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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Council Chambers
Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of February 5, 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
3. Travel Allowance
4. Thank you Letter- JBHS

Motion 2026-02-06-01: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **FOLLETT**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of February 5, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented with additions.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Delegation: **6:00 p.m.** **Rev'd Charlie Cox & Eileen Rose**

Elieen Rose & Rev'd Charlie Cox had requested to attend the Council Meeting to discuss the Annual Cancer Survivor's Day. The Annual Cancer Survivor's Day has been going ahead for the past sixteen years under the leadership of Elieen and her team, Kind Hearts. The time has come where Elieen & the Kind Hearts are finding it difficult to manage; therefore, Rev'd Charlie & Elieen were hoping that the Town could work together to try and keep this going to honour those who fought and are still fighting cancer.

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CAO Collier suggested forwarding to the newly established United Communities Care Fund as the organization is primarily for medical care.

After some discussion it was agreed to set a meeting date and send invitation to separate community groups to have a representative take part of a committee for the Cancer Survivor Day.

Invitations to be sent to both Councils of Fortune & Grand Bank, United Communities Care Fund, church groups in both communities, both Recreation Commissions, Lion's Club, etc.

Invitation will also be posted on the Town's mass email communication list & social media page.

Meeting date scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Rev'd Charlie & Elieen thanked Council for allowing them to attend the meeting and left at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 13, 2026 as presented to which none were disclosed.

Motion 2026-02-05-02: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **FOLLETT**

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

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
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.

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

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

6. **Quarry/ Asphalt Storage Permit:** To be discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting for a more detailed discussion.

7. **Breakwater (Fortune Port Corporation request to postpone meeting)**: Defer- awaiting date from the Port Corporation.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **2026-2027 Fire Protection Vehicle and Equipment Funding Programs:** CAO Collier advised that application has been circulated to the Fire Department; however, no response to date.

2. **Legendary Coasts- Notice of Cessation of Operations for Municipal Business Tax Purposes:** Received correspondence from the Executive Director of Legendary Coasts of Eastern Newfoundland advising that Eastern Destination Management Organization Inc is no longer operating business out of 41 Bayview Street, Fortune, NL, A0E 1P0, effective January 1, 2026.

Motion 2026-02-05-03: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **FOLLETT**

Be it resolved to adjust the $328.11 invoice for 2026 Business Tax for account #EASTE005 as per the correspondence dated January 20, 2026 advising the business is no longer operating within the Town of Fortune.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

3. Travel Allowance: Mayor Piercey recommending an increase to the Town of Fortune's travel allowance after review of other surrounding municipalities travel allowance policies. The increase was discussed and it was agreed to recommend $70/ day ($15.00 breakfast, $25.00 lunch & $30.00 supper), if travel is out of town overnight an addition $15 for incidentals.

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As there were only four members present at the meeting it was the consensus of the council members present for CAO Collier to send recommendation for approval to all Council via email and motion to be ratified at the next Council Meeting.

4. **Thank you Letter:** Received correspondence from on behalf of the John Burke High School Student Council thanking the Town of Fortune for assisting with the annual pancake breakfast.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: January 10, 2026 – January 28, 2026

Motion 2026-02-05-04: Councillor **ROSE**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated January 10, 2026 to January 28, 2026 as presented.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:
Department of Municipal & Community Affairs- Speakers Wanted for APSIM Conference 2026: For Councillor's Information
Department of Municipal & Community Affairs- Follow up on Tourism Accommodation Tax: Not applicable, Town of Fortune currently does not collect Tourism Accommodation Tax.
NL Health Services- Community Advisory Committee Membership – CAC: For Councillor's Information.

PERMITS:
Building Permit:
#LILYL001 2 Eldon Street Shed

Motion 2026-02-05-05: Councillor **ROSE**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Application for #LILYL002 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

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CAO REPORT:

- Fisherman's broadcast producer Todd O'Brien will be coming to Fortune tomorrow, Friday February 6th to visit Fortune Head, after the site visit Mr. O'Brien will visit the Town Office to meet with anyone who would like to gain and provide some insight pertaining to the "old dump site" within the Fortune Head Ecological Reserve. .

- Rules of Procedure

Motion 2026-02-05-06: Councillor **FOLLETT**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to amend the Rules of Procedure to reflect bi weekly Council Meetings, first meeting of the month to be held on a Tuesday & second meeting of the month to be held on Wednesdays.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR PIERCEY:
-The Winter Carnival will be taking place next week, encouraging all Councillors to support as much as possible.
-Inquired about clothing orders, Town Clerk to obtain quotes.
-Brought forward a petition that was delivered to her from residents on Tobacco Road regarding the dilapidated trailers at the beginning of Tobacco Road.

COUNCILLOR BRADY:
-As per the last Recreation Commission meeting, Deneka Follett is still the chairperson, Amanda Mcinnis is the vice chairperson & Loralei Fitzpatrick is the secretary.

COUNCILLOR FOLLETT & COUNCILLOR ROSE: NIL

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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2026-02-05-07: Councillor **ROSE**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:39 p.m. next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Brady, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Rita Piercey
MAYOR

Lacey Barter
Town Clerk