

***FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS & PLANNING***  
***MARCH 3, 2009***

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm by Mayor Best.

<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Mayor	F. Best
	Deputy Mayor	L. Browne
	CAO	R. Hiscock
	Town Clerk	M. Blackmore

<u>REGRETS</u>	Chairperson	F. Russell
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<u>INVOICES</u>	Invoices in the amount of \$324,434.08 presented for payment. RECOMMENDATION: The invoices as presented be approved.
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<u>“WINTER STARTS HERE” INVOICES</u>	Invoices in the amount of \$10,318.03 presented for work done to date on the “Winter Starts Here Initiative”. RECOMMENDATION: That the invoices as presented be paid from our current account and reimbursed from the project once funding is received.
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BUSINESS ARISING

<u>TAX RATE FOR VET CLINICS</u>	CAO reported that he contacted several other Towns regarding their method of taxing Vet Clinics. Several different methods used but the one that appeared to be most reasonable was the Town of Gander. They have the area used for medical services assessed at the “Professional Rate” and the remainder of the building at a lesser tax rate. RECOMMENDATION: That the CAO meet with the owners and review the plan for the new building to determine what part of the building could be considered under the “Professional Tax Class” and what could be considered at a lesser tax rate.
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<u>CONTRACT - RON FOUGERE ASSOCIATES</u>	CAO reported that he and the Town Clerk attended a meeting in St. John’s with representatives from Municipal Affairs and Ron Fougere Associates concerning the invoice for extra design cost. Municipal Affairs is reviewing the information provided by Mr. Fougere and will notify the Town once they have completed their review. RECOMMENDATION: That Council await Government’s response before proceeding.
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