



The Town of Fortune

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

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere
Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Roy Kendell
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose
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 October 30, 2024.

Motion 2024-10-30-01: Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **ROSE**

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

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

GENERAL –BUSINESS

2. Call for Municipal Capital Works Application 2025-2026

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-10-30-02: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KENDELL**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 16, 2024 as presented.

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



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Discretionary Use- MET Tower:

Still awaiting response from Everwind on potential new access point.

2. Community Collaboration- Terms of Reference:

Nothing new to update, meeting scheduled for November 5th.

3. Heritage Interpretive Signage- French Services Grant Program:

Follow up at next Council Meeting

4. Sunset Crescent:

Defer to give residents more time to respond to correspondence that was sent to them regarding name change possibility.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Fire Department By Law Amendments:

Motion 2024-10-30-03: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **KENDELL**

Be it resolved to approve the Fire Department Amendments to include a maximum of thirty (30) members.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

2. Call for Municipal Capital Works Applications 2025-2026:

It was the consensus of Council to defer as there are three capital works projects from 2024 that haven't commenced yet.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: October 12, 2024- October 28, 2024

Motion 2024-10-30-04: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated October 12, 2024- October 28, 2024.



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

CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Business Permit

Sweet Apple Properties Storage

Motion 2024-10-30-05: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Business Permit Application for Sweet Apple Properties based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

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

CAO REPORT:

- Advised that the water/sewer hookup on Eldon Street is coming along good, Public Works Supervisor Caines is onsite assisting to make sure the grade is right for the sewer.
- Advising any Councillors that are available to attend the meeting with Bridge's Employment on November 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- Advised Councillor Piercey that her speaker that was broken at the BBQ Social will be replaced with a comparable replacement. Councillor Piercey to send picture/details of speaker that was broken.
- Advised she will prepare budget preliminaries
- Regarding the Community Collaborative Committee with the Town of Grand Bank, CAO identified if the priorities of our council is different of that of the Town of grand Bank then we must not wait to collaborate but to engage on our own on matters related to potential medical student and issues surrounding tourism.

COUNCILLORS FORUM:

Mayor Hickman:

- Telephone interview reporter had reached out regarding the French Services Grant and had a discussion regarding the closing of Scotiabank in Grand Bank; he will be coming in the area next week & will be meeting with him.
- Send out our Community Newsletter after this Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Robere: NIL

Councillor Keeping: NIL



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Councillor Kendell:

-On behalf of the Fortune 50+ Club wanted to thank Council for lending a hand with the water flooding issue at the 50+ Club, the issue was identified and resolved.

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Rose: NIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

Motion 2024-10-30-06: Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council to open a Privileged Meeting of Council at 7:05 p.m.

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

Motion 2024-10-30-07: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adjourn the Privileged Meeting of Council and reopen the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:31 p.m.

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

A Privileged Meeting of Council was held to discuss things of legal nature.

Motion 2024-10-30-08: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adjourn the Privileged Meeting of Council and reopen the Public Meeting of Council at 7:31 p.m.

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



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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-10-30-09: Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:32p.m., next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK