

MINUTES OF THE SECOND [2ND] STATUTORY MEETING OF THE PENAL /DEBE REGIONAL CORPORATION (2016-2019 TERM) HELD ON JANUARY 30, AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #218A S.S. ERIN ROAD, PENAL

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT:

Alderman Allen Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo [<i>Vice Chairman of Council</i>]
Councillor Roland Hall	Palmiste/Hermitage
Councillor Brian Julien	Bronte
Councillor Shanty Boodram	Penal
Councillor Sheldon Lal	La Fortune
Councillor Marsha Jaimungal-Khan	Union Hall/Esperance/Debe East
Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh	Barrackpore West
Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan	Rochard Road/Barrackpore East
Councillor Vijay Rampersad	Debe West
Alderman Brian Mohan	
Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh	
Alderman Purushottam Singh	

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Mr. Raymond Seepaul	Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Aura Martin-Sealy	Corporate Secretary
Ms. Danielle Gene-Leben	Principal Medical & Health Officer
Mr. Nazim Ameerah	Engineering and Surveying Officer
Ms. Pearl Gallai	Financial Officer
Ms. Sheriffa Heru	Ag. Administrative Officer II
Mr. Vishnu Seunarine	Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer
Mr. Sunil Ramnarine	Building Inspector
Mr. Zaffar Ali	Works Supervisor/Road Officer II
Mr. Andrew Dipchand	Accountant I
Mr. Ramdhan Goberdhan	Transport Foreman
Mr. Ballyram Lalla	Inspector (Municipal Police)
Mr. Hameed Hasmath	Disaster Management Field Officer
Ms. Tara Bridglal	Clerk IV
Ms. Neela Ragbir	Clerk II
Ms. Kumarie Ramroop	Clerk I
Mr. Rishi Soogrim	IT Technician
Ms. Vashti Ramsumair	Chairman Secretary
Mr. Dennis Gopie	Contract Worker

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA - 1

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 2

33. The meeting commenced at 9:50am with a prayer led by Councillor Chulan.

34. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:**

- a. Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy welcomed all present to the Second (2nd) Statutory Meeting and said that today is a public day where members of the public are welcomed to the meeting. He proposed to Council to take this meeting to the public venues as the purpose of this will be to enlighten the public on how we conduct the region's business. He said a time convenient to the public and management must be determined and Council will have further discussions on this.
- b. He informed that he will be leaving the meeting at 11:00am to attend a funeral and Vice Chairman, Councillor Ramnath will continue in his absence.
- c. He expressed concern over the crime situation in our society and said that every murder committed, the murderer is known to someone who is protecting him. He added that the public is scared to report murders even if they are witnesses to same. He stated that evidence must be brought forward so that the matter can be addressed. He commented that when society is reduced to this level there is need for concern. He saw the need to propose solutions, strategies such as cameras on street lamps for public protection. He asked everyone to keep an open mind on this.
- d. He spoke about flooding and said this will be dealt with in a routine manner.
- e. He expressed condolences on the murder of doubles vendor and owner Raj Wrecking Service from Carrat Hill, Barrackpore and said he was a hard worker. He said the businessmen are under Treat and they are the ones who at their own risk introduce services to the burgesses. He noted that the Penal/Debe region is the fastest growing region by way of creative enterprise as now we are manufacturing items within our districts.
- f. He informed that Nipdec has proposed a site visit on 01/02/17 as a follow up to a meeting held at the Corporation to upgrade the Quinam Beach, Digits Mud Volcano, Tulsa Trace Picnic Site etc.
- g. He reminded everyone of the National Cleanup Campaign schedule for March 04, 2017.

35. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Councillor Boodram informed of a protest last week at the St. Dominic's RC School, Olivierre Drive, Penal where Councillor Ramnath, Alderman Mohan and herself visited to lend their support. She said the parents were told before Christmas that the children will be relocated to the Penal Community Centre and to date this did not happen.
- b. Councillor Hall informed that he attended Sports on 29/01/17 at Ghandi Village and later that day an All Fours Competition.
- c. Alderman Singh informed that he also attended the All Fours Competition.
- d. Councillor Rampersad asked to be excused at 10:30am to attend another meeting.
- e. Councillor Ramnath informed of the Tour to be held with Administration, Council and Nipdec on 01/02/17. He said that due to our financial constraints, the Corporation is looking at partnering with Nipdec to develop Tulsa Trace Picnic Site, Quinam Beach, Bunsee Trace Mud Volcano, Digits Mud Volcano, a car Park in Penal and Debe etc. He added that \$500,000.00 was spent to develop Tulsa Trace Picnic Site in the past, however, we are unable to upkeep the area. He said that we need to raise funds to develop and maintain these areas.
- f. Councillor Ramnath informed of the Rotary Club in Penal who had a free Eye Clinic at the Penal Rock Community Centre on 12/01/17 and confirmed approval for refreshments for [400] persons in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars [\$2,000.00].
Unanimously Approved.
- g. Councillor Jaimungal –Khan asked Administration to provide a detailed report at the next Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting on where the material was utilized.

36. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Minutes of the First [1st] Statutory Meeting held on December 20, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings thereof.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

37. **Adoption of Minutes of the First (1st) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** that the Minutes of the First (1st) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016 be adopted.

38. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Second (2nd) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2017 be accepted.

39. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Brian Julien** and seconded by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Second (2nd) Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2017 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

40. **Adoption of Minutes of the First (1st) Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Minutes of the First (1st) Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016 be adopted.

41. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Second (2nd) Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be accepted.

42. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Roland Hall** and seconded by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-5 of the Second (2nd) Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

43. **Adoption of Minutes of the First (1st) Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal-Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Minutes of the First (1st) Personnel

Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016 be adopted.

44. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Second (2nd) Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be adopted.

45. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal-Khan** and seconded by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Second (2nd) Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING & ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

46. **Adoption of Minutes of the First (1st) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2016**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** and seconded by **Councillor Vijay Rampersad** that the Minutes of the First (1st) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Meeting held on December 20, 2016 be adopted.

47. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** and seconded by **Councillor Vijay Rampersad** that the Reports and Recommendations, Nos. 1-17 of the Second (2nd) Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017 be accepted.

48. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Second (2nd) Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** and seconded by **Councillor Vijay Rampersad** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1-17 of the Second [2nd] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017 be adopted.

[v] FESTIVALS, HERITAGE & TOURISM COMMITTEE

49. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the First (1st) Festivals, Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be accepted.

50. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Festivals, Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Shanty Boodram** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Julien** that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the First (1st) Festivals, Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be adopted.

[vi] SPORTS, YOUTH & GENDER COMMITTEE:-

51. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Brian Mohan** and seconded by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-9 of the First (1st) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017 be accepted.

52. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Sports, Youth and Gender**

Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017.

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Alderman Brian Mohan** and seconded by **Alderman Purushottam Singh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-9 of the First (1st) Sports, Youth and Gender Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2017 be adopted.

[vii] CITIZEN LIAISON, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

53. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Citizen, Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the First (1st) Citizen Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be accepted.

54. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Citizen, Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** and seconded by **Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the First (1st) Citizen Liaison, Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be accepted.

[vii] THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

55. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Environment Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** and seconded by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-2 of the First (1st) The Environment Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be accepted.

56. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Environment Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Kheymwetti Chulan** and seconded by **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-2 of the First (1st) The Environment Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2017 be adopted.

[viii] BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

57. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** and seconded by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the First (1st) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be accepted.

58. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the First (1st) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017.**

- **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, on a motion moved by **Councillor Sheldon Lal** and seconded by **Councillor Diptee Ramnath** that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the First (1st) Building and Planning Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2017 be adopted.

59. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter from Sharon Francois, Principal, Holy Faith Convent, Penal re: requesting assistance with school's Auditorium.
To be discussed in Caucus on 02/02/17.
- b. Letter dated 15/12/16 from Geoffrey Haines, Professor, Academy of Sport, UTT re: requesting assistance with overseas conference on 11/3-19/3/17.

To be discussed in Caucus on 02/02/17.

60. PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:

- a. List of Vouchers dated 30/01/17 Recurrent – items 1-25 \$551,191.41
Approved, except nos. 3,6,7,8
- b. Completion Certificates dated 30/01/17 items 1-5 Reshma Brijbassie & ors
No. 1-3 Approved
- c. Stage ‘A’ – Development of Recreation Grounds - \$1,000,000.00
Approved.
- d. Stage ‘A’ – Construction of Markets and Abattoirs - \$1,000,000.00
To be discussed on 02/02/17

61. MATTERS REFERRED: NIL

62. REPORTS AND REPLIES: NIL

63. PETITION: NIL

64. QUESTIONS: NIL

65. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: NIL

66. MOTION: NIL

In the absence of the Chairman of Council, who left the Council Hall at 10:50am to attend the funeral, Vice Chairman, Councillor Diptee Ramnath proceeded to continue chairing the meeting.

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:

67. Alderman Hyacinth Rampersadsingh:

- a. Welcomed everyone and acknowledged the former Chairman of Council, Premchand Sookoo and the Media. She was pleased with the initiative to hold Statutory Meeting in public as our mission is to go out and meet the people. She believes this initiative will be well accepted.
- b. Said that it only gets better every day because when you become positive in your own self, then it is a reflection of good. She then added that crime is not getting any better, and it is written, these are things we are going to face. She reflected on missing women and lately Nadia Simms who went for a job interview on 28/01/17 and has been missing since.
- c. Stated that Councillors job should not be to only build box drains and bridges, but they should hold small community meetings and invite the Community Police to attend. She believes that God will ‘vex’ if this does not happen. She said that people would confess to certain things to Councillors which are not aired in the news. She suggested that they [Councillors] should ask for an audience in the schools and go out and have discussions on crime and other topics.
- d. Was happy to attend a training session at Chaguanas on 28/01/17. She spoke about gossip and when it reaches the last person the message is completely different. She said that gossip should be positive and believes that Councillors can assist by giving residents a listening ear. She gave an example where at a funeral she attended on 29/01/17, she was able to inform the man that his problem can be dealt with in the Court. She said the person listened and that is what we need to do sometimes, enlighten people about their situation. She said that our leader always thought positive and her advice to everyone is to reach out to people and put God in front and walk behind as our understanding is like filthy rags.

68. Alderman Purushottam Singh:

- a. Endorsed comments made by Alderman Rampersadsingh and said that we need to educate the

children in schools. He gave an example where even he fell victim to crime as his car was stolen a few days ago. He said that Facebook gives false information with persons looking for jobs.

69. **Councillor Kumarie Kuarsingh:**

- a. In the words of the great Winston Churchill 'I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket trying to lift himself up by the handle'

70. **Councillor Sheldon Lal:**

- a. Recalled that at the last Council he requested a letter be sent to the Minister of Works & Infrastructure, Fitzgerald Hinds regarding a box drain at Stella Street, La Romaine. He said the iron is protruding and all the schools in the vicinity use the road. He asked that another letter be sent to the current Minister, Rohan Sinanan for an update on this.
- b. Spoke about garbage collection at La Fortune and said that for three [3] years, he tried to repair the road but the size of the trucks BK Holdings keeps sending, cannot access the narrow streets and so keep damaging the road. He asked for an investigation where it is alleged that the garbage trucks are picking up garbage from the Woodland area and dumping it along the connecting road from Woodland Ground to the M2 Ring Road. He informed that the concrete cylinders from the EMBD site were removed and people dumped garbage there.
- c. Commended the Chief Executive Officer and the Health Department for their work given their limited resources and said that the Corporation does its best to keep the region clean.

71. **Councillor Shanty Boodram:**

- a. Stated that garbage collection is a burning issue in each Electoral District and added that none was collected over the weekend at Clarke Road, Penal.
- b. Informed that crime is seriously affecting every one and now, even children cannot go outside without the parents having to carefully monitor them. She said that we have to place cameras for safety. She reminded everyone about Councillor Jaimungal-Khan's missing cousin Ria Sookdeo and now Nadia Simms. She enquired what the Prime Minister, Minister of National Security and the Ag. Commissioner of Police were doing, as the highest murder rate in January is now 53. She added that crime is now the headline even in Tobago.
- c. Indicated that for the past year, no officer from T&TEC attended the Regional Co-ordinating Meeting and our letters were never acknowledged. She enquired about the Port Folio of the Minister of Public Utilities.
- d. Commented that people were only bashing the former Prime Minister, Kamla Persad-Bissessar but said that she was doing great work and she will return to that position one day.
- e. Thanked the Chief Executive Officer and the Financial Officer for the Unspent Balances and said work can now start.
- f. Spoke about Carnival approaching and asked for the officers to make all arrangements for the street parade and Kiddies Carnival.
- g. Informed that the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure was patching potholes before the Local Elections and asked that they start back to do so.
- h. Thanked the UNC Party for their 1st Academy Training for Councillors, Aldermen and Executives and said it was very motivational and she looked forward to the next nine [9] sessions.

72. **Councillor Marsha Jaimungal-Khan:**

- a. Thanked Councillor Shanty Boodram for her comments about her missing cousin Ria Sookdeo and said that these cases are not being solved and the children are unable to cope.
- b. Commented 'You not safe by the doubles man, You not safe on the board walk, You not safe at Clifton Hill Beach, but blame Kamla'. She said when Kamla was there, the crime rate was under control and one never heard of all these killings. She offered her condolences to the

family of Raj Wrecking Services, who was murdered in Couva.

- c. Asked the Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Rowley to please address the country now and to let us know what measures, if any, he is looking at to address the crime situation. She said his silence through all these deaths, kidnapping and blood shed is unacceptable. She added that when the former Prime Minister, Mrs. Bissessar was in power, she would address the nation on this.
- d. Spoke about Carnival fast approaching and reminded everyone of the death of the Japanese girl last year. She said foreigners may think twice before visiting Trinidad because of the high murder rate.
- e. She complimented the Siparia Regional Corporation for their walk on 28/01/17 through Fyzabad and suggested Penal/Debe Regional Corporation does the same.
- f. Informed that Winnie Anderson of Brian's Gate reported that three [3] streetlights were not working.

73. Councillor Brian Julien:

- a. Informed that before the last Election, one Party said they had the answers and the Partnership did not. They [that Party] won the election and their answer is this, thirty [30] days and fifty three [53] murders. He said the Party does not have a clue to what's really going on. He added that for seventeen months [17] they keep blaming the UNC but the truth is we are worse off than before. He gave an example where items in the market has skyrocketed and one is paying \$25.00 for two pounds of tomatoes. Also, people are being fired daily. He suggested that the Prime Minister call a general Election now.
- b. Spoke about the missing people and said some of these girls do mislead the population. He gave an example where he heard of a thirteen year old went missing and the Member of Parliament for Oropouche East contacted him for them to visit her home to render some assistance. He said after ten minutes he got another call that the girl came home. He stated that society only wants to speak when things are good but they should say when their child is wrong. He added if the Police shoots one of them, the parents are quick to say that he was a good boy. He said the parents are not seeing that their son keeps wearing expensive clothes and sneakers and they have no job.
- c. Commented that parents are not asking their children questions and the community no longer want to get involved in the business of others even though they know what is going on. He said that society has failed and has become lawless. He said that parents need to take responsibility for their actions.
- d. Reminded everyone that in the past, girls misbehaving will get licks but now Laventille has reached home. He drew reference to girls even in Primary Schools and their behaviour. He said in the past on a Sunday morning, your mother will insist you attend Church, Temple or the Mosque but this is not happening anymore. He added that no one is safe anymore and only God can save us.
- e. Indicated that the issue is Child Marriage but 15,000 children are having babies each year. He said reality is facing us now and the Corporation need to implement some plan to visit the schools and educate everyone about crime and sex. He added that parents do not like to talk to their kids about sex, but these kids know a lot more than they. He appealed to everyone to make an effort to bring back our society to where it was before.

74. Councillor Roland Hall:

- a. Endorsed the comments made by his fellow colleagues on crime and the lack of performance from the government. He thanked God for waking him up and the Corporation who makes his life easy so that he can please his burgesses. He said when your heart is not clean, then good can never happen. He spoke about the Prime Minister who speaks with vengeance and who speaks down to people. He said we must still pray for them that their hearts will be cleansed.
- b. Requested that the Transport Foreman visit with him Pinnard Court Recreation Ground, Palmiste and after a few playgrounds.

- c. Requested Administration to look at Jewel Drive, off Bennet Road, Palmiste where a resident blocked the Kerb and Slipper drain and the water is going onto the roadway.
- d. Informed that presently he is wearing a tie from the Rotary Club which he is a part of. He added that the Club is doing a lot of good, bringing relief to the burgesses and gave an example where 1000 spectacles were recently distributed. He said the Club operates with high ethical standards and ended his comments by these watchwords ‘of the things we think, say and do, is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build better friendship, and will it be beneficial to all concerned.’

75 a. Member of the Public: Curtis Balparan

Informed that he fell on 30/12/16 in the Palmiste area and is now seeking assistance from the Corporation with loss of earnings. He said he require further medical assessment.

Inspector Lalla informed that the Municipal Police is investigating the matter and when completed a report will be forthcoming.

a. Premchand Sookoo

- a. Informed that the T Birds Sports Club won a 50 over match on 29/12/17. He asked that the balances of \$108,000.00 under the Development Projects be used to construct side screens for that recreation grounds.
- b. Referred to the Newsday on 29/12/17 which reported that schools were being shut down for no reason. He reminded everyone that the Ramai Trace Hindu School has not been functional for over two years. He said the children assemble by his home for the maxi to take them to the Hanuman Milan Temple in Rock Road. He called on the Minister of Education to come visit the school as now the road is not visible and vines are covering the building.
- c. Informed that residents are dumping garbage inside the drains because the garbage trucks are not passing.
- d. Volunteered his home as a venue to host Statutory Meetings.
- e. Indicated that the PNM government did several changes while in power – stopped the Highway, UWI in Debe, Shiva Boys College, Parvati Girls College and Ramai Trace Hindu School.
- f. Said that on the eve of the General Election, the then Prime Minister Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar turned the sod for the Corporation’s Administrative Complex and to date nothing was done.

75. The Chief Executive Officer:

- a. He wished to notify Members of Council that the Corporation has finally received approval from the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government to utilize the Unspent Balances. He said he knew that Councillors have already identified their projects but asked that they liaise with the technical officers and be vigilant in ensuring that the work is done.

76. Councillor Diptee Ramnath:

- a. Requested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education on issues raised by the former Chairman of Council, Premchand Sookoo regarding Shiva Boys and Parvati Girls College, Ramai Trace Hindu School, Penal RC School and the UWI in Debe.
- b. Informed that a meeting was held with the Sports Clubs to improve sporting activities and our relationship in the community. Also, members of Council including Councillor Boodram, the Principal of Shiva Boys, Staff from Penal Secondary and Administration met with the Sportt Company of Trinidad and Tobago regarding the David William Recreation Ground. He added that a meeting was held with Nipdec to discuss development of the tourist sites eg. Quinam Beach etc. Also, discussions were held in finding ways to generate income to upkeep these facilities.
- c. Spoke about the National Clean-up Campaign said he met with the Civilian Conservation Corp. He said we must find ways to educate the public on the dumping of garbage and white

waste. Also, the businessmen need to become more involved in this exercise.

- d. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked that everyone work together in the future.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting