



# The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council  
Of the Town of Fortune held at the  
Fortune Municipal Center  
February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

<i>Members Present:</i>	Mayor	Deanne Hickman
	Councillors	Kenneth Keeping Roy Kendell Paul Peach
<i>Absent with Regrets:</i>	Councillor	Rodney Rose
	Councillor	Jennifer Stacey
<i>Also Present:</i>	CAO	Linda Collier
	Town Clerk	Lacey Symes

## Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of February 16, 2022.

5. Doubtful Accounts 2021
6. MCW Bunkerhill Road Phase 1
7. Fortune Head Eco Friends

**Motion 2023-02-16-01: Councillor Peach/Councillor Keeping**

**Resolved that the Agenda of February 16, 2023 meeting be adopted with additions as presented.**

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

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 January 24, 2023 as presented.

**Motion 2023-02-16-02: Councillor Kendell/Councillor Peach**

**Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 24, 2023 as presented.**



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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

### **1. Letter of Resignation- Deputy Mayor:**

Resignation letter received from Deputy Mayor as accepted position with Town of Grand Bank.

As per the Municipalities Act a by election has to take place within three months of vacancy.

**Motion 2023-02-16-03: Councillor Peach/Councillor Keeping**

Resolved to outsource Returning Officer for the upcoming By Election, Nomination Day scheduled for March 22, 2023 and April 20, 2023 for the By Election.

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

### **2. Municipal Plan**

**Motion 2023-02-16-04: Councillor Keeping/Councillor Kendell**

Resolved to retain the services of Anna Myers of A.M. Group Ltd. as Municipal Planner to review the municipal plan that is scheduled to be updated in the amount of \$26,500 + HST.

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

### **3. Arena Advertising Package:**

Community Services Committee met and there was some discussion pertaining to revising the arena sponsorship package which will need to be put in place prior to budget 2024 preparations in the fall and need to further explore options and alternatives in comparison to other municipalities. Details were provided by research by Municipal Clerk Mullins and further consultation with Arena Supervisor Tulk. Community Services Committee felt it was important to relay the possibilities and ideas for all of Council to consider.



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#### 4. Business Closure Letter- Nails by Stephanie:

**Motion 2023-02-16-05: Councillor Keeping /Councillor Peach**

**Resolved to not exempt until further details are provided, CAO Collier to send correspondence seeking additional information.**

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

#### 5. Doubtful Accounts:

Defer- CAO Collier to reach out to Vic Lundgrigan (Collections) seeking his service details prior to approving any Doubtful Account write offs.

#### 6. MCW Bunkerhill Phase I:

**Motion 2023-02-16-06: Councillor Peach /Councillor Kendell**

**Resolved to engage Dynamic Engineering Ltd for the engineering/consultant services for Bunkerhill Water & Sewer Phase I, Project No. 17-GI-23-00055 at the cost of \$101,064.62.**

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

#### 7. Fortune Head Eco Friends:

CAO Collier to reach out to Fortune Head Eco Friends to request a meeting for the early March.

#### FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

**Motion 2023-02-16-07: Councillor Peach /Councillor Keeping**

**Resolved to approve the financial transactions dated January 21, 2023 to February 13, 2023.**

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.



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## EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Mayor Hickman declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Business Tax Exemption Request: ROYA.001

Motion 2023-02-16-08: Councillor Peach /Councillor Kendell

**Be it Resolved as per circumstances (no VLT's & no daily operations) that the Legion would be considered as operating as a not for profit & would be exempted for 2023 & future Business Taxes, unless operations change.**

In favour: Councillors: Keeping, Kendell & Peach

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

Mayor Hickman returned to the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Dept of Municipal & Provincial Affairs- Reminder Mandatory Training: Office Staff to register Councillor Peach.

Gov of Newfoundland & Labrador- Drinking Water Quality Improvement Initiative: For Councillor's Information

Heritage NL- Heritage Week 2023 Municipal Challenge: For Councillor's Information

Municipal Assessment Agency- Manager of Assessment Operations: For Councillor's Information

Burin Peninsula Ground Search & Rescue- Initiation for Annual Corporate Sponsorship Proposal: Donation Request

Motion 2023-02-16-09: Councillor Keeping /Councillor Kendell

**Resolved to donate \$250 to the Burin Peninsula Ground Search & Rescue on behalf of the Town of Fortune & the Fortune Volunteer Fire Department.**

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.

PERMITS: NIL.



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## CAO REPORT:

- Inquiries regarding the water quality at the chute. Public Works Employees had picked up two water testing kits at Service NL for the water chute & well, waiting for results. Water chute is currently “drink at your own risk” regardless. It was also questioned who was responsible to maintain the platform at the Water Chute; it was a consensus of Council of the Public Works Employees to maintain the platform.
- Public Works Operator Whalen is the new OHS Representative & Public Works Supervisor Caines is the Alternate. Whalen completed two days of training this week.
- Seeking the decision of Council for the Rules of Procedure regarding Council Meeting nights, consensus of Council to stay with Thursday evenings until new member joins Council, revisit after by election.
- The starter on the zamboni is broken; Lake’s Auto is currently working on it & hoping to be back up and running by Saturday.
- It was recommended at the Planning & Development Committee Meeting to pass details regarding the electric charger to not for profits & businesses in the community.
- The 2018 backhoe is experiencing some issues & currently being inspected/repared at Bennett’s Construction.
- The Shared Services Committee will require an additional Councillor as it currently only has two (Mayor Hickman & Councillor Kendell- Chair). It was agreed to wait until results of by election.  
The Water Distribution Agreement is expired this year; therefore, will need to be renewed. Linda to initiate meeting after by election.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Planning and Development:

Councillor Peach, Chair of the Planning & Development Committee provided a briefing on a recent meeting that revealed any future parking at property located at 14-18 Bayview Street will need to follow the appropriate development processes as per parking & signage as well. CAO Collier further provided details pertaining to correspondence from Service NL regarding signage.

As per approval from last year it was also recommended in moving forward with paving and curb of the throughway; therefore, plot plan may need to be revisited.

## COUNCILLORS FORUM:

### Mayor Hickman:

- Recreation Commission Mockey Game is scheduled for Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> if anyone interested in taking part.
- Need volunteers for Senior’s Supper on February 22<sup>nd</sup> if any Councillor/Staff is available.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL



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## ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

**Motion 2023-02-16-10: Councillor Peach /Councillor Kendell**

**Resolved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m.**

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

Opposed: 0  
Motion carried.



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Mayor Hickman



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Town Clerk Symes