



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
April 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of April 13, 2022.

- 14. Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador- Virtual Town Hall for the Tourist Accommodations Act
- 15. Fortune Recreation Commission- Letter of Request

Motion 2023-04-13-01: Councillor Stacey/Councillor Peach

Resolved that the Agenda of April 13, 2023 meeting be adopted with additions as presented.

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

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 March 2, 2023 as presented.

Motion 2023-04-13-02: Councillor Peach/Councillor Keeping

Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2023 as presented.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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Delegation: 6:00 p.m. Brian Rose

Mayor Hickman welcomed Mr. Rose to the Council Meeting.

Mr. Rose addressed concerns from the past with the Town of Fortune, referencing when Hotel Fortune was initially purchased & issues with stop work orders.

Mr. Rose highlighted Short Term Rentals & issues surrounding taxation.

Mr. Rose expressed concerns with the proposed parking Business Application for 2023 that will require submission for the inspection & consideration by the Planning & Development Committee.

Mayor Hickman thanked Mr. Rose for attending the Council Meeting & advised correspondence will be sent after a meeting with Planning & Development Committee & pointed out the importance of submitting the Development Application.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Gaultois Place Concern:

Consensus of Council for the "No Parking" signs erected on Gaultois Place to be removed as after contact with emergency services revealed there were no issues with accessing properties in that area.

2. 2023 Budget Approval:

Received notification from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs approving the 2023 Budget.

3. Burin Peninsula RCMP Annual Plan:

RCMP reaching out as they're crafting their plan for the upcoming year & asking Council to advise of the biggest concerns within the municipality also advised they would be interested in attending any Council Meetings when requested.

Reach out to RCMP to request meeting with Council.

4. Bunkerhill Road Property:

Public Works Staff were approached regarding repairs to a driveway/wooden retaining wall at a property located on Bunkerhill Road, apparently road erosion has damaged the wooden retaining wall & were seeking for the Public Works Staff to repair.

CAO Collier searched for background information regarding this & apparently back in the 90's Council did repair but it was considered the final repair.

Consensus of Council to not repair as it isn't the Town's responsibility.



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5. Letter of Support- Town of New-Wes-Valley:

Seeking the Town's support to petition MNL to advocate on their behalf to try to ensure that the volunteer fire department who are performing the nontraditional duties, such as responding to medical calls when ambulance services are temporarily unavailable and maintaining accident scenes when RCMP are unavailable get compensated for their time and efforts.

Consensus of Council to not provide a letter of support as a Volunteer Fire Department does not have the skills nor training to attend to medical calls, the Fire Department is an arm of Council and they are not trained for such calls.

6. United Towns Pirates Sponsorship:

Motion 2023-04-13-03: Councillor Peach/Councillor Stacey

Resolved to sponsor United Town's Pirates Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$100 for the U11 Provincial Hockey Tournament Booklet.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

7. Bunkerhill Road- Short Term Rental:

Received a letter from residents who had purchased property located at 8 Bunkerhill Road advising they will be using the property as a short term rental starting June 1, 2023.

Business Permit Application to be submitted- defer until application is received.

8. Proclamation- International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia:

Motion 2023-04-13-04: Councillor Stacey/Councillor Keeping

Resolved to purchase pride flag & proclaim May 17th, 2023 as International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

9. Sunset Crescent- Land:

Property owner was in at the Town Office advising that they would like to sell the piece of land; however, the land currently has Town's infrastructure placed on the property (storm system ditching), property owner offering the Town to purchase land. It was a consensus of Council to ask property owner to submit a proposal to the Town Office.



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10. Department of Justice and Public Safety- Basic Emergency Training

Received an email from Department of Justice and Public Safety Emergency Services Division seeking interest with the municipality in hosting training courses for the surrounding area. There are no costs associated with these courses, all training and materials provided are free of charge. The courses offered are Basic Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Centre Management and Incident Command System, these courses are offered to a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 24.

Request additional information of dates/evening training.

11. Proclamation- Longest Day of Smiles

Motion 2023-04-13-05: Councillor Stacey/Councillor Keeping

Resolved to proclaim June 18th, 2023 as Longest Day of Smiles.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

12. Burin Peninsula SPCA- Donation Request

Motion 2023-04-13-06: Councillor Peach /Councillor Keeping

Resolved to donate \$100 to the Burin Peninsula SPCA.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

13. New Business Applications- Michelle's Dog Wash & Vanderfleet Small Engines:

More information required- applicants to submit a Detailed Business Application & resubmit.

14. Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador- Virtual Town Hall for the Tourist Accommodations Act:

Mayor Hickman, Councillor Keeping & Councillor Peach to be registered.

15. Fortune Recreation Commission- Letter of Request:

Consensus of Council to utilize the soccer field for a weekly outdoor play day for group of parents & children.



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FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Motion 2023-04-13-07: Councillor Peach /Councillor Keeping

Resolved to approve the financial transactions dated March 1, 2023- April 12, 2023.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Additional Water/Sewer Exemption Request: #BRADC001:

Motion 2023-04-13-08: Councillor Keeping/Councillor Peach

Resolved to approve additional water/sewer exemption request for #BRADC001 for the 2023 year; however, moving forward as per consumption will not be exempted.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Poll Tax Exemption: #BRADT005/MATTM002/SKINN001:

Motion 2023-04-13-09: Councillor Keeping/Councillor Stacey

Resolved to approve the Poll Tax Exemption Requests for # BRADT005, MATTM002 & SKINN001 based on documentation provided proving income based on Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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Business Closure- Nails by Stephanie:

Business closing as of March 31, 2023.

Motion 2023-04-13-10: Councillor Peach/Councillor Keeping

Resolved to adjust April- December 2023 Business Tax for Nails by Stephanie as per closure dated March 31, 2023.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Interest Exemption Request: FARRB001:

Consensus of Council to not exempt the interest charges as per requested by #FARRB001.

CORRESPONDENCE:

JW Consulting- Operational Review: For Councillor's Information

JW Consulting- Strategic Planning: For Councillor's Information

Opportunity Placentia Bay- Wind at our Backs Conference: For Councillor's Information

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

TakeChargeNL- Town Challenge: For Councillor's Information

JW Consulting- Virtual Training- Municipal Code of Conduct: Mayor Hickman to correspond with CAO Collier.

PERMITS:

Building Permit Applications:

Senior's Club	Wheelchair Ramp	135-141 Eldon Street
VANDJ002	Front Deck	52-54 Bayview Street
EDWAS002	Porch	13 Centennial Street

Motion 2023-04-13-11: Councillor Stacey/Councillor Peach

Resolved to approve the Building Permit Applications for the Fortune Senior's Club, #VANDJ002 & #EDWAS002 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

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



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Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

CAO REPORT:

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hickman:

- Update from FHEF, Fortune Head Eco Friends is seeking the Town's support, the Geology Centre is in need of repairs, Fortune Head Eco Friends are also seeking new board members and are open to members outside of the community.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is April 18th.
- Advising all Councillors to make list of important items to meet with Ministers in St. John's.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

 Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Stacey: NIL

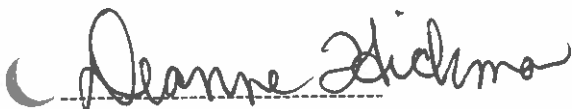
ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2023-04-13-12: Councillor Stacey/Councillor Keeping

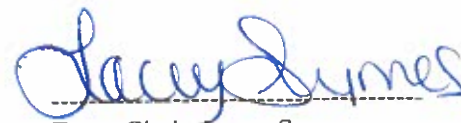
Resolved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



Mayor Hickman



Town Clerk- Lacey Symes