approved” to read “Approval be granted in the sum of \$87,205.00 for stationery.”

[vi] Item 2 “Estimate Family Day be approved” to read “Approval be granted in the sum of \$83,500.00 for Family Day.

[vii] Item 4 “Estimate...Uniforms be approved ” to read “Approval be granted in the sum of \$46,169.50

[viii] Item 5, Insert “Approval be granted for list of Vouchers for period 5th-9th September, 2008.

[ix] Item 6, Insert “Approval be granted” for list of Vouchers dated 10th September, 2008 except V&A Marketing & Trinmak.

[x] Item 16 delete “Memorandum dated August 20, 2008 ... Approved” and insert “Approval be granted for the supply of electrical items for Clarke Rochard Recreation Ground Hard Court lighting.

Memorandum dated August 20, 2008 from Chief Executive Officer.

[xi] Estimate be prepared to install Disclaimer Notice on all Recreation Grounds

- [xii] Financial Officer pursue request for approval to utilize unspent balances in the sum of \$1.7 Millon
- [xiii] Details of Expenditure as at September 10, 2008
- [xiv] Installation of Disclaimer Notice on all Recreation Grounds be referred to Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- [xv] Tenders submit a listing of contractors to be registered with the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Local Government.

Letter dated January 11, 2008 from Chief Executive Officer to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government re: Registration of Petty Contractors of Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

[a] Recommendations Nos. 1-8 made at Special Finance Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2008 with the undermentioned amendments:-

- [i] Item 1 delete "Estimate granted in the sum of" and insert "Approval be granted for."
- [ii] Item 4 delete "Estimate" insert "Approval be granted."

[b] Recommendations Nos. 1-14 made at Special Finance Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 undermentioned amendments:-

- [i] Item 1 delete "Estimate" insert "Approval be granted."
- [ii] Item 2 delete "Estimate" insert "Approval be granted."
- [iii] Item 3 change "Councillor" to electoral district."
- [iv] Delete item #14

[c] Recommendations Nos. 1-20 made at Special Finance Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 with the undermentioned amendments:-

- [i] Item 4 Delete "Approved" insert "in conjunction with Penal/Debe Regional Corporation".
- [ii] Item 10 "Approval be granted for Tabernacle of Prayer Church.... Approved" to read "Recommendation be given to the Tabernacle of Prayer Church stating that they do community service in the region of Penal/Debe eg. Medical Clinics, Operation Rainbow etc. for onwards transmission to the Ministry of Finance seeking funds for the purchase of two fourteen seater buses".
- [iii] Item 13 change "\$12,000.00" to "\$1,200.00."
- [iv] Item 15 "Industrial Hygenic Solutions Limited be ...approved" to read "Industrial Hygenic

Solution Limited be sought for assistance in providing upgrade to washroom facilities since he indicated the present facilities is unacceptable for use by Councillors approved.”

[v] Item 16 change “committed and ordered” to “to be provided.”

[vi] Item 17 insert “Sunil Ramnarine – approved” to read “Sunil Ramnarine in the sum of \$200.00 [Two Hundred] be approved.”

[d] Recommendations Nos. 1-3 made at Special Finance Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 with the undermentioned amendments:-

[i] Item 1 “for Bulldozer Program on the 20th and 21st September 2008” to read “for Bulldozer Program in spraying of areas affected in conjunction with Insect Vector Control Unit to commence on 20th and 21st September, 2008”

[ii] Item 2 “Approval be granted to provide lunch ...for Bulldozer Program” to read “Approval be granted to provide 120 lunches each day for workers on 20th and 21st September 2008 for the Bulldozer Program.”

[iii] Item 3 “Blue Birds Sports and Cultural Organization ...to the 5th October 2008.” to read “Blue Birds Sports and Cultural Organization in conjunction with the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for Ramleela Function from September 29, 2008 to October 05, 2008.

[e] Recommendations Nos.1-10 made at Special Finance Meeting held on September 23 2008.

1483. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned amendments/inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

1484. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008 be adopted.

1485. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendation of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Twenty- Sixth

[26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:

[a] Sports and Family Day

[b] Ramleela

1486. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted with the above-mentioned inclusion.

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

1487. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2008 be adopted.

1488. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be accepted.

1489. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Sixth [26th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-9 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2008 be adopted.

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

1490. **Adoption of the Minutes the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008 be adopted.

1491. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be accepted.

1492. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Twenty- Sixth [26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Twenty- Sixth[26th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2008 be adopted.

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

1493. **Adoption of Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008 be adopted.

1495. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be accepted.

1496. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 02, 2008 be adopted.

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

1497. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2008 be adopted.

1498. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be accepted.

1499. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted.

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

1500. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2008 be adopted

1501. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

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 Twenty-Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be accepted with the undermentioned amendments:

- [i] Item 5 “Letter dated September 05, 2008... Approved” to read “Approval be granted for proper garaging facilities for Mr. K. Boodoo, Managing Director, Veekar General Services Ltd.

Letter dated September 05, 2008.

- [ii] Item 6 “to request” change to “has requested in writing from the Ministry of Local Government.”

1502. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

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 Twenty- Sixth [26th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted with the above amendments.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

1503. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2008 be adopted.

1504. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Report and Recommendation No.1-4 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be accepted.

1505. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Twenty- Sixth[26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Report and Recommendation No. 1-4 of the Twenty- Sixth [26th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2008 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

1506. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Twenty- Fifth [25th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth [25th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 12, 2008 be adopted.

1507. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Development Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be accepted with the under mentioned amendment/inclusion:-

[i] Item 11 “Change “Beharial” to read “Beharrylal.”

[a] Building and Layout plan Applications Nos. 1-6 dated September 23, 2008 in favor of C. Jagdeo and others.

1508. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Premchand Sookoo that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Twenty-Sixth [26th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 09, 2008 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

Letter dated September 09, 2008 from Gemma Hall ,Holy Cross Anglican Church, Southern Main Road Marabella Re: Request for use of facilities for Jumble Sale at the Penal Market on Saturday October 04, 2008.

Recommended:- Approved.

1509. MATTERS REFERRED:- N I L

1510. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:- N I L

REPORTS AND REPLIES:-

1511. Councillor Boodoosingh reported the following:-

- [i] He informed that a dengue eradication program was carried out over the weekend and Councillors Manwah, Kisson, Mr. Bullock and himself were present to monitor the program. The exercise targeted the buffer zone, interchange to T.J's, M2 Ring Road to Picton etc. Home visited in the La Romaine area were done to identify the source of mosquitoes breeding grounds. Also, dyma fogging in the entire area was done. He indicated that the program was a combined effort with C.M.O.H., Insect Vector and Penal/Debe Regional Corporation where all agencies responded positively to the exercise.
- [ii] A report will be generated from the C.M.O.H. Department and forwarded to the P.H.I. Section on the cases identified with dengue. He added that on the said days of the exercise approximately five [5] cases of dengue were reported in the La Romaine area and three [3] in Palmiste.
- [iii] He was disappointed that Council's decision to provide refreshments for the 120 workers was not carried out by the Chief Executive Officer with no reasons provided for this action. This resulted in both workers and Councillors having to purchase their own refreshments from their own finance. The motivation drive and enthusiasm by workers some of whom were of the expectation that refreshments will be provided were disappointed by the actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer failure to carry out a Council's decision based on his own agenda.

The Chief Executive Officers said that he would have 80 workers trained for this exercise, however on both days he was nowhere around and showed a total lack of concern for the exercise that was being carried out, more so when the Burgesses were crying out for help.

- [iii] The exercise was advertised in all the Daily Newspapers and on Television, and it was clearly seen that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation was making an effort towards dengue eradication.

- [iv] He informed that once trained employees were willing to work on evenings in the Dyna Fogging Program, but without the resources it would be impossible to carry out the activities. He recommended that Council have a meeting to extend the program.
- [v] He indicated that when he drove up Duncan Village and looked at Union Hall, mist was seen in the air from the spraying and he added that the longer the mist remained in the air the greater the effect on the mosquitoes and even other insect eg. ants. He recommended that the Corporation continue with Dyna Fogging and ULV spraying since it was a fact that people were dying from dengue and he gave an example of the gentleman from Rock Road.
- [vi] He commented that the Chief Executive Officer was not receptive towards the program. However, due to the efforts of Dr. Chadee who had dialogue with Dr. Teeluckdharry the program was successful and in fact, executed. He thanked the entire team for their work and said that a report would be submitted.

He said that Councillor Manwah, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee will further develop the plan to be submitted at the Public Health Committee Meeting.

- [vii] He indicated that Insect Vector Control Division covers not only the Penal/Debe Region but also Mayaro/Moruga area. He recommended that eight [8] employees recommended by Insect Vector be contracted who are already trained to work on evenings and the Corporation will provide the Malathine.
- [viii] He suggested that the P.H.I. prepared pamphlets educating the residents on dengue and distribute them to each home in the buffer zone.
- [ix] The Chairman of Council stated that if additional workers were needed, then all funds available should be utilized to continue until the end of the month. He asked that a report be submitted from Accounts Section on the balance of funds.

1512. Councillor Premchand Sookoo reported on the following:-

- [i] Alderman Hall and himself attended a meeting at the Ministry of Local Government to discuss dengue and the main consensus was that all Corporations should continue with the removal of bulk waste until Carnival 2009.
- [ii] He reminded the Honourable Minister of the Corporation's request for funds and the Permanent Secretary indicated that she would follow up same. He added that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation received the lowest amount for the P.S.I.P Funds and that requests for funds for I.R.I.D Project should be submitted early. He also stated that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation only receive 69% of its allocation for the past year.
- [iii] He observed that hampers from the O.D.P.M. were distributed unfairly since residents on hills received the supplies. He asked that a list be submitted on the distribution of hampers.

1513. PETITIONS:-

N I L

1514. QUESTIONS:- NIL

1516. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:- NIL

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-

Councillor Boodoosingh made the following comments:

- [i] He had a document from the Auditor General's Department of a report of the financial statements at September 30, 2003. He quoted" from this report the negative statements attributed to Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

He said that in the report there were serious financial allegations of financial impropriety made against the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation and in the past they had reflected negatively where there were huge irregularities and corruption within the system. He emphasized that the public's perception was that the Chairman and Councillors were corrupt whereas the report stated clearly the facts that it was Administration who was responsible for the accounting. He was concerned that if the 2003 report indicates such findings what were they to expect in the report of the years to follow eg. 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

- [ii] He said that as Chairman of the Finance Committee several question had been raised with regards to the system of operation within the Corporation. The fact remained that the procedures for Bonded Contractors were not being followed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and identified an example where items were purchased in two [2] hardwares [V.A. Marketing & Trinnak] outside the region which caused a conflict of interest between the Director of the Companies and the Stores Clerk where it purported has an interest He reminded that at the last Finance Meeting the Chief Executive Officer had a problem when these issues were raised. He added that there seems to be a problem when procedures were not being followed when there were commitments from 2002, 2003 still outstanding on the accounting books.
- [iii] He pointed out that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation belonged to the people of the region, yet it seem as though the Chief Executive Officer believed that it was a private organization that belonged to him alone. He observed that when Council makes decisions at meeting the Chief Executive Officer was always absent and the officers seem to be unable to respond to simple questions and matters that were long outstanding.
- [iv] He stated that when the Chief Executive Officer was re-assigned to Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Contractors from his previous workplace by coincidence were also transferred and most of the contract jobs by coincidence were also awarded to these new contractors. These Contractors living in the region were not given the opportunity to bid for contracts. Hence, it continued to be the perception that only one group of people could only work in Penal/Debe Regional Corporation with the blessing of I think you all know whom.
- [v] He could not recall that the Chief Executive Officer took Vacation Leave within the last six [6]years, except when he went to Germany, after which he returned immediately as if to run his private job and ensure that everything runs smoothly in the Corporation. He believed that the

Chief Executive Officer was tired and needed a holiday and that the Members of Council had no problem if the Chief Executive Officer proceeds on Vacation Leave.

- [vi] He referred to a letter dated August 27, 2008 from the Chief Executive Officer which indicated that the Council was inconsiderate to have Special Statutory Meeting that clashed with his wife's appointment dates. He stated that as a Member of Council if someone in his family was sick he would proceed on Vacation Leave to spend time with them and again he recommended that the Chief Executive Officer should go on holidays soon and allow the Council to proceed with the business of serving the people of the region.

- [vii] He informed that the Chief Executive Officer was writing a lot these days and made reference to another letter dated August 27, 2008 with respect to open markets purchase which he said was totally false. He quoted as saying there is a file written Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh where by information could be sourced by the Chairman of Finance as required. This was infact a secret and he was not informed of any such file. He noted that the policy in regards of bonded was breached by the Chief Executive Officer to accommodate certain hardwares more so knowing fully well that a conflict of interest could be made out.

- [viii] He stated that all monies allocated to the Corporation were intended for the business of all the people within the region of Penal/Debe and not for the profit of the people within the organization. He reminded that he had requested information regarding the Stores Clerk and question his travel allowance and said he did not recall at which meeting approval was given for same. He informed that where there is perception of corruption action needs to be taken.

- [ix] He requested a listing of all the daily rated employees their duties and functions and amount received for traveling and justification and there seems to be reasons basically to defend a certain official. The conflict of interest again arises whereby correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer could be viewed as some sort of conspiracy to cloud the main issue.

- [x] He enquired why was there staff movement in all sections of the Corporation except in the Public Health Inspector Department. There was no confirmed Public Health Inspector in the Health Section since the retirement of Mr. Badall and he reminded that the current P.H.I, Mr. Bullock was on contract. He reported that he spoke to several P.H.I's who said that the post for P.H.I. was not advertised through Service Commission and so they were unaware of a vacancy in Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. He added that it seems that previously Administration was comfortable that the Health Section was being run by a Checker. Is it that opportunities are being created for the perception of a system that will accommodate corrupt practices.

- [xi] He raised concern about the movement of staff in Accounts and Secretariat Section where trained staff were sent to work elsewhere and asked whether the Corporation was moving ten [10] steps backwards. He stated that staff in Secretariat was scared of speaking out because of fear of victimization.

- [xii] He said that the Chief Executive Officer was not present at this meeting but was somewhere in the office and Members of Council could clearly see that his commitment did not lie with people. He again recommended that the Chief Executive Officer proceed on Vacation Leave after which he believed that the Chief Executive Officer would return with a new energy to work with Council.

- [xiii] He mentioned that although policy decisions were taken, the problem lie with the implementation

process and added that it was the system and not the people that was corrupt.

- [ivx] He expressed concern when one makes a statement like this you must be careful because of the crime situation in the country and he hoped and trusted that people do not take it the wrong way. He informed that he was not fearful of anything since he was elected to make representation for the people and his information was based on dialogue held with people of both the inside and outside of the Corporation.

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the following comments:-

- [i] Congratulated Councillors Boodoosingh, Manwah and Kissoon on the “Bulldozer Program” to deal with dengue and added that the Minister of Health was focusing on cancer and still denying that there was a dengue outbreak in the nation. He reported that Penal/Debe Regional Corporation did a lot of work to eradicate dengue, however much still needed to be done in his area.
- [ii] Residents in his district were happy because progress was being made. They were also happy for the extension of the Councillors term of office and he promised to continue to work together to satisfy their needs.
- [iii] He informed that requests were made by Members of the Public on a daily basis and gave an example where the Clerk IV asked for pipe lines in her street, up to date nothing was done.
- [iv] He raised concern that Heads of Department were not attending meeting and questions were left unanswered. He said that same was happening with the Regional Co-ordinating Meeting where junior officer were representing the agencies and he requested that he Head of these Agencies attend the Meetings. The Corporation’s vision was to work with the respective Departments/Agencies to assist the people in the region.
- [v] With the recent flooding the Corporation was given items through the O.D.P.M. office to give to the victims. He was concerned that people living in the hills were given hampers and the people living in low lying areas did not receive anything.
- [vi] He referred to the budget where not much was done for Crime and Agriculture and Premium gasoline was increased by \$1.00. He added that a lot of vehicles use the said gasoline and the Government’s intention was for them to be converted to CNG. He stated that the poor would be unable to purchase new vehicles and place the CNG kit, therefore they should be wise in maintaining their current vehicle.
- [vii] He observed that work was being done in Bhupsingh Park. He hoped that it continued so that persons conducting sales would utilized the space for the Christmas Season.

Councillor Roy Kissoon made the following comments:-

- [i] He informed that the number of dengue cases was the highest, and he was sorry to hear the Minister of Health stating that there was no dengue outbreak in the island. He thanked the P.H.I. and Councillors Boodoosingh & Manwah for their hard work in addressing the matter. He said he would forward information of five [5] additional cases to the P.H.I.
- [ii] He reported that two [2] poles that were placed in the La Fortune Recreation Ground had to be replaced from inside the Recreation Ground to outside the drain.

- [iii] He raised concern about the crime situation and said that soon the murder rate would reach 500. He added that robbery was nothing new and persons committing murder was using La Romaine as the dumping ground for the bodies. He further added that even the gang leaders were increasing in numbers and no one could deal with them. He suggested that new officers be trained to deal with same.
- [iv] He enquired how did the developer receive approval to develop 1000 lots at Chandoo lands, and stated that not a single piece was used for open space. He added that the developer was renting and selling the land without proper roads and drainage and suggested that something be done to regularize the approval of plots.
- [v] He stated that there was a lot of overgrown bushes in the plots that were cut for the ex -Caroni workers and the people were suffering because of same.
- [vi] He asked that they necessary action be taken to deal with dengue outbreak.

Councillor Manwah made the following comments:-

- [i] He congratulated Councillor Boodoosingh and Insect Vector Control Division for formulating the program to deal with dengue.
- [ii] He informed that there was \$2.4M in unspent balances as at 13/07/08 when Council was to be dissolved. However, if Council was not given an extension, the previous vouchers would have been passed for payment. He added that \$1.6 M would have been returned to the Ministry.
- [iii] He reported that at the Health Meeting the Council took a decision to purchase two [2] Troopers for \$1Million which were presently not working.
- [iv] He reminded where Council took a decision not to employ the former P.H.I. Mr. Badall, yet he was asked to report for duties the next day.
- [v] He said that Mr. Ramdial was told not to take up the Manager's position in the Water Trucking Program and added that the vote was \$3 Million in the red and Council needed to understand what was really going on.
- [vi] He suggested that the Chief Executive Officer and other Officers submit report to the integrity and Public Health Authority.
- [vii] He said that dengue was the number one killer in the county.
- [viii] He agreed with Councillor Boodoosingh that the Chief Executive Officer should proceed on Vacation Leave.
- [ix] He asked that proper drains be installed at Union Hall.

Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the following comments:-

- [i] He indicated that the Chairman of each committee was responsible for the duties being carried out by Officers and that they have the right to do what was necessary to ensure that the committee performs, so that the Corporation could move forward.
- [ii] He made reference to the Health Section where major problems still exist with respect to Departmental Vouchers and Cartage Receipts etc.
- [iii] He stated that Penal/Debe Town Centre should be scavenged twice per day and that other area within Penal/Debe region should be scavenged once per day.
- [iv] He observed that the vacant lot next to Giant Panda Restaurant was infested with rats and that he had been calling for the clearing of that lot for the past five [5] years. He added that people operating fast food outlets are not meeting the requirements for a clean environment.
- [v] He hoped that Water Distribution would commence early in January 2009. All trucks should have pumps and that contractors should be told of this since the Corporation was the one to set the standards and have vehicles inspected before 2009. Residents should no longer have to carry water on their heads
- [vi] He said that the Corporation should have all latrine pits cleaned free of charge as a Christmas Gift.
- [vii] He was calling for our Electronic Display Board to be installed immediately.
- [viii] He indicated that Members of Council were asking for the Mobile Patching Service to commence, one in Debe area and one in Penal and he made reference to Gopie Trace that needs patching immediately.
- [ix] He suggested that road repairs should be done in the dry season and that bridges had become a disaster and he give an example where a truck went down. He recommended that a comprehensive report be done to identify the faulty bridges.
- [x] He suggested that the Work Supervisor Section put a programme in place to have recreation grounds cut twice in the rainy season and once in the dry season each month. He added that Members of Council should not have to make requests for the cutting of grounds and cemeteries at Committee Meetings. Also, the lighting system should be checked regularly and electricity connections at the recreation grounds should not take one [1] year. He said that was not happening and recommended that a Consultant be hired to address same.
- [xi] A system should be put in place where vehicles could be repaired immediately rather than having to utilize petty cash.
- [xiii] He observed that O.J.T's were the main source of work force in the Penal./Debe Regional Corporation and this was not fair. There were a lot of things that needed to be done in order to achieve a higher standard at the Corporation. Also, today's meeting was in total chaos.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the following comments:-

- [i] He congratulated Members of Council and staff who were present at the meeting and enquired where were the Works Supervisor I, Road Officer II, Planning Officer, County Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer.
- [ii] He was willing to postpone the meeting since Administration was treating the Council with contempt and Mr. Marfan feel as though he was the Chief Executive Officer's boss and the Chief Executive Officer was too big to talk to.
- [iii] Although he sympathized with the Chief Executive Officer and his problems, he believed that Council was being victimized. He asked that Council called on the Minister and the Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of Local Government for the Chief Executive Officer to proceed on Vacation Leave to take care of his family.

Whereas Mr. Espinoza is having great difficulty in attending meetings because of personal family reasons.

Where by this Council would want to assure that he takes care of his personal responsibility.

RECOMMENDED:-

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:- The Corporation call upon the Minister and Permanent Secretary from Local Government to request that the Chief Executive Officer proceed on Vacation Leave to take care of his family.

Moved by Councillor - Premchand Sookoo
Seconded by Councillor - Premnath Boodoosingh

<u>For</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Against</u>
Premchand Sookoo	Councillor Diptee	
Premnath Boodoosingh	Alderman Hall	
Willvan Ramlakhan		
Roy Kissoon		
Rampersad Hardial		
Sonnylal B. Manwah		

The majority carried

- 15 Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh referred to the Chief Executive Officer's letter dated August 27, 2008 and said that the Chief Executive Officer was tired and needed to go on Vacation Leave. He felt that as much as the Chief Executive Officer cared for the Corporation, the Corporation belongs to the people of Penal/Debe. Also, as Chairman of the Finance Committee it was very difficult to deliver services to the people on financial issues.
- 1517. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah said he believed that the Chief Executive Officer should be close to his family in this time of illness.
- [iv] Councillor Sookoo asked that Administration place a full page Advertisement in the daily newspaper

informing land developers that they need to have all approvals before any work was done. He added that a fine would be charged for all the developers who failed to have vacant lots cleaned.

- [v] He indicated that the Ministry of Finance did not say a worked on allocation for Penal/Debe Regional Corporation or Local Government in the budget.
 - [vi] He requested the Log Book for vehicle PBT-9004 for July, August, and September 2008.
 - [vii] He referred to the Auditor General's Report Public Accounts Committee 2003 where millions of dollars were not accounted for and gave an example when Penal/Debe Regional Corporation paid for two [2] turf wickets but only one could be seen.
 - [viii] He referred to the meeting at the Ministry of Local Government where Councillor Boodoosingh and himself went to defend the Development Programme Draft Estimates 2008-2009 where not one bridge was included. He wondered whether the victimization would continue next year.
 - [ix] He asked that an officer from the Road Authority, PURE, RDC, PSAEL be invited to a meeting next Tuesday to enquire about road paving in the district.
 - [x] He stated that it was announced in the budget that 42 Recreation Grounds were upgraded but no one could identify any of these. Also, highways and 350 pre-schools were to be constructed, however, these were only promises.
 - [xi] He indicated that Council was to ensure that the 419 workers employed at the Corporation were paid. Also, that each electoral district receive a fair share of funds.
 - [xii] He enquired whether Administration was serious about working together with Council for a better Penal/Debe and give an example that whenever the Chief Executive officer is not present at the meetings no assistance is given. He added that whatever Council requests, Administration was reluctant to corporate.
 - [xiii] He hoped and trusted that the Minister and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government would accept Council's resolution and said that if anyone was found undermining the Corporation, they will pay severely. He thanked Chairman of Council for his patience.
1518. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that there would be a Special Safety and Security Meeting on Friday September 26, 2009 at 1.00 p.m. with officer from the Debe Police Post, Penal Police Post, and Barrackpore Police Station.
1519. There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 3.17 p.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting