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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, January 8,2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of January 8, 2025.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
2. Public Works Issues
3. Newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE:
-Approval to Award Contract- Shoreline Erosion Control
-NL Health Services – Invitation to Virtual Follow-up Meeting

Motion 2025-01-08-01: Councillor **KEEPING** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of January 8, 2025 meeting be adopted as presented with above noted additions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Piercey
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 December 17, 2024 as presented.

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Motion 2025-01-08-02: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2024 as presented.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Discretionary Use- MET Tower:** Town Clerk Symes have been trying to engage with previous contact of ICI Innovations; however, no response to date.CAO Collier had attempted to phone; however, no success. CAO sent an email including three representatives from ICI Innovations, as well as a representative from Everwind Fuels.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Town of Fortune Emergency Management Plan:**

Motion 2025-01-08-03: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Town of Fortune Emergency Management Plan.

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

2. **Public Works Issues:** Public Works Supervisor Caines attended the Council Meeting to discuss a few ongoing matters.

There was a request received from a property owner on Sunset Crescent who is experiencing a buildup of water in their driveway and was asking for the Town's support to try & determine the cause as this has been an ongoing issue for six years. The property owner currently has three sub pumps.

There was another request received from resident on Sunset Crescent/Harbour Drive regarding a water build up issue as well.

Both of these properties already have French drains installed.
Council discussed these issues and pointed out that it is within the Town's best interest to re-dig both of the French drains to alleviate the issue as per a protective measure for the Town's infrastructure.

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Motion 2025-01-08-04: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to re-dig two of the french drains located on Sunset Crescent/Harbour Drive for exploratory purposes and for the protection of the Town's infrastructure, if re-digging is unsuccessful, it is agreed for Public Works Supervisor Caines to engage Innovation NL.

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

Brookside washrooms were discussed.

It was favorable to Council to provide portable soda ash water containers for water supply at the brookside washrooms and to connect to the town's sewer system for sewer.

3. **Newsletter:** Council reviewed the draft Newsletter, it will be sent out this week after Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: December 18, 2024- January 6, 2025

Motion 2025-01-08-05: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated December 18, 2024- January 6, 2025

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Municipal Assessment Agency- Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency: For Councillor's information.

-Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs: Towns and Local Service District Act- Tourist Accommodations Tax: Defer until budget preparations 2026.

-Approval to Award Contract- Shoreline Erosion Control: For information purposes.

-NL Health Services – Invitation to Virtual Follow-up Meeting: Mayor Hickman will try to attend, if not available will advise for another representative.

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PERMITS/APPLICATIONS: NIL

CAO REPORT:
- Expressed gratitude for accommodating the break throughout Christmas. On behalf of all staff, thank you for accommodating.
- Apologized for the abrupt departure at the Public Works Committee meeting yesterday as she was frustrated with the efforts to direct Public Works Staff to be more proactive.

COUNCILLORS FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hickman:
-Inquired on how to move forward with a decision regarding Victoria Hall. She will make one more attempt to contact someone in Heritage NL for guidance on where the town could get a structural assessment done on the building.

Deputy Mayor Robere:
-Suggested on getting a meeting with the Community Collaboration Committee as soon as possible regarding the meeting with Kiana.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell:
-Asked about an updated regarding the last Community Collaboration Committee meeting. Town Clerk Symes to circular briefing note to Council.

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey:
-Pointed out that there was a dip in the road on the lower end of Confederation Street, CAO Collier to advise Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:
Motion 2025-01-08-06: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:38 p.m., next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK