



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

<i>Members Present:</i>	Mayor	Deanne Hickman
	Deputy Mayor	Jennifer Stacey
	Councillors	Kenneth Keeping Paul Peach Rita Piercey Rodney Rose
<i>Absent with Regrets:</i>	Councillor	Roy Kendell
	CAO	Linda Collier
<i>Also Present:</i>	Town Clerk	Lacey Symes
<i>Spectators</i>		Brian Rose (via Zoom)
		George Moores
		Lawrence Stacey

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of June 27, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 10. Grand Bank Regional Theatre- Appreciation Night
- 11. Arena Insurance Claim

Donation Request:

Newfoundland Soccer Association U14 Donation Request- Bryce Barber

Motion 2024-06-27-01: Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of June 27, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions.

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

Delegate: 6:00 p.m. **Pamela Patten**

Mayor Hickman welcomed Pamela to the Council Meeting. Pamela attended Council Meeting to discuss the correspondence she had received from the Town Office on June 14, 2024 regarding the property clean up of 40 Haddock Road.



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Pamela pointed out that they receive a property clean up every year; however, it is always during fishing season when the property is most at use. Pamela had advised that what may seem like garbage to the general public is working gear.

Pamela pointed out that their property on Haddock Road is deemed commercial and always have been. Pamela stated that their fishing enterprise is employing thirty three people within the community; therefore, bringing more business to everyone else into the community as well.

Pamela commented that the Town of Fortune is and always have been a fishing community, the reason they had purchased 40 Haddock Road was to have a commercial place to store their fishing gear rather than their residential property on Logwood Road.

Pamela advised that there is no garbage on their property, all garbage is disposed of and the only thing placed on their property is working gear. There is other gear placed on Pamela's property that is owned by a fisherman from Nova Scotia; however, that is fishing gear as well and will only be placed there until fishing is complete, that specific fisherman came into the Town Office to advise CAO Collier & Public Works Supervisor.

Pamela commented that the fishing gear will have to stay where it is at as they're currently in fishing season and she can understand the Town sending letters just for a reminder, however, upset on the section of the letter that advised Council will perform a cleanup of her property if she did not clean up by June 19th. Pamela advised that if the Town does try and dispose of anything on her property it will result in a court case & the Town will not only have to replace what was removed but the cost of the work that will result from losing gear.

Pamela asked when the Town of Fortune had taken ownership of the land surrounding her property as she can recall back in 2017 that it was considered Dixon property. Mayor Hickman advised Town Staff will check out.

Mayor Hickman advised that she can understand why she was upset; however, when a complaint is received at the Town Office the Town Staff have to do their due diligence to follow up on complaints.

Pamela also asked if Public Works Supervisor can twist the "Town Signs" near her property to be pointing in the other direction- not towards her land.

Mayor Hickman thanked Pamela for attending the Council Meeting and advised that she is welcome to stay for the rest of the Council Meeting if she wish as all Council Meetings are open the public, Pamela left at 6:27 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on May 22, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-06-27-02:

Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 2024 as presented.



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

Motion 2024-06-27-03: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to adopt the Privileged Minutes of June 5, 2024 as presented.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Donation Policy

Motion 2024-06-27-04: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adopt the proposed Donation Policy.

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

2. Revised Snowclearing Policy

Motion 2024-06-27-05: Councillor **PEACH**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the revised Snowclearing Policy & to gazette the revised policy.

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

3. Revised Permit Granted

Motion 2024-06-27-06: Deputy Mayor **STACEY**/ Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the revised Permit Granted document.



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

4. 2024-2025 Site Specific Health & Safety Plan

Motion 2024-06-27-07: Councillor **PEACH**/ Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the 2024-2025 Site Specific Health & Safety Plan.

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

5. Municipal Plan

Suggested to defer until the deadline to receive feedback from the public (deadline is July 17th), in the meantime suggested to respond to CAO Collier regarding briefing note.

6. Bunkerhill Road Water & Sewer Phase I

Town Clerk Symes advised that the Prime Consultant Agreement with Dynamic Engineering has been cancelled as per the lapse in time, communication, etc; therefore, the department will have to do another limited call to hire a consultant for this project. A new limited call for this project has been created and posted.

CAO Collier had advised the department that the Town would like Edwards and Associates included in the 5 consultants invited to the limited call as they are the consultants for Bunkerhill Water and Sewer Phase II.

7. Downtown Development Phase I

Received the bids for the Downtown Development Phase I project, the bid received is over the projected amount by \$109,882.78.

There is a light in the proposal in the amount of \$56,000 that the Town could remove from the development as there is already a street light on site as well as the reduction in the number of benches and garbage bins, etc.

Motion 2024-06-27-08: Councillor **PEACH**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to re-tender the Downtown Development Phase I project with alterations to the scope of work, requesting to remove some items such as the custom light and reduce number of benches & garbage bins, etc.



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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

8. Wade Drake & Burch Nash Memorial Park- Trees/Benches:

Consensus of Council to remove the Japanese Maple Tree and Solar Light Lamp from the Wade Drake & Burch Nash Family Park sponsorship package.

9. Letter of Concern- Speed Hornhouse Road:

Received a request for speed limit signs to be placed on the Hornhouse Road.

Motion 2024-06-27-09: Councillor **ROSE**/ Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to place speed limit signs on Hornhouse Road.

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

10. Grand Bank Regional Theatre- Appreciation Night:

Tomorrow night June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hickman to attend and bring greetings.

Councillor Piercey to attend.

11. Arena Insurance Claim:

June 15th there was a water leak at the arena resulting from a ruptured water line due to the age and deterioration of the plumbing fitting.

Insurance claim was immediately made, on the same day Mario Walsh Mechanical started the emergency services with respect to water extraction, drying, cleaning and tear out of damaged materials, this process is anticipated a two week period conducting the emergency services.

Insurance adjuster advised that Mario Walsh Mechanical and Belfor will both be preparing and submitting a restoration estimate. This will be to restore the property to the pre-loss condition with like, kind and quality of the damaged material.



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The adjustor is anticipating the first of August for starting the restoration repairs with hopes of having completed by the end of August or at least by mid- September. Adjustor advised that it is his focus to work towards getting all the repairs completed in time for the start up of the season.

Unfortunately, any equipment in the United Town's storage room belonging to United Towns is not the property of the Town of Fortune; therefore, these items would not form part of the claim settlement with the Town of Fortune. It would be up to United Town's to report their loss/damage to their own insurer.

Unfortunately the arena will not be repaired in time for Fortune Day activities.

The Fortune Recreation Summer program can utilize the upstairs classroom in the Municipal Building when needed as they used to use the warming room at the arena for rainy day activities.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: May 22, 2024- June 25, 2024

Motion 2024-06-27-10

Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated May 22, 2024- June 25, 2024.

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

Donation Request:

Kind Hearts Cancer Team- Donation Request

Councillor Piercey to bring greetings

Motion 2024-06-27-11

Councillor **ROSE** /Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to donate \$100 to Kind Hearts Cancer Team.

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

NL Health Services- Blue Crest Nursing Home: Annual BBQ Sponsorship Request

Motion 2024-06-27-12

Councillor **PEACH** /Councillor **ROSE**



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Be it resolved to sponsor the Grand Bank Health Care Fundraising Committee in the amount of \$650.00 to host a summer BBQ at the Blue Crest Home.

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

Newfoundland Soccer Association U14 Donation Request- Bryce Barber

Motion 2024-06-27-13 Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to donate a onetime donation in the amount of \$100 to Bryce Barber to attend the Newfoundland Soccer Association U14 team in Ontario on July 4th, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

#BURI.001 Ice House \$1500.00

Motion 2024-06-27-14 Councillor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve the exemption request for the \$1500.00 Business Tax invoice for #BURI.001 as the ice house is no longer in operation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

AIM Network- 2024 Atlantic Asset Management Conference:For Councillor's information.

Burin Peninsula Joint Council- Funding for Supported Employment Services: For Councillor's information.

Dept of Environment- Permitting requirements associated with work near waterbodies: For Councillors information

RCSCC 290 Sir Humphrey Gilbert 41st ACR: Invitation – Event passed, Councillor Piercey attended.



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PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Stacey declared a conflict interest and left the Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Building Permits:

FORT.001	Harbour Drive	Shed
PRICM002	12 Elford Street	Ext to Shed
KEEPJ005	Lamaline Highway	Patio
FLEMT002	35 Sunset Crescent	Fence
ROBED001	8 Forest Road	Shed
PRICL003	40 Sunset Crescent	Fence
STACS004	Hornhouse Road	Shed
STOPI001	14-18 Bayview Street	Patio Ext

Motion 2024-06-27-15

Councillor **PIERCEY**/ Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permits for #FORT.001, PRICM002, KEEPJ005, FLEMT002, ROBED001, PRICEL003, STACS004 & STOPI001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

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

Deputy Mayor Stacey returned at 7:06 p.m.

Commercial Development Permit Application:

-ICI Innovations Incorporated (on behalf of Everwind Fuel Company) 2024 MET Tower Program

Council discussed the permit application & it was a consensus of Council for Town Clerk Symes to get clarification regarding the ATV Trail that is pointed out on the map as they are not aware of any approved ATV trails off of Tobacco Road.

Council agreed to make a post to residents for feedback prior to making any decision regarding this development application.

Mayor Hickman declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Peddler's Applications

-Mellow Hickman Jewelry (YOUTH)
-AK Yard Works (YOUTH)

Motion 2024-06-27-16

Councillor **PIERCEY**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve Mellow Hickman Jewelry & AK Yard Works Peddler Applications based on approval from all other regulatory departments, as these applications are from youth, the peddler fees associated will be exempted.



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

Mayor Hickman returned to the Council Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

CAO/TOWN CLERK REPORT:

➤ **Community Neighbourhood Watch:**

Had a resident advise they were interested as well as a few other neighbours in a neighbourhood watch program, they had reached out to the RCMP; however, were advised that if this is something the town would want/agree to the Town would have to make a request to the RCMP.

Office Staff to reach out to RCMP to get clarification of the process.

➤ **Community Collaborative Grant:**

No response received from the Town of Grand Bank to date (April 25, 2024)

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works/Infrastructure & Protective Services:

Councillor Peach advised there was a Public Works, Infrastructure and Protective Services Committee Meeting held on May 28th, there was an inquiry previously on why Town Staff were snow clearing a road that isn't considered town property, the reasoning was based on the fact that there is town infrastructure on that road (water line).

Mayor Hickman: NIL

Deputy Mayor Stacey:

Inquired as to Office Staff getting additional hourly wage when CAO is absence, the same as Working Foreman Pay for the Public Works Employees, Council were in agreement and advised to be tabled at the next Administration, Human Resources & Finance Committee meeting

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councilor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Rose: NIL

Councillor Rose brought forward the Haddock Road matter that was discussed by delegate Pamela Patten at the beginning of the meeting. It was suggested to reach out to the residents who had concerns. Mayor Hickman advised that there were two residents who had previous concerns regarding this matter in attendance at the Council Meeting.



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Mayor Hickman gave residents George Moores & Lawrence Stacey permission to speak.

George & Lawrence expressed their concerns regarding the back of their property on Haddock Road, they had stated that there boxes with garbage in them along with unused gear and nets, they had stated that they are afraid they will experience rat/mice problems from the condition of the property.

Lawrence had expressed a concern regarding the decrease of the value of his property if he had made the decision to sell his property and had suggested that even a fence around the property of concern would alleviate the problem.

Council advised that they can understand their concern.

It was a consensus of Council to take a look at the property in question and to then review both sides of the situation.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-06-27-17:

Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:54 p.m. and the next meeting to be scheduled for July 18th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK