



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere
Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Absent with Regrets: Councillor Roy Kendell
Rodney Rose
Also Present: CAO Linda Collier
Town Clerk Lacey Symes
Observer Brian Rose

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of July 30, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5. Arena Update
6. Bravery Recognition
7. Speed Bumps
8. Collaboration with Town of Grand Bank
9. Neighbourhood Watch
10. Fortune Day Update
11. MET Tower

PERMITS:

Building Permits:

HILLC007	26 Bayview Street	Shed Extension
KEEPPG002	42 Bayview Street	Fence

Motion 2024-07-30-01: Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of July 30, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions.

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



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Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 27, 2024 and the July 22, 2024 Minutes from the Privileged Council Meeting as presented.

Motion 2024-07-30-02: Councillor **PEACH** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 27, 2024 as presented.

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

Motion 2024-07-30-03: Councillor **PIERCEY** /Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

Be it resolved to adopt the Privileged Minutes of July 22, 2024 as presented.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Financial Statements:

Motion 2024-07-30-04: Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** /Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve the 2023 Financial Statements prepared by Byron D. Smith Professional Accountants.

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

2. Directors Education Program:

Training Opportunities for Councillors – information purposes.

3. Citizen Concern/Recommendation:

CAO Collier advised there was an individual who had reached out to the Town Office regarding a concern with the bank closure and recommendation. Individual had highlighted the resources available at the Public Library and suggested for Council



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to reach out to the Government to request for the Public Library to offer an education program to residents/seniors on utilizing online banking.

CAO Collier to initiate correspondence to Minister responsible for public libraries and MHA Paul Pike's office to express concerns regarding the bank closure in the area and seeking the possibility of an training opportunity for online banking for those interested.

4. Canada Public Transit Fund Circular:

CAO recommended deferring until further collaboration with the Town of Grand Bank.

5. Arena Update:

Mario Walsh Mechanical has completed the emergency services to the water damage to the arena, the cost was \$65,238.33. The emergency services included tear out, cleaning and drying.

Insurance adjuster will send quotes for the restoration repairs once received in the coming weeks.

Timeline wise, adjuster advised it is his focus to work towards getting all the repairs (or at least the majority) completed in time for the start up of next season to avoid any interruption of service groups.

6. Bravery Recognition:

CAO Collier had contacted Sadie Woods' father for consent to hold a bravery recognition event and consent for a photo opportunity, he was in agreement.

Town Clerk had prepared a consent form to Ryan Woods' signature.

CAO Collier was approached by Travis Parsons asking if the Town of Fortune would be willing to raise the Zimbabwean flag.

It was agreed to coordinate internally for this event, Mayor Hickman, Deputy Mayor Robere, Councillor Keeping and CAO Collier will meet Monday, August 5th at 3:30 p.m.

7. Speed Bumps:

Received a concern regarding speeding on Centennial Street, Confederation Street and Logwood Road. CAO Collier advised that we currently move the speeds bumps around to different areas of town. It was already in the works to move speed bumps to Confederation Street.

It was a consensus of Council to place speed bumps on Centennial Street and Logwood Road.

Collaboration- Town of Grand Bank:

To date haven't received an update from the Town of Grand Bank. CAO Collier to send correspondence to Mayor Matthews.



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9. Neighbourhood Watch:

RCMP advised that a neighbourhood watch program is typically an initiative that is done outside of the RCMP but will explore options as to what they are able to contribute.

Office staff to send out an interest post via mass email and social media.

**CAO Collier addressed Deputy Mayor and asked if she would like to be addressed as Deputy Mayor Robere as she is now married, Deputy Mayor to be referred to as Robere.*

10. Fortune Day:

There was a suggestion brought forward by Brian Smith (Recreation Commission) to move the stage that is currently in by the arena to Brookside Road for future use.

It was a consensus of Council to defer and discuss in more detail at a Community Services & Tourism Committee meeting.

Community Services & Tourism Committee meeting scheduled for September 12th.

11. Met Tower:

Previously received a development application from ICI Innovations Incorporated/Everwind Fuels to place a meteorological tower (MET) on an ATV trail via Tobacco Road. Council had went back to ICI Innovations Incorporated seeking clarification as there are no approved ATV trails off of Tobacco Road.

Mayor Hickman advised that she had received an update regarding this and was advised that apparently there is no ATV trail off of Tobacco Road; therefore, they are planning on to utilize bog mats to go in over the land to set up the MET tower.

Office Staff to send out a discretionary use ad to the public seeking any concerns.

CAO Collier suggested for Mayor Hickman to ask for this update to be sent directly from Everwind to ensure we are accurately providing details to the public. Mayor Hickman to forward to Office Staff once received.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: June 21, 2024- July 29, 2024

Motion 2024-07-30-05

Councillor **PEACH** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated June 21, 2024- July 29, 2024.

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



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Donation Request:

Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation- Gold FORE Healthcare Tournament

Consensus of Council to not participate at this time.

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

#KEEP00001 Business Tax \$5040.00

Motion 2024-07-30-06

Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Business Tax exemption request for #KEEP00001 as they are considered a fishing enterprise and there are no other fishing enterprises charged Business Tax within the Town of Fortune.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal Assessment Agency- Update: For Councillor's Information.

Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador: Proclamation/purchase flag: Consensus of Council to not participate at this time.

Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Expo (CEPCA)-National Disaster Expo: For Councillor's Information.

2024 Asset Management Conference: For Councillor's Information

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Building Permits:

WELLP001	20 Springhill Road	Dwelling Extension
SMITM001	50 Bayview Street	Privacy Fence
PIERD001	7 Centennial Street	Patio
HILLC007	26 Bayview Street	Shed Extension
KEEPP002	42 Bayview Street	Fence

Motion 2024-07-30-07

Councillor **PEACH** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permits for #WELLP001, SMITM001, PIERD001, HILLC007 & KEEPP002 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.



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

Crown Lands Referral:
William Thornhill

Motion 2024-07-30-08 Councillor **PIERCEY** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Crown Lands Referral- file #1042632 for William Thornhill.

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

CAO REPORT:

Defer until after Councillors Forum.

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hickman: Inquired about potholes, there is a big pothole down by Collins Cloverfarm. CAO Collier advised that the asphalt recycler is down at the moment, waiting on Bennett's Construction for repairs.

Deputy Mayor Robere: NIL

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councilor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey:

-Wondering if the freeze was still on crown land? CAO Collier advised it was, as far as we know and pointed out that anyone can access the Crown Land map online. CAO Collier to send link to Council.

-Wondering if the "no overnight parking signs" were ordered. CAO Collier advised the signs are ordered; however, we need to enforce and gazette a parking bylaw.

CAO REPORT:

Received several complaints regarding dilapidated trailers on Tobacco Road; however, there are no records of registered property owners on these specific properties; therefore, may be Crown Land properties.

CAO Collier to send correspondence to Crown Lands of the issue.



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CAO Collier advised that the next item is of a legal matter; therefore, will need to close the current Public Meeting to have a Privileged Meeting.

Council advised the observer that they will contact him once the Privileged Meeting is closed and the Public Meeting reopens.

Motion 2024-07-30-09 Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to close the Public Meeting to make a Privileged Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

Motion 2024-07-30-10 Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to reopen the Public Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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

-Blue Crest BBQ Sponsorship scheduled for August 16th, if anyone is able to attend to volunteer advise Office Staff.

-Summer Council/Staff Social scheduled for September 14th; will discuss further at the Community Services & Tourism Committee meeting on Monday.

-August 12th is the tentative date for Administration, Human Resources & Finance Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-07-30-11: Councillor **KEEPING**/Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:16 p.m. and the next meeting to be scheduled for August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK