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The Town Council of the Town of Sussex met in regular session, by appointment of the Mayor of the said Town, in the Council Chambers of the said Town on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The following members of the Council were present: His Worship Mayor Carr, Deputy Mayor Thorne, Councillors Bradley, Wright, Campbell, Wilson, Black and Fulton. There were no absentees. Also present at this meeting were the Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Cummings and the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Maguire.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that the agenda for this regular Town Council meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried. The agenda was amended by adding under Item # 6 – Delegations, Petitions and Correspondence: B) Belleisle Leasing Rezoning Request.

No members present declared a conflict of interest on any items on the agenda at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex held on December 17, 2007, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex held on December 17, 2007, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

The Deputy Mayor brought forward from the Committee of the Whole a motion regarding a plebiscite request on the amalgamation of the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner which the Council wishes to submit to the Provincial Electoral Officer to be placed as a plebiscite question on the May, 2008, municipal elections.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council request that the Provincial Department of Local Government place on the May, 2008, municipal elections the following plebiscite question: *“Are you in favour that the newly elected Council pursues the amalgamation of the Town of Sussex with the Village of Sussex Corner into a new municipality during the mandate of the Council?”* Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council approve a two percent (2%) wage increase for the non-union employees effective January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

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A letter was received from the Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport for the Province of New Brunswick inviting the Council to plan and prepare for celebrations for Heritage Week 2008 which will be held during the week of February 11-18, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council refer the correspondence from the Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport to the Recreation Director and that the information be placed on the Town's web page. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Mr. Kevin Smith, on behalf of Frederick Howland, President of Belleisle Leasing Ltd., making application for rezoning on Lot 2002-2 on Plan 14639653, being a vacant lot on Eveleigh Street having P.I.D. # 30205876, from its present zone to a zone which will accommodate its future use as a location for a motel.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the rezoning application be accepted and referred to the Administration Committee to start the rezoning process. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Fire Report for the month of December, 2007, be received as circulated. Motion carried. During the month the Fire Department responded to a total of 22 calls with 11 calls originating within the Town of Sussex and 11 out of Town calls.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Building Inspector's report for the month of December, 2007, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Building Inspector issued five permits for renovations, repairs, alterations and additions for a value of \$3,328,200.00.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the Building Inspector's report for the year ending December 31, 2007, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during 2007 the Building Inspector issued 19 permits for new construction for a value of \$8,493,000.00 with \$10,497.00 in fees collected and 203 permits for renovations, repairs, alterations and additions for a value of \$7,518,615.00 with \$12,384.00 in fees collected.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Development Officer's report for the month of December, 2007, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Development Officer approved one Building Location Survey.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Black, that the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on January 16, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

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Councillors Fulton, Wilson and Bradley did not participate in the next four items on the agenda under Unfinished Business since they were not present at the hearing of objections regarding the proposed by-law amendments.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that Council have a reading in it's entirety of Zoning By-Law Amendment, By-Law # 1350-04-11. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council have third reading by title of Zoning By-Law Amendment, By-Law # 1350-04-11. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the third time by title and His Worship Mayor Carr declared the by-law duly enacted.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council have a reading in it's entirety of Zoning By-Law Amendment, By-Law # 1350-04-12. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council have third reading by title of Zoning By-Law Amendment, By-Law # 1350-04-12. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the third time by title and His Worship Mayor Carr declared the by-law duly enacted.

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It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Black, that the report of the Human Services Committee Meeting dated January 14, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council advance to the Sussex & Area Senior's Centre Inc., an amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for payment on the renovations to Jubilee Hall. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council appoint James Fanjoy to the Board of the Sussex Regional Library for a term expiring on June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Economic Development & Long Range Planning Committee dated January 14, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council appoint His Worship Mayor Carr as the Town's representative on the Downtown Business Associations Strategic Plan Committee for the development of a strategic plan for the central business district. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Works Committee Meeting dated January 15, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council approve the quotation from Sussex Machine Shop for the fabrication and installation of downspout guards at the train station. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Protective Services Committee Meeting dated January 16, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that Saint John Ambulance provide First Aid training for 17 firefighters at a cost of \$2,975.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the report of the Administration Committee Meeting, dated January 17, 2008, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the Gas Tax Fund Amendment # 1 on behalf of the Town. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council accept a Municipal Service Agreement between the Town of Sussex and Service New Brunswick commencing January 1, 2008, for the three year period for the processing of various municipal payments and that Council authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve that the Town accept the responsibility for damage incurred while the N.B. Power aerial device is being used to assist the Fire Department on firefighting operations within the coverage area served by the Sussex Fire Department. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Wright, that Council approve, for payment, accounts for the month of December, 2007, totaling \$380,344.77. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve, for payment, accounts for the month of January, 2008, totaling \$102,650.94. Motion carried.

Councillor Campbell commented on the recent motor vehicle accident that occurred in the province and the tragic loss of the young adults from different areas of the province in these motor vehicle accidents.

Councillor Bradley reminded the Council that the Youth Citizenship Awards deadline is January 29, 2008, and these awards are an opportunity for the youth of the community to be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. The Council encouraged people to submit the applications to the Recreation Department for these awards.



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Councillor Fulton noted that he was pleased that the Local Service Districts in the Sussex area are looking into forming a Rural Municipality and the Council encouraged the Local Service Districts in their process.

Councillor Black brought forward to Council the fine job that the Town of Sussex works crew have been doing in working to clean up and remove the snow from the recent snowstorms that have hit the Sussex area. Councillor Black pointed out the hard work that these Town employees put in during the snow removal and the many hours of overtime that are required to clean-up after the snowstorms.

His Worship Mayor Carr noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council will be February 18, 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wright, that this regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex adjourn. Motion carried.

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