# The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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| *Members Present:* | Mayor | Rita Piercey |
| | Deputy Mayor | Kenneth Keeping |
| | Councillors | Dwayne Caines |
| | | Frazer Smith |
| *Absent with Regrets:* | Councillor | Sherry Brady |
| | | Deneka Follett |
| | | Rodney Rose |
| | CAO | Linda Collier |
| *Also Present:* | Town Clerk | Lacey Barter |

**Additions/Adoption to Agenda:**

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of January 13, 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
5. Town of Marystown- Letter

Exemptions/Adjustments:

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| #BUNGC001 | 37 Pinchmarsh Road | $50.00 Basic Water Fee |

**Motion 2026-01-13-01:** Councillor **SMITH**/Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved that the Agenda of January 13, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented with additions.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

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**Adoption of Minutes:**

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2025 as presented to which none were disclosed.

**Motion 2026-01-13-02:** Councillor **SMITH**/Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2025 be adopted as presented.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. **Emergency Plan:** Waiting on response from Lake Academy/United Church, will be ready for review for the next Council Meeting.

2. **Municipal Plan:** Defer- awaiting Government approval.

3. **Public Washrooms- Brookside Road**: Defer for Request for Proposals.

4. **Municipal Building Roof:** Defer for Request for Proposals.

5. **Victoria Hall Demolition:** Defer for Request for Proposals.

6. **Quarry/ Asphalt Storage Permit:** Received notification from the Environmental Assessment Division advising that the asphalt temporary storage application was received and has been determined that registration is not required under Section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2.

7. **Breakwater (Fortune Port Corporation request to postpone meeting)**: Defer

8. **Benson Street Land Purchase:** Defer- pending resident's follow-up.

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9. **ATV Loading Ramp Request for Signage:**

**Motion 2026-01-13-03:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved to move the ATV ramp located on the Arena parking lot further down so it does not interfere with parking at the Arena.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Light Request:** Received a request from a resident residing on Lamaline Highway requesting a street light near Hornhouse Road/Lamaline Highway. Town Clerk reached out to obtain a price quote, approximately a maximum $25/month ($300 annually) to add to area lighting.

It was a consensus of Council to not approve the request for an additional street light located on Hornhouse Road/Lamaline Highway as there are many other areas within the municipality that could possibly request more street lighting, approving one area will set a precedent, resulting in a major increase to tax payers.

2. **Multiculturalism Grant Program:** Suggested to defer to Recreation Commission.

3. **Business Approval Process:** Town Clerk reached out to Service NL for clarification regarding the New Business Process, advised that all businesses are required to undergo a review for Fire & Life Safety and Building Accessibility. When an application is sent to the Town, the town may proceed with its own discussions regarding municipal approval; however, no permits should be issued until Government Services has granted approval.

The town's responsibilities are to inform applicants that a design review submission to Government Services is mandatory and to not issue permits until Government Services approval is received.

4. **2026 Water and Wastewater Workshop:**

**Motion 2026-01-13-04:** Councillor **CAINES**/Councillor **SMITH**

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**Be it resolved to approve for Mayor Piercey & Public Works Supervisor Caines to attend the 2026 Water and Wastewater Workshop being held on March 24th – March 26th.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

6. **Town of Marystown- Letter:** Received correspondence from the Town of Marystown welcoming the opportunity to meet to discuss possible partnership models or collaborative scheduling approaches regarding ice time.

It was a consensus of Council to meet with the Town of Marystown, Town Clerk is speak with Arena Manager Hulk to see what dates he is available to meet as he will be included in the meeting as well.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:** Payables: December 16, 2025 – January 9, 2026

**Motion 2026-01-13-05:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **SMITH**

**Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated December 16, 2025 to January 9, 2026 as presented.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

**EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| #BUNGC001 | 37 Pinchmarsh Road | $50.00 Basic Water Fee |

**Motion 2026-01-13-06:** Councillor **SMITH**/ Councillor **KEEPING**

**Be it resolved to approve the $50.00 Basic Water Fee charged to #BUNGC001 as it was verified by Public Works Supervisor Caines that there is no water line running across the property located on 37 Pinchmarsh Road. It was agreed that each exemption request that comes forward regarding the $50.00 Basic Water Fee will be reviewed on a case by case basis- whether there is a water line running across the property or not.**

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NIL

**PERMITS:**

Building Permit:
#THORT001 3 Rose's Lane Relocate Shed

**Motion 2026-01-13-07:** Councillor **SMITH**/ Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved to approve the Building Application for #THORT001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

New Business Application:
The Barking Bubble Business Application 2 Hornhouse Road

**Motion 2026-01-13-08:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved to approve in principle the New Business application for The Barking Bubble, applicant to be referred to Service NL for further inspection, permit to be issued once approval is received from Government Services.**

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Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

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**CAO REPORT:** NIL

**COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

MAYOR PIERCEY:
-Wanted to bring a concern forward regarding NL Health Services. When people are admitted To the Dr. S. Beckley Health Care Centre in Grand Bank they no longer receive any meals, it is the responsibility of the patient to arrange for a meal. It was the consensus of Council to reach out to MHA Paul Pike to voice this concern as some patients may not have family to rely on to arrange for a meal while admitted in the hospital.

- **Motion 2026-01-13-08:** Councillor **SMITH**/ Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

**Be it resolved to send CAO Collier a fruit basket as she has been off sick for a week.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

- **Motion 2026-01-13-09:** Councillor **SMITH**/ Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved to install an additional bus shelter on Eldon Street (near Calvin Thornhill's).**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

- Burin Peninsula Community Coalition for Mental Health and Wellness Board seeking a member of the Town of Fortune. Deputy Mayor Keeping to get back to Office Staff.

COUNCILLOR SMITH:
-Advised that the Fortune Volunteer Fire Department held their Annual Election of Officers and everything is status quo, except, the new secretary is fire department member Danielle O'Brien.

DEPUTY MAYOR KEEPING & COUNCILLOR CAINES: NIL

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**ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:**

**Motion 2026-01-13-10:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:00 p.m. next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Rita Piercey
MAYOR

Lacey Barter
Town Clerk