The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:		
	Deputy Mayor	Jennifer Stacey
	Councillor	Kenneth Keeping (via telephone)
	Councillor	Roy Kendell
	Councillor	Paul Peach
	Councillor	Rita Piercey
	Councillor	Rodney Rose
Absent with Regrets:	Mayor	Deanne Hickman
Also Present:	CAO	Linda Collier
	Town Clerk	Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Deputy Mayor Stacey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of February 13, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
9. Fire Department
10. Road Construction Projects 2024-2025 Season

Motion 2024-02-13-01: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **KENDELL**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of February 13, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions/revisions.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Deputy Mayor Stacey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on January 31, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-02-13-02: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 31, 2024.

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bunkerhill Road- Retaining Wall:

Defer for additional consideration until the start of the Municipal Capital Works Projects for Bunkerhill Road Water & Sewer Phase I & II.

2. Accessibility Grant Application:

The advisory Committee met pertaining to the Accessibility Plan and have highlighted a few needs within the Community ranging from pavement ($43,700 quote provided) or artificial turf for a walking loop, a wheelchair swing which was not attainable as per CSA regulations; however, in consultation with the Town of Grand Bank the accessible generation swing would cost $8,995 (includes the frame as per regulations for this type of swing to be on a separate frame/bay, as per safety requirements) . Ideally, however, the Committee would like to have our public library accessible (with installation of lift), but the quotes and details were not readily available as per the February 20th deadline to submit applications. It was agreed for CAO to use discretion as per the most benefit and timely quotes within the guidelines.

Motion 2024-02-13-03: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved that the CAO submit an application to reflect either the accessible/generation swing in the amount of $8,995 or lift for accessing public library if not in excess of $20,000.

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

3. Communities in Bloom:

Defer until Mayor Hickman is present.

4. Scotiabank Update:

Nothing new to update.

5. MNL Symposium:

Motion 2024-02-13-04: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to register Councillor Kendell for the MNL Symposium taking place on May 2nd- 4th at Gander Quality Hotel.

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

6. Blizzard Hockey Donation Request- Joey Bungay:

Defer – may be more children attending, Councillor Peach to reach out to United Town's executive.

7. Blizzard Hockey Donation Request- Peyton Hillier:

Defer – may be more children attending, Councillor Peach to reach out to United Town's executive.

8. Hydrocarbon Sampling Results:

For Councillor's review.

Satisfactorily results. Results were also forwarded to CAO of Town of Grand Bank.

9. Fire Dept:

The Fortune Fire Department received details pertaining to training activity between St. Pierre Fire Departments/Fortune Fire Department. St. Pierre Fire Department would like to offer Emergency Response training to the Fortune Fire Department in regards to the ferry.

It was agreed to also reach out to the Grand Bank Fire Department.

CAO Collier to request meeting with Fortune Fire Department executives on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

10. Road Construction Projects 2024-2025 Season:

Send out via mass email & social media as residents are encouraged to provide highway information such as region, route name or number, the nearest municipality or landmark, and the type of highway issue being experienced. The deadline for submissions is end of day February 26, 2024.

Council suggested to request cross walks by Mary Brown's to the Wade Drake & Burch Nash Memorial Park, as well from C&S Convenience to the playground, from the monument on Eldon Street to cross on Temple Street and from Collin's Pizza Twice to cross on Eldon Street

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: February 1, 2024- February 12 2024

Motion 2024-02-13-05: Councillor **KENDELL** / Councillor **PEACH**

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Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated February 1, 2024 to February 12, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

PATTK001 Productive Farmland for Real Property Tax Exemption

Motion 2024-02-13-06: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Productive Farmland for Real Property Tax Exemption for #PATTK001.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal Assessment Agency- Contractual Agreements:

Motion 2024-02-13-07: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Municipal Assessment Agency's Contractual Agreement with the Town of Fortune.

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

National Heritage Week 2024 Municipal Challenge- Awareness Week – Feb.1-7: Proclamation: Date has passed.

Town of Harbour Grace- Resolution Support: Letter of Support Request

Motion 2024-02-13-08: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to send a letter of support to MHA Paul Pike asking that the Town of Harbour Grace's Resolution regarding dilapidated buildings be tabled in the House of Assembly.

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Trades NL-Equnior's Bay du Nord Project:

Motion 2024-02-13-09: Councillor **KENDELL** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to send correspondence to urge government to utilize Marystown and the Cow Head Facility for the Bay du Nord Project.

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

PERMITS:

New Business Application:
- Joanne's Cricut Creations Peddler's Tax

Motion 2024-02-13-10: Councillor **KENDELL** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve the Business Application for Joanne's Cricut Creation.

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

CAO REPORT:

- Arena Manager Paul Tulk had participated in a Recreation NL meeting and there was a lot of discussion regarding dressing rooms becoming unisex dressing rooms at arenas/stadiums. There was also a discussion regarding helmet use at the arena, right now it is mandatory for users ages 18 & under to wear a helmet; however, there is a consideration that all user must wear a helmet.
- Sent correspondence to the Town of Grand Bank regarding seeking collaborative ideas.
- There is funding available pertaining to the 75th Anniversary of Confederation.

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Stacey:
-Unable to attend the MNL Regional Meeting being held in Clarenville on March 1st & 2nd, CAO Collier to register Councillor Piercey.
- Recreation Commission's Winter Carnival starts Monday, February 19th.

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Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Rose: NIL

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-02-13-11: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

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

Jennifer Stacey
DEPUTYMAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK