



# The Town of Fortune

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## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

*Members Present:* Mayor Deanne Hickman  
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere  
Councillors: Kenneth Keeping; Rita Piercey; Rodney Rose

*Also Present:* CAO Linda Collier

*Absent with Regrets:* Councillors: Paul Peach & Roy Kendell  
Town Clerk Lacey Symes

### Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of August 27, 2024. CAO Collier referenced items for addition from the Minutes to include:

3. MET Tower
4. Neighbourhood Watch

**Motion 2024-08-27-01:** Councillor **KEEPING** / Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

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

In favour: Mayor Hickman  
Deputy Mayor Robere  
Councillors: Keeping, 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 July 30, 2024 and the July 30, 2024 Minutes from the Privileged Council Meeting as presented. Error correct #10. Area to Arena to regular meeting Minutes of Council, but Privileged Meeting Minutes were satisfactory.

**Motion 2024-08-27-02:** Councillor **KEEPING** / Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

**Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 30, 2024 with noted change and the Minutes of the Privileged Council Meeting as presented.**

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

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## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. **Recognition Event** – CAO confirmed that there are nineteen (19) confirmed to attend the event honouring Sadie Woods and welcoming Clem Gonondo. CAO also advised that preparations are underway for food, etc. Public Works will be onsite to raise the Zimbabwe flag.
2. **Town of Grand Bank Community Collaboration** – CAO suggested deferring as there was no response received, as per the follow-up correspondence to the Town of Grand Bank. Councillor Piercey advised through her conversation with Councillor Brooks with the Town of Grand Bank that \$10,000 grant for Transportation was approved, as per the application submitted noting collaboration with the Town of Fortune. The Fortune Town Council was neither initially consulted nor advised on any joint project or affiliated funding.
3. **MET Tower** – The request to establish the access point for the MET Tower through an area off Tobacco Road was initially felt to publicly advertise, as per discretionary use; however, additional information was sought by Mayor Hickman through her involvement with the Energy Board. This development is identified by the installation of “temporary” materials/equipment used and additional provided in memo. Deputy Mayor Robere would like to put out to public as per “discretionary” use. CAO will have Town Clerk do an advertisement and provide details contained in correspondence recently distributed online and in an email provided by Mayor Hickman.
3. **Neighbourhood Watch** – CAO advised Council that to date approximately seven names were received and the majority were residing in the same neighbourhood. She also suggested there would need to be more planning to transpire before an active Program could be initiated with roles and responsibilities, etc. to be identified. Mayor Hickman suggested that this would not be a vigilante group, but that community members would be looking out for each other with notification of suspected activities, etc. It was agreed that a meeting be scheduled for the group of volunteers and to publicly advertise the date and time for the meeting in efforts of acquiring more volunteers throughout various areas of the community.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Municipal Plan** – CAO indicated this item, as well as another could be noted in “Business Arising from the Minutes” as it is older/on-going business. CAO also referenced concerns raised initially of the zoning of Haddock Road, but identified the email provided by Anna Myers noting non-conforming use in residential zone and incorporating additional policies/by-laws with respect to other items such as parking, etc.

Motion 2024-08-27-03:

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

Be it resolved to advise the Municipal Planner, Anna Myers, to continue with the next phase of the Amendment process for the Town of Fortune’s Municipal Plan, and advising the Town will incorporate separate policies or by-laws within Council’s jurisdiction with respect to animal control, parking, etc.

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

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## **GENERAL BUSINESS (Cont'd):**

2. **Downtown Development- Scope Amendment** – As per the electronic approval that was initiated with respect to acquiring the light that was initially removed due to the bids received and exceeding the funding approval, and careful consideration during the tear out and new upgrades with Downtown Development Project Phase 1, it was recommended to reconsider the light installation at a cost of \$48,000. With the delay in other Town upgrades (i.e. Municipal Capital Works), it was agreed that this amount could be absorbed separately from the funding amounts approved. In addition, there was a section of pavement and an issue with a manhole that was noted during a meeting on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, with Bennett's and Jason Rideout of Innovative NL that provided a ball-park figure for the pavement and redirection of the manhole; however, CAO has indicated for Bennett's to submit this estimate/breakdown of the details so that she could seek direction from the funding partners and /or exploring additional funding streams (ex. Gas Tax).

**Motion 2024-08-27-04:**

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

Be it resolved to purchase the light for installation and change scope of tasks for Bennett's Construction, noting the invoice is to be separate from the main project invoice, and to additionally obtain another estimate from Bennett's (also separate from main project) that could be provided to funding partners (identifying the extra asphalt and direction of manhole) in efforts to acquire additional funding.

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

3. **Combine Parcel Request:** A combined parcel request was submitted for 1-5 Bunkerhill Road to be combined with 7 Bunkerhill Road. This is a standard request that will require Council's approval before submitting to Municipal Assessment Agency.

**Motion: 2024-08-27-05:**

Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to accept and approve the combined parcel request for 1-7 Bunkerhill Road.

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

4. **Grand Opening of RCMP Detachment** - Invitation – The invitation of the Grand Reopening scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. was tabled with Councillor Keeping agreeing to attend. CAO will advise the detachment to confirm attendance.

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## **FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:**

Payables: July 30, 2024- August 23, 2024

**Motion: 2024-08-27-06:**

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

**Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions from July 30-August 23, 2024.**

In favour: Mayor Hickman  
Deputy Mayor Robere  
Councillors: Keeping, Piercey & Rose

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

## **EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:**

#BURI.001 Ice House \$1500.00

CAO indicated the operators are requesting an adjustment due to the duration of operations.

**Motion 2024-08-27-07:**

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

**Be it resolved to approve the adjustment request for #BURI.001**

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

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Grand Bank Heritage Society Mariners' Memorial- Letter of Thanks - For Councillor's Information.
2. Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation- Donation of Recyclables - Information purposes, but suggested to share through our mass email and Facebook.
3. Department of Justice & Public Safety- Test your Smoke Alarm Day & Fire Prevention Week: For Councillor's Information and to provide details through Liaisons for the Fire Department's consideration and possible public distribution during Fire Prevention Week

**PERMITS/APPLICATIONS** - CAO did not have the official applications, and suggested to distribute through electronic email for approval as Councillor Peach (inspector of these requests) was not present at the meeting. Officially, these permits will be listed on next Agenda, but approvals received in advance.

## **Building Permits:**

|          |                     |                 |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| EEPG002  | 42 Bayview Street   | Fence           |
| HILLC007 | 26 Bayview Street   | Ext to Shed     |
| TAYLW002 | 7-9 Brookfield Road | Wheelchair Ramp |

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## **CAO REPORT:**

1) **Temporary Janitorial Services** – With the students completed the terms of employment and as in previous year, Fortune Head ECO Friends (Geology Centre) were seeking to avail of support by the Town of Fortune providing janitorial services until closing for the season.

**Motion 2024-08-27-08:** Councillor **PIERCEY** / Councillor **KEEPING**

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

2) **Policies** – CAO is in the process of collaborating with Town Clerk and other municipalities in researching various policies that either need to be amended or implemented such as Animal Control, Parking, Procurement and Recording Devices use at Council meetings / Town Office.

**Facilities Advisory** – There has not been much feedback to emails, etc. pertaining to the group that was initially established and to address issues with Park, etc.; however, a complete inventory has been compiled on sponsored items at the Park and subsequent replacement items at a cost to the sponsor if in place for duration of five (5) years.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration, Human Resources and Finance** – The Committee had met with recommendations; however, due to Town Clerk's absence and briefing note not including for reference, this will be deferred until the next meeting.

**Community Services and Tourism Committee** – A meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> that will include the Recreation Commission, Patrick Parsons (Electrician) as per the electrical needs, the Council representatives from the Committee, CAO and Public Works Supervisor to attend to ensure all are adequately involved with future planning.

## **COUNCILLORS FORUM:**

**Deputy Mayor Robere** - Concerns for Horsebrook Trailer Court and possible campsite opening in Grand Bank was revealed by Deputy Mayor Robere, despite no formal request for support from the Board of Bridges Employment Corporation. Council has agreed to extend a formal invitation to Chairperson, Bob Periera, and other Board members to meet in early October, noting the recent deaths in the Chairperson's family.

**Councillor Piercey** – Councillor Piercey inquired about installation of the light that was won by the Town of Fortune at the 2024 MNL Convention, and previous discussion to put at the Skateboard Park to which CAO advised she will reach out PW Supervisor for installation. Another inquire pertaining to the Asphalt recycler revealed, by CAO, that there was on ongoing maintenance issue that was currently being inspected by mechanic at Bennett's Construction and additional follow-up will be forthcoming.

**Mayor Hickman** - In referencing her recent email to Council, Mayor Hickman provided an update from her attendance at the Energy Board meeting were five (5) individuals from Everwind were present via a Zoom meeting. There is a lot more of things, research, etc. to be done, with the following points noted:

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## COUNCILLORS FORUM (cont'd):

### Mayor Hickman :

- They are still gathering information.
- Environmental impact study and wind energy data are not done yet - all is in the infancy stage. They need two years of data (i.e. MET Tower)
- No turbines will be within 1000 meters within registered cabin or home owners. Unregistered cabin owners should let Everwind know to ensure the 1000 meters is also established
- Reflection of light, sound and vibrations and the effects on humans, bats, rats need to be established noting the social and economic impacts, noting there are apparently 25-30 items to be considered
- Locations and numbers of turbines to be determined (Fortune area – Marystown/St. Lawrence – Stage 1; 350-450 turbines), with the size unknown right now
- Once information is obtained/ prior to installation, municipalities can reject locations – there is flexibility in the areas with additional public consultations. 50 or more public consultations has been or will be held
- Solar farms.....energy to run turbines (solar energy)
- Robust turbines to withstand the Newfoundland weather.
- Lifespan on turbines – 30 years and to refurbish, etc. not like turbines produced 20 years ago.
- 3 mega watts produced with one turbine.
- 129 thousand hectares needed, but Government froze an abundance of Crown Lands, yet Everwind will only be using approximately 5% of the 129 thousand hectares
- Lots of more stuff to be done
- Electro-magnet current (i.e. impact on cell phones, etc.); shadow flicker (sun) – maximum of 30 minutes per day per turbine.
- Sound – amount of sound produced by refrigerator.
- All turbines will be accessible to public but not construction phase. No fencing.
- 2026 before any major activity occurs with the economic benefit of the project being approximately - \$10 billion

Mayor Hickman also indicated that she was filmed on Sunday as per the Bell Fibre Op show produced by Berni Stapleton and Amy House featuring Fortune in their show “Hair to Etanity”. Mayor Hickman also suggested for administration to prepare an “Action List” after each Council meeting (*to be reminded of things after meetings*) to ensure Councillors are aware of items for follow-up. Mayor Hickman also provided Councillors of her recent family transition and her availability for meetings. CAO will coordinate meetings to best accommodate Mayor Hickman’s schedule.

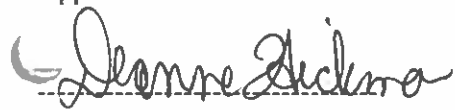
## ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-08-27-09:

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

**Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:58 p.m. and the next meeting to be scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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

  
Deanne Hickman, MAYOR

  
Linda Collier, CAO