



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere
Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Roy Kendell

Also Present: CAO Linda Collier
Town Clerk Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of November 13, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures AGM
2. Legendary Coasts AGM
3. Burin Peninsula Joint Council AGM

CORRESPONDENCE:

Salvation Army- Kettle Campaign
Fortune Lions Club- Santa Clause Parade
Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation- Tree of Memories

Motion 2024-11-13-01: Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of November 13, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey & Rose

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 30, 2024 as presented.



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Motion 2024-11-13-02: Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 30, 2024 as presented.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Discretionary Use- MET Tower:

No response to date.

2. Sunset Crescent/Extension:

Consensus of Council for Sunset Crescent to remain as is.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. AGM Brighter Futures:** November 15th in Marystown. No Councillors available to attend.
- 2. AGM Legendary Coasts:** November 27th at the Wilds. No Councillors available to attend.
- 3. Burin Peninsula Joint Council:** November 23rd via zoom, CAO will send a reminder to all Council to see who is available closer to the date.

COUNCILLORS FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Collaboration Committee:

Mayor Hickman, Deputy Mayor & Councillor Rose has been selected to be on the Community Collaboration Committee. Councillor Peach will take Councillor's Rose's place in his absence.

Finance Committee- Budget 2025:

Defer budget details until November 27, 2024 Council Meeting, recommended to ensure the Tax Structure reflects the new Animal Control Policy.



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FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: October 29, 2024- November 12, 2024

Motion 2024-11-13-03: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated October 29, 2024- November 12, 2024.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Syntax Strategic- Municipal Branding: For future information and follow-up.

Salvation Army- Kettle Campaign:

Motion 2024-11-13-04: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Fortune Lions Club- Santa Clause Parade: December 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Motion 2024-11-13-05: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to donate \$50 to the Fortune Lions Club Santa Clause Parade.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation- Tree of Memories: Consensus of Council to not participate at this time.



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PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Business Permit

DURNM002 9 Farm Road Fence

Motion 2024-11-13-06: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permit Application for#DURNM002 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
 Deputy Mayor Robere
 Councillors: Keeping, Peach, Piercey& Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

CAO REPORT:

- Meeting with Bridge's Employment Corporation, November 14th
- Appreciation Dinner, 50+ Club, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.
- Community Collaboration Update- It was agreed at the last Community Collaboration meeting to appoint three (3) members from each town to be on the committee and CAO's from both towns.
- Heritage Interpretive Signage, French Services Grant Program- Selections (Trail Interpretive Boards), CAO Collier will get Public Works Employees to take pictures of the panels that are already at the Horsebrook Trail.
- Municipal Plan- Defer.
- Emergency Plan- Municipal Clerk in the process of updating.
- United Communities Care Fund- the Grand Bank- Fortune Ambulance Service has a new name registered as the United Communities Care Fund, there will be an AGM in 2025 seeking interest from the general public to join the board.
- OH&S Meeting- will need to have an OH&S meeting before the next Council Meeting.
- Community Enhancement Employment Project (CEEP) to start on Monday.

Paul Peach left the Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

COUNCILLORS FORUM:

Mayor Hickman:

- Wondering when the new light will be put up at the downtown development area, CAO Collier to follow-up.
- Inquired about the water leak near the playground, CAO Collier advised she is working with Public Works regarding this issue.

Deputy Mayor Robere:

- Suggested installing a limited time parking" sign for the new downtown development parking area
- Inquired if the arena had a lost & found, CAO Collier to reach out to Arena Supervisor Tulk to have a lost & found secured area implemented.



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Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Piercey:

- Asked if anyone wanted to drive the float at the Christmas Parade.
- Meet with CAO Collier next week regarding the Christmas float.
- Advised that the Recreation Commission is hosting Breakfast with the Grinch on December 8th; therefore, will need to have janitor clean the Fire Hall early that morning as it is the morning after the Town's Christmas supper.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-11-13-07: Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:25 p.m., next meeting scheduled for November 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Rose

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK