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Minutes of Meeting of Council held this
20th day of December, 2010

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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 20th day of December, 2010, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The following members of the Council were present: His Worship Mayor Carr, Deputy Mayor Thorne, Councillors Campbell, Bradley, Fulton, Wright, Wilson and Black. 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 Wright, seconded by Councillor Black, that the agenda for this regular Town Council meeting be approved. Motion carried.

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 Wright, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex held on November 22, 2010, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council engage the services of Knightsbridge RobertsonSurrette for the recruitment of the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Sussex. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, The Honourable Jason Kenney, informing Council that the Government of Canada is looking for candidates for the Paul

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Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism to honour people dedicated to promoting integration in Canada.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the letter from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism be filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Campbel, that the Fire Report for the month of November, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried. During the month the Fire Department responded to a total of 26 calls with 19 calls originating within the Town of Sussex and seven out of Town calls.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Building Inspector's Report for the month of November, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Building Inspector issued one permit for new construction for a value of \$277,000.00 and nine permits for renovations, repairs, alterations and additions for a value of \$792,900.00.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the Development Officer's Report for the month of November, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Development Officer approved two Building Location Surveys.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting dated December 8, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council have a reading in its entirety of A By-Law in Amendment of a By-Law to Approve the Budget of the Sussex Downtown Business Association and to Establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the Town of Sussex, By-Law # 154-10. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that Council have third reading by title of A By-Law in Amendment of a By-Law to Approve the Budget of the Sussex Downtown Business Association and to Establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the Town of Sussex, By-Law # 154-10. 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.

His Worship Mayor Carr noted that under New Business on the agenda the Council will be setting the date for hearing of objections to the Municipal Plan By-Law # 704-10 and Zoning By-Law # 1350-10.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the report of the Human Services Committee Meeting dated December 13, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council approve the agreement between the Town of Sussex and the Sussex and Area Senior's Centre Inc. for usage of Golden Jubilee Hall for senior activities 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 Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Works Committee meeting dated December 14, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that Crandall Engineering Ltd. be engaged to complete an environmental risk assessment on the effluent from the Town's wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Protective Services Committee Meeting dated December 15, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Administration Committee meeting dated December 16, 2010, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council set January 27, 2011, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Town of Sussex as the date, time and place to hear objections to the proposed Municipal Plan By-Law, By-Law # 704-10 and the proposed Zoning By-Law, By-Law # 1350-10. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council approve for payment accounts for the month of November, 2010, totaling \$234,695.66. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Thorne brought forward the 2011 General Fund Budget. The 2011 General Fund Budget expenditures are as follows:

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General Government Services	\$ 667,500.00
Protective Services	\$1,414,200.00
Transportation Services	\$1,368,300.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 392,300.00
Environmental Development	\$ 269,700.00
Recreational & Cultural Services	\$1,125,900.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 544,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,782,400.00</u>

The 2011 General Fund Budget revenue is as follows:

Non Tax Revenue	\$ 701,597.00
Unconditional Grant	\$ 399,580.00
Warrant	\$4,681,223.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$5,782,400.00</u>

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the 2011 General Fund Budget expenditures totaling \$5,782,400.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the 2011 warrant revenue in the amount of \$4,681,223.00 and set the 2011 tax rate at \$1.2522 per \$100.00 of assessment. . Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Thorne brought forward the 2011 Utility Fund Budget. The 2011 Utility Fund Budget expenditures are as follows:

Water Supply	\$ 438,800.00
Sewerage Collection & Disposal	\$ 555,300.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 236,800.00</u>

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Total Expenditures \$1,230,900.00

The 2011 Utility Fund Budget revenue is as follows:

Sale of Services \$1,149,000.00

Revenue from Own Sources \$ 63,100.00

Other Transfers \$ 18,800.00

Total Revenue \$1,230,900.00

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the 2011 Utility Fund Budget expenditures totaling \$1,230,900.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the 2011 Utility Fund Budget revenue source items totaling \$1,230,900.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council have first reading by title of a By-Law to Amend Schedule "A" of a By-Law to Regulate Water, Sanitary and Sewer Systems, By-Law # 1203-06-04. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the first time by title.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council have second reading by title of a By-Law to Amend Schedule "A" of a By-Law to Regulate Water, Sanitary and Sewer Systems, By-Law # 1203-06-04. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the second time by title.

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Deputy Mayor Thorne addressed Council on the 2011 General Fund Budget in which he explained the residential property assessment cap that was placed on the Town by the Provincial Government. The Deputy Mayor noted that the Council in recent years has been able to drop the tax rate from 12 to 13 cents per \$100.00 of assessment. The Deputy Mayor spoke on the tax rate system regarding property tax and how it applies to Municipalities and Local Service Districts and the portion of tax that is collected that goes directly to the municipality and the portion that goes to the Province. The Deputy Mayor noted that it is time that the Province reviews the real property tax act to make it more equitable for Municipalities to raise revenues to pay for services.

Councillor Fulton noted that the Town of Sussex will be forced to either strike an agreement with outside areas for the use of recreational services or the Town will have to start a user fee system for residents who use recreational services and are not citizens of the Town.

Councillor Wright noted that the 2011 General Fund Budget included line item for \$10,000.00 to support the Doctor Recruitment effort at the Sussex Health Centre.

Councillor Fulton noted that the Council should continue to try to bring forward the idea of amalgamation and the Council agreed a letter be forwarded under the Mayor's signature to the Sussex Corner Council to explore the idea of amalgamation and the discussion of sharing the cost of services for recreational facilities and programs.

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Councillor Black would like the citizens of the Town to express to the Town how they feel about Policing Services and in particular whether the response times and services provided by the RCMP are adequate and meet the needs of the citizens of the Town.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that this would be his 30th Christmas with the Town and noted over the years it is very rewarding to see how the community supports the Christmas season in providing good will to the community and helping people in the community who are less fortunate. The Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of himself, his family and the employees of the Town wish the Mayor, Councillors and the citizens of the Town a joyful and Merry Christmas and wished all the best for the upcoming year.

His Worship Mayor Carr and members of Council wish the citizens and employees of the Town an enjoyable Holiday Season and prosperous New Year and thank the Chief Administrative Officer and Department Heads and employees of the Town for their efforts during 2010 and look forward to working with the employees for the betterment of the community in 2011.

His Worship Mayor Carr noted that the next scheduled regular meeting of Council is scheduled for January 24, 2011.

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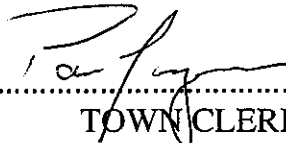
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It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wright,
that this regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex
adjourn. Motion carried.


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MAYOR CARR


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