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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:
Mayor Piercey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of February 17, 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
4. 2025 Annual Expenditure Report (CCBF)
5. Fortune Legion Request

Motion 2026-02-17-01: Councillor **SMITH**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of February 17, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented with additions.

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

Adoption of Minutes:
Mayor Piercey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2026 as presented to which the following was disclosed:

Page 6, date of the next meeting is correct; however, it is noted that the next meeting is on a Wednesday; however, it is Tuesday.

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Motion 2026-02-17-02: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2026 be adopted as presented with revisions as noted.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Emergency Plan:** Defer.

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

3. **2026-2027 Fire Protection Vehicle and Equipment Funding Programs**: No update from the Fire Department regarding request for submission.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Petition- Tobacco Road:** At the last Council Meeting a petition from residents on Tobacco Road was brought forward regarding a dilapidated trailer located on Tobacco Road.

CAO Collier advised that she had reached out to the coordinator and suggested to contact Crown Lands as the land in question is owned by Crown Land- not the Town of Fortune.

CAO Collier has since been advised that the petition has been withdrawn.

As per the notification provided to CAO Collier by coordinator of Tobacco Road petition Council has agreed to remain stagnant as per not jurisdiction on crown land.

2. **2026 Meeting Scheduled:**

Motion 2026-02-17-03: Councillor **SMITH**/Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to accept the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented with the April 14, 2026 removed due to CAO Collier & Town Clerk Barter attending the 2026 PMA Conference.

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

3. **Travel Allowance:**

Motion 2026-02-17-04: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to update the Travel Policy indicating an increase in meals from $60/day to $70/ day ($15.00 breakfast, $25.00 lunch & $30.00 supper) & an increase in mileage rate from $0.40/km to $0.50/km, any incidentals occurred to be later submitted for reimbursement with submission of receipt.

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

4. **2025 Annual Expenditure Report (CCBF):**

Motion 2026-02-17-05: Councillor **SMITH**/Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the 2025 Annual Expenditure Report completed by Jordan Penney, CPA Professional Corporation.

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: January 28, 2026 – February 13, 2026

Motion 2026-02-17-06: Councillor **ROSE**/ Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated January 28, 2026 to February 13, 2026 as presented.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

New Water Connection Fee
-Harbour Drive Properties

Motion 2026-02-17-07: Councillor **SMITH**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adjust the $50.00 Water Connection Fee for account #'s #STACA001, MORGD001, KINGM006, ROSEB003, WELLP001, HILLL001, ROSEH002, THORT001 & STACT004 as per confirmation by Public Works Supervisor, these properties on Harbour Drive are unable to connect to the Town's water system.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:
Beothuk Environmental & Community Planning Corporation- Municipal Plan Review Proposal: The Town of Fortune's Municipal Plan is already in the works with Anna Myers.

PERMITS: NIL

CAO REPORT:

- The next court date regarding the 14-18 Bayview Street appeal is April 14, 2026 at the Grand Bank Court, CAO Collier will attend via virtual as she will be away attending PMA, the Town's lawyer will also be attending via virtual.

- Advised she has been asked by Terry Fleming- CAO of the Town of Grand Bank, to accompany them in an information session regarding funding from ACOA.

- Asked Deputy Mayor Keeping as a liaison of the Fire Department to reach out to seek a timeline when the items will be taken out of Brookside Shed and brought to the fire training grounds.

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- Suggested to keep the engagement session with the public regarding the strategic plan on the radar, to aim to schedule a meeting for early May 2026.

- RBC Rick Hansen Accessibility Grant

Motion 2026-02-17-08: Councillor **SMITH**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to make an application for the RBC Rick Hansen Accessibility Grant in the amount of $40,000 to renovate the Public Washrooms.

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

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR PIERCEY:
-Will be attending the Wind Energy meeting on Thursday evening; therefore, unable to attend the Cancer Survivor Day initial meeting

COUNCILLOR CAINES:
-Advised that the yield sign located by Mary Browns & Snook's Road intersection is down.

COUNCILLOR ROSE:
-Will not be able to attend the initial Cancer Survivor Day meeting; however is interested in taking part in the committee.
-Brought forward to put on the radar for Budget 2027 the Tourism Accommodation Tax.

DEPUTY MAYOR KEEPING, COUNCILLOR BRADY & COUNCILLOR SMITH: NIL

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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2026-02-17-09: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:18 p.m. next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Rita Piercey
MAYOR

Lacey Barter
Town Clerk