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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council
Of the Town of Fortune held at the
Fortune Municipal Center
March 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor

Deanne Hickman

Councillors

Kenneth Keeping

Roy Kendell Paul Peach Jennifer Stacey

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor

Rodney Rose

CAO

Linda Collier

Also Present:

Town Clerk

Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of March 2, 2022.

Motion 2022-03-02-01:

Councillor Kendell/Councillor Peach

Resolved that the Agenda of March 2, 2023 meeting be adopted with additions as presented.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

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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 February 16, 2023 as presented.

Motion 2022-02-16-02:

Councillor Peach/Councillor Keeping

Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2023 as presented.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

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Motion carried.



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Delegation: 6:00 p.m. MHA Paul Pike

Council welcomed MHA Paul Pike to the Council Meeting.

MHA Pike asked Council if there were any major concerns right now within the Town of Fortune for project wise.

Mayor Flickman advised we were already approved for Bunkerhill Phase I & had submitted an application regarding the Snook's Road Shoreline Erosion. MHA Pike had taken a look at the area of concern today & pointed out that he will look into this issue to try & get it resolved, he had also advised that there will eventually be federal funding available for breakwaters/armor stone.

Councillor Kendell pointed out that there was recently damage to the Horsebrook Walking Trail; water/ice buildup had gone over the trail causing damage to a bridge & the walkway/gravel. MHA Pike advised that the best thing the Town could do is to apply for a Special Assistance Grant (40/60) for repairs to the Horsebrook Walking Trail. MHA Pike advised that the Town could also look into Age Friendly Grants for walking trails.

MHA Pike & Councillor Kendell to take a look at the Horsebrook Walking Trail.

Mayor Hickman advised that transportation is a major issue within the Town of Fortune & neighboring communities, aware of the federal funding that was available for this type of issue; however, it was a very in depth process. MHA Pike pointed out that this was a huge issue for the whole Burin Peninsula, especially now in Marystown with the closing of Canning Bridge.

Mayor Hickman pointed out that it's hard for anyone without a vehicle, especially seniors to attend appointments, grocery shopping, etc & it also causes a social implication for seniors as well. MHA Pike to speak to Minister Abbott – Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development about this issue within the Town of Fortune.

Mayor Hickman advised that the Town of Fortune is currently in the process of submitting applications/meeting with ACOA regarding Downtown Development; MHA Pike asked to be involved with the next meeting with ACOA regarding this.

Mayor Hickman stated that geology is major within the Town of Fortune; the Town of Fortune has a "golden spike", in which there are only seven in the world; however, next to the geology site is an old garbage dump which is required to be cleaned up before moving further. MHA Pike stated that he is very interested with the geology within the Town of Fortune. MHA Pike & Councillor Kendell to take a look the same time as the Horsebrook Walking Trail.

MHA Pike advised to let FHEF know when applying for summer students to include him in the email for application.

There was a discussion held regarding the ATV Trail & chances of connecting the Fortune ATV Trail with the Grand Bank ATV Trail. MHA Pike advised to bring this idea to ACOA & pointed out that there is funding available for ATV trails, Sadie can help a member of the ATV Association with application.

MHA Pike asked if Council would be interested to go to St. John's & meet with ministers for the day, advised Mayor Hickman to come up with an agenda & list of ministers the Council would like to meet with & he will arrange for it to happen.

Touncil thanked MHA Pike for attending the Council Meeting & pointed out that he is always available when needed.



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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Code of Conduct:

Motion 2022-03-12-03:

Councillor Kendell/Councillor Peach

Resolved to adopt the Town of Fortune's Code of Conduct.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

Motion carried:

2. Bridge's Contract:

The current Bridge's contract in place is set to expire on April 1, 2023.

Review at a committee meeting when CAO Collier returns.

3. Cancer Survivor Day-July 16, 2023:

Motion 2022-03-12-04:

Councillor Keeping/Councillor Peach

Resolved to approve the use of the Fortune Arena for Cancer Survivor's Day on July 16, 2023.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

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Motion carried.

4. Collections/Delinquent Accounts:

Motion 2022-02-16-05:

Councillor Keeping /Councillor Peach

Resolved to send Delinquent Accounts to Collections (Vic Lundrigan).

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

Aotion carried.



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5. Meeting with FHEF:

Meeting with FHEF is confirmed for March 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fortune Council Chambers.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Motion 2022-03-02-06:

Councillor Keeping /Councillor Kendell

Resolved to approve the financial transactions dated February 14, 2023- February 28, 2023.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

Motion carried.

XEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Additional Water/Sewer Exemption Request:

BRADC001

Defer- check with other surrounding communities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lymphedema Association NL- World Lymphedma Day - March 6, 2023: Proclamation

Motion 2022-03-02-07:

Councillor Keeping /Councillor Peach

Resolved to proclaim March 6, 2023 World Lymphedma Day within the Town of Fortune.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

Motion carried

PERMITS: NIL

CAO REPORT/TOWN CLERK:

Received an inquiry seeking if Public Works Employees would be able to pave a small section for a business near the wheel chair ramp. It was a consensus of Council to agree not to have the Public Works Employee pave for the public as it takes away from surrounding businesses.



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COUNCILLOR'S FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hickman:

Recreation Commission's Winter Carnival was a great success.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell:

Job well done with the Winter Carnival.

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Stacey:

The winter carnival was a great success and many people showed up to all of the events.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2022-02-03-08:

Councillor Peach /Councillor Stacey

Resolved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

In favour:

Mayor Hickman

Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Stacey

Opposed:

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Motion carried

Mayor Hickman

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Town Clerk Symes