



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Stacey

Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Roy Kendell
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose

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 November 7, 2023 with the following noted:

PERMITS:

BUILDING PERMITS:

COUSH001	Lamaline Highway	Placement of cabin
CUZAW001	Lamaline Highway	Shed

Motion 2023-11-07-01: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of November 7, 2023 meeting be adopted with the noted additions/revisions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
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 October 11, 2023 as presented.

Motion 2023-11-07-02: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 11, 2023.



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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Development- Innovative Communities Fund /Approval to Borrow

Motion 2023-11-07-03: Councillor PEACH / Deputy Mayor STACEY

Be it resolved that the Town of Fortune would finance the 10% Recipient Contribution in the amount of \$48,759 from Scotiabank for Downtown Development Phase I.

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

2. Shoreline Erosion Acceptance/Approval to Borrow

Motion 2023-11-07-04: Councillor KENDELL / Councillor KEEPING

Be it resolved that, we the Ultimate Recipient Town of Fortune accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated October 17, 2023, project number 17-GI-24-00081, project name Shoreline Erosion Control- Location 1 with a total project value of \$1,179,331. The Fortune Town Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$106,946 in funding for this project and authorizes Mayor Hickman and CAO Collier to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Fortune.

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

Motion 2023-11-07-05: Councillor KENDELL / Councillor KEEPING

Be it resolved that the Town of Fortune would finance the 10% Recipient Contribution in the amount of \$106,946 from Scotiabank for project #17-GI-24-00081 – Shoreline Erosion Control- Location 1.

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



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3. Accessibility Plan

CAO Collier advised that the Town of Fortune has to adopt an accessibility plan that should be updated every three years.

It was recommended to form an advisory committee consisting of residents within the community that are knowledgeable with the matter.

CAO Collier to reach out to individuals noted.

4. Results of Drinking Water Sampling- Dept of Environment & Climate Change

Drinking water quality sampling was conducted within the communities of Fortune and Grand Bank on October 11, 2023 by the Department of Environment and Climate Change /Water Resources Management Division; results have revealed that there are no concerns from a drinking water and human health perspective.

The Boil Order Advisory is still in effect until two consecutive readings are completed by Service NL.

5. Bayview Street- Crown Land (Request to Purchase Land)

Advised by legal counsel that without going through estate management the Town of Fortune would not be able to purchase the crown parcels located on Bayview Street.

6. Budget 2024/Tax Structure

Overview provided by Mayor Hickman on behalf of the Finance Committee reflecting on the three approved Municipal Capital Works projects, Bunkerhill Water & Sewer Phase I, Bunkerhill Water & Sewer Phase II and Snook's Road Erosion & also the Downtown Development Phase I project as well as support to community groups.

The proposed 2024 budget is balanced as follows: Revenues \$4,948,223.81 and Expenses \$4,948,223.81.

Motion 2023-11-07-06:

Councillor PEACH / Councillor ROSE

Be it resolved to adopt the 2024 balanced budget in the amount of \$4,948,223.81 as presented by the Finance Committee.

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

Motion 2023-11-07-07:

Councillor KEEPING / Councillor KENDELL

Be it resolved to approve the 2024 Tax Structure as presented.



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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Motion 2023-11-07-08: Councillor **KENDELL** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to gazette the 2024 Tax Structure.

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

➤ 2023 Budget Reallocations Within Departments

Motion 2023-11-07-09: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve Office Staff to complete budget reallocations within departments.

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

➤ Payables: October 7, 2023- November 3, 2023

Motion 2023-11-07-10: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated October 7, 2023 to November 3, 2023.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

IG00001 Short Term Rental Fee Adjustment

Motion 2023-11-07-11: Councillor **PIERCEY** / Councillor **ROSE**



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Be it resolved to approve to adjust the Short Term Rental Fee for Big Red House as of October 18, 2023 as service is no longer offered.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Miss Newfoundland & Labrador Pageant Committee- 66th Miss Newfoundland & Labrador Pageant- Donation Request:
It was a consensus to not donate at this time.

PERMITS:

BUILDING PERMIT:
STAGE002 Parking lot

Motion 2023-11-07-12: Councillor ROSE / Councillor PEACH

Be it resolved to approve the Parking Development Application for #STAGE002 at 14-18 Bayview Street with conditions that would ensure any vehicles being parked for a fee would have to be parked outside of the 10ft reservation (i.e. from Bayview Street, Church Street, and any barriers or right-of-ways) and be positioned in the direction and in accordance with the plot plan provided, *pending approval from all other regulatory departments*. Materials/items between the two Right of Ways, including signage, are to be moved until the required Development Application is submitted to the Town of Fortune for any parcel of land at 14-18 Bayview Street. This will alleviate any parking or development in the section between the Town's right-of-ways.

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

COUSH001	Lamaline Highway	Placement of cabin
CUZAW001	Lamaline Highway	Shed Two permits:

Motion 2023-11-07-13: Councillor PIERCEY / Councillor KENDELL

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permit Applications for #COUSH001 & #CUZAW001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.



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In favour: Mayor Hickman
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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outport Boutique
Nails by Stephanie

Motion 2023-11-07-14: Councillor **KEEPING** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve the New Business Permit Application for Outport Boutique based on approval from all other regulatory departments and in accordance with the Municipal Plan and Off Street Parking Requirements for one (1) parking space per 20 meters.

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

Motion 2023-11-07-15: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve the Business Permit Application for Nails by Stephanie based on approval from all other regulatory departments and to waive the New Business Fee in the amount of \$60 as business is simply reinstated.

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

CAO REPORT:

- Letter of Support- Town of St. Lawrence: Defer
- Town of Marystown- Marystown Shipyard Family Alliance Inc Support: Information purposes only.
- Had a conference call with ACOA and the department this morning for a kickoff meeting regarding Downtown Development Phase I.

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hickman:

- Reminding everyone of the Laying of the Wreath Ceremony on November 11th.
- All Council are invited to Kingsway's Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10th at 2:00 p.m.
- Asked if the Town is able to purchase a smart plug/timer for the Christmas tree this year.
- Received a thank you card from the Lion's Club for the work completed by the Town of Fortune.



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Deputy Mayor Stacey:

- Recreation Commission will be having hosting a holiday craft fair this Sunday, November 13th at the Lion's Club.
- Community Facilities Committee Meeting was held on Thursday evening, replacements of benches/trees at the Wade Drake & Burch Nash Memorial Park, Arena Sponsorship Package, multipurpose court & softball field were discussed.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell:

- Everwind Fuels are sending members of surrounding Fire Departments to Huston, Texas for training; however, no members from the Fortune Fire Department were selected to attend. Mayor Hickman to reach out at the next meeting.

Councillor Piercey:

- Inquired what the plans were for a Christmas float, reach out to CAO Collier to discuss.

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Rose:

- Inquired whether there were any discussions between the two towns regarding the closure of Scotiabank. Mayor Hickman advised she did have a conversation with Mayor Matthews.
- It was agreed for Council to present the solar light that they had won at the MNL Conference to the Recreation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2023-11-07-16:

Councillor KENDELL / Councillor PEACH

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:16 p.m., next tentative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK