A Special Meeting of Council was held on the above date with the following in attendance:

**Councilors Present:**
- Mayor Wayne Collins
- Councillor Sheldon Hamlyn
- Councillor Tracey Hart
- Councillor William Hart
- Deputy Mayor Paul Torraville
- Councillor Scottie Hart
- Councillor Samuel Rowe

**Staff:**
- Daphne Coles, Town Clerk (Acting)

**Also Present:**
- Mr. Derrick Bragg - MHA Fogo Island/Cape Freels
- Hon. Andrew Parsons – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

**Absent:**
- Councillor Barbara Jacobs – Vacation
- Councillor Curtis Burns – Prior Commitment

1. **Call to Order:**
   Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overall on amalgamation and some of the issues we have had with acquiring funding since then.

2. **Review 2018 MCW request.** – Council provided a brief overview of the priority list
   Plans for building has changed as a central Fire Station wasn’t recommended in Emergency Management & Training Inc report. Municipal Building may now include Town Office and Fire Department Training Center. New community hall may have to be on hold with the increased cost amounts.
   Fire and Emergency Services in St. John’s did not see the Emergency and Management Training report for review, so there won’t be any approval from that Department if they don’t see all the criteria. Minister Parsons will ensure that the Fire and Emergency Services Department get the information from the report. Minister Parsons further recommends that the Town should first decide what direction they are taking for Fire Services for Fogo Island. Then decide what they want in a new building and make sure that the application is submitted for the next round of Municipal Capital Works Funding in September.

   **Priority 2** - Barr’d Islands W/S – Phase 3 - Approximate cost of $2,556,552.53.
   This phase is for Hewitt’s Point Road, former Town of JBS by-passed this area. Project will service 25 homes with water and sewer and 11 homes with water only. Road is in poor condition as the town has been delaying major road maintenance pending Capital Works approval. Minister Parsons recommends that the Town make sure that the application is submitted for the next round of Municipal Capital Works Funding in September.

   **Priority 3** - Iceberg Arena Roof Insulation – Approximate cost of $300,000.00
   Stadium has major problem with condensation, water drops to the ice surface from the ceiling. There have been days in the Fall that operations were cancelled with the changes in outside temperature.
   MHA Bragg suggested that the Town look at installing a dehumidifier system, this is what other towns have used, insulation may not take care of the problem.

   **Priority 4** - Stag Harbour W/S – 3 Phases – Approximate cost of $9,000,000.00
   Cost is very high. Phase 1 will service 22 homes, Phase 2 will service 45 homes and Phase 3 will service 37 homes.
Minister Parsons recommended that the Town decide where this will place on the priority list for their funding and make sure that the application is submitted for the next round of Municipal Capital Works Funding in September.

Priority 5 - Splash Pad, cost to be determined.
With the new swimming pool initiative, this may not be pursued.

Priority 6 - Seldom Upgrades Water System/Pumps, cost to be determined.
This project is no longer a necessity with the new salt water pumps installed at the Shrimp Plant

In November 2017, a report was completed by EMT (Emergency Management & Training Inc.). Many recommendations were identified, however the expectations of a new Central Fire Station wasn’t one of them. Response time was the prevailing concern as there is no Volunteer Fireman living in our Central area. To have a Central Station would require the employment of six or eight firefighters. The approximate cost would be $400,000.00 annually. The recommendation to Council is to maintain the existing three larger stations (Seldom, Fogo, and JBS). Presently the engineering firm (Stantec) is doing an assessment to determine the improvements and cost associated with the necessary upgrades.

Minister recommended that the Town decide what direction they are taking for Fire Services for Fogo Island whether this be with 3 Stations – Seldom, Fogo and JBS or one central Fire Station

4. JBS land issue— Joe Batt’s Arm, Barrd Islands, and Shoal Bay Fire Station/Community Hall.
Council provided a brief overview of the land issue. In 1985 the former Town of JBS entered into a 25 year lease agreement with the Anglican Church of JBS for land that the Fire Hall/Community Hall was located. Two years prior to the end of the agreement, the Church sold the same parcel of land to Shorefast Foundation. The former Town of JBS did enter into a verbal agreement with Shorefast Foundation whereby the land could continue to be used by the Town as long as the buildings were being used for the Fire Station/Community Hall. Now we are upon the need to improve or maintain the Fire Station whereby Shorefast Foundation owns the land. Council has been advised by our Legal team to enter into an agreement with Shorefast for a long term lease supported by legal documentation. With the requirement for Government funding to improve this building, would Government support our Town financially under conditions of this nature. Minister Parsons will make further inquiries on this and get back to Council. Instances have occurred where the funding is approved under these conditions. It would be in the Town’s best interest to keep the agreement with Shorefast Foundation and have a lawyer prepare legal documentation.

5. Fogo Water Supply.
The Town of Fogo Island have been attempting to improve the quality of water in the community of Fogo. Recent expenditures in the area of approximately $200,000.00 we have incurred to extend the main water line out in the pond to an increased depth of water. This initiative we thought would improve the discoloration and eliminate the mud that continues to come through the system. In addition to the above noted expenditures we have had divers out on different occasions to observe the line for possible breaks and/or issues with the intake valve. Council has exhausted all possibilities within our financial capability. Council request that Government try to assist us with the engagement of an engineering firm to assess this emergency issue and hopefully arrive at a viable recommendation to correct the problem.

Minister Parsons will make further inquiries within his department and provide us with some engineering firms that specialize in water treatment issues.
6. Other.
   Capital Funding
   Mayor reviewed the Municipal Capital Works Projects that the Town has received since amalgamation, the Gas Tax Expenditures and all the major equipment purchases that the Town has incurred from their own finances.

Adjournment:
Meeting be adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Daphne Coles
Town Clerk (Acting)

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Wayne Collins
Mayor