



# The Town of Fortune

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## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Council Chambers Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Mayor  
Deputy Mayor

Rita Piercey  
Kenneth Keeping

Councillors

Sherry Brady  
Dwayne Caines

*Absent with Regrets:* Councillors:  
Town Clerk

Deneka Follett, Rodney Rose & Frazer Smith  
Lacey Barter

*Also Present:* CAO

Linda Collier

### Appointment of Acting Town Clerk for Minute Taking:

Due to the absence of Town Clerk Lacey Barter, Mayor Piercey indicate a motion to appoint CAO as "Acting" Town Clerk was required.

**Motion 2026-05-12-01:**

Councillor **BRADY** / Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

**Be it resolved that CAO Collier be appointed "Acting" Town Clerk for May 12, 2026 meeting.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey  
Deputy Mayor Keeping  
Councillors: Brady & Caines

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

### Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of April 28, 2026.

**Motion 2026-05-12-02:**

Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved that the Agenda of May 12, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented.**

In favour: Mayor Piercey  
Deputy Mayor Keeping  
Councillors: Brady & Caines

Opposed: 0 Motion carried



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**Adoption of Minutes:** April 28, 2026

**Motion 2026-05-12-03:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved that the Minutes of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.**

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

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. **Emergency Plan** – Returned back for Government's final approval
2. **Municipal Plan** – Inquiry initiated and MHA copied in efforts to expedite the approval process.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Arena Update** - CAO advised that Arena Supervisor provided details on work to be completed and has advised that his last season will be 2026-2027. The process of recruitment and possible job-shadowing is anticipated to begin in the Fall by the standing Committee of Council.
2. **Grand Bank/Fortune Soccer Association** - The request received presented no issues by Council, but to ensure the current ball hockey schedule will not be affected. The same arrangement as in previous years with the coordination of access/ keys, etc. and general upkeep to be arranged with Arena Supervisor. Earliest date for soccer field will be identified in the next week as CAO consults with Groundskeeper.
3. **Residential Property Concern on Dixon Street** – CAO advised of correspondence received from Newfoundland Power indicating they had no issue with the current electrical meter, etc. and condition of the property accessing electricity; however, upon CAO contacting an Inspector with the Government, she was advised in an email of May 6<sup>th</sup> from David Mayne that the property would indeed be inspected.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:** Payables: April 25, 2026 – May 8, 2026

**Motion 2026-05-12-04:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **BRADY**

**Be it resolved that the financial transactions be approved as presented.**

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**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS (cont'd):** Payables: April 25, 2026 – May 8, 2026  
**Motion 2026-05-12-05:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **BRADY**

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

1. **Burin Peninsula SPCA Donation Request** - CAO indicated the donation has been consistent since 2020 to this organization.

**Motion 2026-05-12-04:** Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that as per the donation policy and funds remaining, a donation will be given in the amount of \$100.

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

**EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:** NIL

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Municipal Assessment Agency 's Collaborative Initiative Fund** – CAO to consult with Town Clerk Barter on any issues or concerns with respect to acquiring the aerial footage and to forward to standing Committee for consideration.
- **Municipal Assessment Agency Update** – For information purposes
- **Municipal Assessment Agency- Clar Simmons Scholarship** – Information for Council and Staff
- **Falun Dafa Association Canada Request for Greetings** – Information only; no action taken.
- **Phish & Brews 2026- May 21, 2025 at Sandman Hotel, St. John's, NL** –No interest in attending.

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## PERMITS:

### 1. Taylor's Fish Truck - Peddler

Motion 2026-05-12-05:

Councillor CAINES / Deputy Mayor KEEPING

Be it resolved that as per the application submitted to register as a Peddler, this to be approved; however, a suggestion to operator to consider altering locations to include Fortune Arena parking lot will be initiated by CAO.

In favour: Mayor Piercey  
Deputy Mayor Keeping  
Councillors: Brady & Caines

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

## CAO REPORT:

1. Regional Water Committee Meeting -- Trying to try schedule for next week 19th.
2. Youth Venture Correspondence -- tax exemption request is already in place/ in policy for Fortune.
3. Collaboration with SPM taekwondo group -- Councillors agreed that this would be something for the Fortune Recreation Commission and Councillor Brady would attempt coordination with the them.
4. Breakwater analysis by Dillon Consulting -- as per the initiation by Fisheries and Oceans Canada related to the Fortune breakwater, the report was received late today and will be circulated for Council's information.
5. Accessible Washrooms at Arena and Fortune Brookside - no funding application submitted as initially planned due to the inability to receive quote from Edwards and Associates not received in time.
6. CIP Funding Applications -- Council was advised two submissions are now submitted and awaiting approval.

## COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Brady -- Seeking clarification pertaining to Peddler's Tax for car detailers. CAO to consult with Town Clerk and to initiate application to those who we know are currently offering the service yet not paying any taxes of fee and to follow-up with standing Committee for Finance.

Councillor Caines -- Inquired if the quote was received for *cold patch* as discussed several months ago. CAO advised an official quote was never received; however, Mayor Piercey advised cost is believed to be approximately \$15 bag, as per her personal research.

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## COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd):

**Mayor Piercey** – Expressed the lack of participation for training as related to *water basics* offered in Marystown. Training to benefit the operations and approach by all public works staff should be considered mandatory upon Council's request and to be initiated as per the upcoming negotiations for Collective Agreement. Following up with standing Committee will be initiated.

Mayor Piercey also advise that a meeting in relation to human resource issue(s) will be scheduled for sometime next week, either Wednesday or Thursday.

## ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

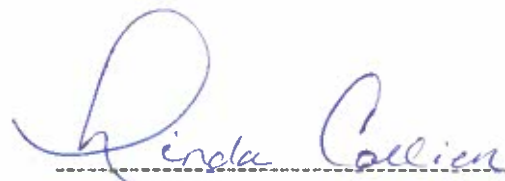
**Motion 2026-05-12-06:**

Councillor CAINES / Deputy Mayor KEEPING

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

  
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Rita Piercey- MAYOR

  
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Linda Collier, CAO / Acting Town Clerk