



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Wednesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Roy Kendell
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose

Absent with Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere

Also Present: CAO Linda Collier
Town Clerk Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of December 17, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5. Shoreline Erosion Control - Approval

Motion 2024-12-17-01: Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of December 17, 2024 meeting be adopted as presented with above noted additions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach, 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 November 27, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-12-17-02: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 27, 2024 as presented.

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



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Discretionary Use- MET Tower:

Defer- no response to date.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Dollywood Foundation:

Donations exhausted for 2024; therefore, unable to donate at this time.

2. Letters Received- Everwind Fuels Project Concerns
- Open Letter Received- Martine Blue
 - Letter Received- Emeil Edwards

Defer until follow up as per notification of MiHA Paul Pike of meeting with Everwind Fuels in the new year.

3. Brighter Futures- Arena Fees Letter:

Motion 2024-12-17-03: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve a \$5.00 Parent/Tot Rate for Brighter Futures.

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

4. Downtown Development- ACOA:

Motion 2024-12-17-04: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KENDELL**

Be it resolved to approve the Downtown Development Amendment (project # 222663) to include the installation of light & storm pipe/manhole & asphalt.

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



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5. Shoreline Erosion Control- Approval:

Motion 2024-12-17-05: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to accept the recommendation put forward by Edwards & Associates Ltd to retain construction company RJG Construction Ltd to complete the Municipal Capital Works Project ##17-GI-24-0008 for Shoreline Erosion Control, as well accept that the Town of Fortune will be responsible to pay 100% of all project costs that are over the project funding limit of \$1,179,331.00.

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: November 23, 2024- December 17, 2024

Motion 2024-12-17-06: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated November 23, 2024- December 17, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

#KEARW001 Additional Water/Sewer Fee
#MULLR002 Poll Tax Exemption

Motion 2024-12-17-07: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the request for #KEARW001 seeking exemption of the additional water/sewer invoice for nine months.

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

Motion 2024-12-17-08: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve the Poll Tax Exemption for 2023 & 2024 for #MULLR002.



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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS: NIL

CAO REPORT:

- Brookside Shed washrooms were discussed & it was suggested to have further discussion with Public Works Supervisor regarding the area of Brookside Shed.
- Advised that there was an inquiry received regarding a separate Adult Skate, CAO Collier advised she will pass on to the Recreation Commission.
- Received an inquiry from CAO Fleming at the Town of Grand Bank regarding Fire Department By Laws & he had suggested the possibly of collaboration for new members.

COUNCILLORS FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hickman:

-Attended a meeting with Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Eastern Rural Zone and the Eastern Rural Senior Leadership team & Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services on December 9th regarding discussion of important matters concerning the surrounding communities and exploring opportunities for collaboration. Suggested for CAO Collier to reach out to Greg Manning. Advised the meeting was a positive meeting.

Councillor Keeping:

- Inquired if there was anything that can be done regarding the eyesore at the beginning of Tobacco Road. CAO Collier advised she will send correspondence to Crown Lands.

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey:

- Wondered if the benches at the new downtown development area were going to be removed for the Winter. CAO Collier advised they will be stored for the Winter.

Councillor Rose:

- Inquired if there were any further information regarding the liquor license for the Fire Hall that was discussed at a previous meeting. CAO Collier will explore and send more information.



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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-12-17-09: Councillor PEACH/Councillor ROSE

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:52 p.m., next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK