



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Stacey
Councillors Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose
Absent with Regrets: Councillor Kenneth Keeping
Councillor Roy Kendell
Councillor Paul Peach
CAO Chief Administrative Officer
Also Present: Town Clerk Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of May 24, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5. Letter- Marie Grandy
6. Speed Bump Request- Harbour Drive

Building Permits:

MULLT002	79 Eldon Street	Shed
DOMIC005	4 Gaultois Place Extend	Fence
MULLR001	7 Farm Road	Shed

Motion 2024-05-22-01: Deputy Mayor **STACEY** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of May 22, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: 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 May 8, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-05-22-02: Councillor **ROSE**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**



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Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 8, 2024 as presented.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Development Drawings:

Motion 2024-05-22-03: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Downtown Development Phase I drawings as presented by Innovative NL.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

2. Municipal Plan- Public Consultation:

Public Consultation scheduled for June 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

3. Summer Student Approval:

Received approval in the amount of \$5000.00 to hire one student under the Summer Student Employment Program.

4. Bunkerhill Road Water & Sewer Phase I:

Motion 2024-05-22-04: Councillor **PIERCEY**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to send notice to Dynamic Engineering Ltd providing a fourteen day notice for the termination of the Prime Consultation Contract for Bunkerhill Road Water & Sewer Phase I, project #17-GI-23-00055.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

5. Letter of Request- Marie Grandy:

Received a letter requesting a permit for temporary access to rear of resident's property from Town property located on Brookside Road & also seeking approval to install a gateway so they are able to get vehicular access to said property. Resident



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property is located on Brunette Avenue; however, seeking access through the rear access which is Town of Fortune property on Brookside Road.

It was a consensus of Council to not allow access as per the request due to liability concerns.

6. Speed Bump Request- Harbour Drive:

Town Clerk to check the price of speed bumps and send to Councillors.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: May 7, 2024- May 21, 2024

Motion 2024-05-22-05: Councillor **ROSE**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated May 7, 2024- May 21, 2024.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Donation Request:

Katie Picco- 2024 SHAD Program:

Motion 2024-05-22-06: Councillor **ROSE**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to make a onetime donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Katie Picco for the 2024 SHAD Program.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Exemption Request

J0KWO001	Business Tax Exemption	\$280.00
BRADC001	Additional Water/Sewer Fee	\$360.00

Motion 2024-05-22-07: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Business Tax Exemption for #J0KWO001 in the amount of \$280.00 based on correspondence stating the business is no longer active.



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In favour: Mayor Hickman
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Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

The additional water/sewer exemption request for #BRADC001 was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and it was the recommendation of the Committee to stay with the initial decision (motion made April 13, 2023) to not exempt as per consumption.

It was a consensus of Council to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Greg Bolger- Director of Municipal Programs- Green Municipal Fund GHG Pathways Study Grant: Defer

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Building Permits:

TULKP001	24 Springhill Road	Patio Extension
CUZAW001	Lamaline Highway	Addition to Dwelling
MULLT002	79 Eldon Street	Shed
DOMIC005	4 Gaultois Place	Extend Fence
MULLR001	7 Farm Road	Shed

Motion 2024-05-22-08: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permits for # TULKP001, CUZAW001, MULLT002, DOMIC005 & MULLR001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Peddler's Tax Application

Motion 2024-05-22-09: Councillor **PIERCEY** /Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Peddler's Tax Application for #BREND002- Brenda Bungay Consultant Rodan & Fields based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.



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CAO REPORT: NIL

COUNCILLORS FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration, Human Resources & Finance Committee:

Mayor Hickman presented a Briefing Note from the Administration, Human Resources & Finance Committee meeting that was held on May 16, 2024. The Briefing Note entailed bank reconciliations, year to date expense/income, GIC reinvestments, proposed Donation Policy, Brookside Shed damage/cost estimate and employee vacation pay percentage.

➤ Peddler's Tax Application Fee:

Received a request for Peddler's Tax Application Fee to be waived, Finance Committee recommendation to Council is to waive the Peddler's Tax Application Fee & for anyone who has already paid the fee to be reimbursed.

Motion 2024-05-22-10:

Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to waive the Peddler's Tax Application Fee in the amount of \$60.00, anyone who has already paid to be reimbursed.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Town Clerk Symes left the Council Meeting due to a Conflict of Interest at 7:00 p.m.

➤ Recommended Wage Increase:

CAO expressed the great efforts of Town Clerk & it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the Town Clerk's wages to an additional \$1.00/ hour wage.

Motion 2024-05-22-11:

Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee and increase Town Clerk's wages an additional \$1.00/hour.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Town Clerk Symes returned to the Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.



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- Downtown Development Storyboard: Mayor Hickman made a recommendation to include the history of Nurse Hickman on the downtown development storyboard.

Mayor Hickman: NIL

Deputy Mayor Stacey:

-Fortune Day planning is underway; Fortune Day is scheduled for July 20th, 2024.

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Rose:

-Inquired about an issue that was brought forward to him regarding problems with water build up on a property located on Miller Road. Town Clerk Symes advised that Public Works Employees & CAO Collier are aware of the issue and will be tabled at a Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-05-22-12:

Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:52 p.m. and the next meeting to be scheduled for June 19th at 6:00 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Piercey & Rose

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK