



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Council Chambers Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Kenneth Keeping
Councillors: Sherry Brady
Dwayne Caines
Frazer Smith

Absent with Regrets: Mayor Rita Piercey
Councillor Deneka Follett
Rodney Rose
Town Clerk Lacey Barter

Also Present: CAO Linda Collier

Appointment of Interim Clerk for Minute purposes:

Motion 2026-08-04-01: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that CAO Collier be appointed as the Clerk to perform task of taking Minutes for the meeting (i.e. August 4th).

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Deputy Mayor Keeping asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of August 4, 2026. The following was noted:

Correspondence – Mayor Brenton, Ground Search & Rescue

Motion 2026-08-04-02: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of August 4th meeting be adopted as presented with addition.

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

Delegation: Ambrose Price 6:00 p.m.



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Ambrose Price met with Councillors to express some creative ideas in relation to opportunities for the municipality that will need additional follow-up with respective Standing Committees of Council.

Adoption of Minutes: July 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion 2026-08-04-03: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved that the Minutes of July 8th meeting be adopted as presented.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Municipal Plan - Defer
2. Victoria Hall – Defer
3. Capital Investment Plan Approval- Road Rehabilitation Phase 2 – For information purposes.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Sea Transit Direct Ltd - Proposition received by Sea Transit Direct. CAO to correspond with company pertaining to their request and associated regulations.

2. 2025 Doubtful Accounts as per Auditor

Motion 2026-08-04-04: Counillor **SMITH** /Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved that as per submission of doubtful accounts the list be adjusted accordingly with the combined total of \$10,075.59. #COOMP001; #FRESH001; LAKEJ011 & #PITTA002.

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

3. WSER Compliance – Wastewater requirements and possible collaboration to be explored.
4. Signage Requests – Resident's requested were discussed, no additional purchases required as previous thefts and relocation of another.



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5. Copier Replacement Options – Town Barter has explored comparison with recommendation to accept offer from Modern Business Equipment.

Motion 2026-08-04-05:

Counillor **SMITH** /Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that we accept the terms from Modern Business Equipment (technician in the area) to replace the current leased Xerox copier that will be bought out.

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

6. Water Conservation By-Law – Upon review of the “draft” provided by the Town of Grand Bank, Town Clerk Barter has indicated changes. In addition, CAO also agreement with the recommendation from Town Clerk Barter for each town to adopt by-law separately once the suggestions have been revised.
7. 2026-2027 Site Specific Health & Safety Plan – Municipal Clerk has advised that the draft was forwarded to Government official and the current information reflects the changes as per the previous meeting.

Motion 2026-08-04-06:

Counillor **SMITH** /Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved doubtful accounts be removed/exempted.

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

8. Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation Donation Request- Golf FORE Healthcare: Men’s Health: No interest in participation.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: July 3, 2026 – July 31, 2026

Motion 2026-08-04-07:

Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved that the financial transactions of July 3, 2026- July 31, 2026 be approved as presented.

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



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EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Department of Transportation and Infrastructure- Removal of Project Signs
- Intel Alert- Emergency Notice System
- Municipal Assessment Agency- 2026 Clar Simmons Scholarship Application Deadline
- Municipal Assessment Agency- Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency
- Southcott Leadership Inc- Understanding Conflict and Strategies for Resolution
- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency- Build Communities Strong Fund
- Gov NL, Office of Women and Gender Equality- Violence Awareness Posters
- Climate Ready NL- Program Overview – no interest at this time.
- Mayor Brenton – BP Ground Search & Rescue:

Motion 2026-08-04-08: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved to donate \$500 to the Burin Peninsula Ground Search & Rescue organization.

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

PERMITS:

#SMITF001	174-180 Bayview Street	Addition to Garage	DEFER
#KNICB002	40 Eldon Street	Dog Fence	

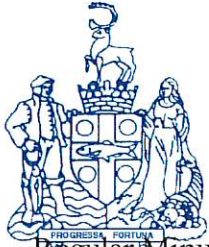
Motion 2026-08-04-09: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved that permit be granted to erect a dog fence 40 Eldon Street

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

CAO REPORT:

Participation in NL Workforce Innovation - Raised the online discussions pertaining to welcoming new Canadians. It was agreed to keep on the Agenda for future consideration of hosting an event, noting the recent new employees at the Ocean Choice fish plant.



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Cutting Edge Figure Skating – Email received from organization regarding change in executive. Details will be provided to the Arena Supervisor

Breakwater Design- CAO provided the drawing as per receipt from Small Crafts and Harbours and provided by Kerry Keeping. Councillors reviewed the submission with no issues pertaining to the design.

GIS Mapping- CAO provided recommendation from Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands as per a name change. Councillors reviewed the map provided by the Department with no issues raised.

Water Conservation Order- CAO was seeking Council's approval as per the raise in water levels as provided by Public Works Supervisor. It was suggested that the Conservation Order to Fortune residents be raised for a week or two prior to consideration of having the Town of Grand Bank reconnected.

Motion 2026-08-04-10:

Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved that the Conservation order to Fortune residents be lifted effective August 5, 2026.

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

Human Resources (Fortune Arena)- CAO indicated need to address the human resources issues at Fortune Arena and will follow-up with Committee.

Bank Transfer- CAO was seeking approval to transfer funds, as per interest earning opportunity.

Motion 2026-08-04-11:

Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved to transfer \$200,000 from General to the Reserve Account.

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

Municipal Building Roof – There has been no RFP's received and as a result of water damage, CAO has opened an insurance claim, but no decision has been made to date. Concerns were raised pertaining to the communication tower for the Fire Department. Deputy Mayor Keeping consulted with Fire Chief of Marystown, Justin Bolt as per their set-up for consideration.



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COUNCILLORS FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CAINES – Inquired the financial implications pertaining to the disconnection of water to the Town of Grand Bank. CAO indicated that they do not pay and Town Clerk adjusts the account accordingly.

SMITH – NIL

BRADY – Inquiry pertaining to hockey season (loss due to weather) practice. Paul Tulk to be addressed on make-up of practices. The canteen services was also noted; however, CAO had not received any notification that the Association would be discontinuing.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting: The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m. to address legal concerns in a Special Meeting of Council.

Motion 2026-08-04-12: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting to address legal matter.

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

Motion 2026-08-04-13: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to re-open regular meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m.

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

Legal Matter:

Motion 2026-08-04-14: Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to accept legal Counsel's recommendation, as discussed via Zoom meeting held on July 15, 2026.

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Councillors: Brady, Caines & Smith
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.



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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2026-08-04-15:

Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council for August 4, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

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

DEPUTY MAYOR
Kenneth Keeping

Interim Town Clerk/CAO
Linda Collier