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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Mayor	Deanne Hickman
	Deputy Mayor	Jennifer Robere
	Councillors	Kenneth Keeping
		Roy Kendell
		Paul Peach
		Rita Piercey
		Rodney Rose
Also Present:	CAO	Linda Collier
	Town Clerk	Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of October 2, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
3. Painting Donation
4. Deep Fryer- United Towns Minor Hockey Association
5. Make a Wish- 39th Jigs & Reels for Wishes- Donation Request
6. Community Waste Diversion Fund

CORRESPONDENCE:
Canada Post- Systems Upgrade

PERMITS:

Development Permit
RJG Construction- DFO

Motion 2024-10-02-01: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of October 2, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions.

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

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Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 18, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-10-02-02: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 18, 2024 as presented.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

. Town of Grand Bank- Community Collaboration:

Committee met on October 1st, CAO Collier had provided briefing note & it was noted in the briefing note that both Towns were to follow-up with their respective Councils in efforts of moving forward with priorities. Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2024.

Council had discussed the Community Collaboration Committee members, all Councillors were interested in the Committee and noted that everyone cared too much regarding this matter to not all be on the committee; therefore, it was the consensus of Council that any Councillor from the Town of Fortune and the Town of Grand Bank should be able to participate in discussions at meetings of the Fortune-Grand Bank Community Collaboration Committee and both Chief Administrative Officers (CAO).

CAO Collier advised she will prepare a draft Terms of Reference to circulate to members and for both Councils' approval.

Motion 2024-10-02-03: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to collaborate with the Town of Grand Bank as per the Community Collaboration Grant & Newfoundland and Labrador Community Transportation Program and utilize the $10,000 in efforts of hiring a consultant for a study, any funds outside of the $10,000 approval will have to be revisited.

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

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2. Animal Control Regulations:

Motion 2024-10-02-04: Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adopt & gazette the Animal Control Regulations, effective January 1, 2025.

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

3. Discretionary Use- MET Tower:

Thirty three (33) letters in total were received in response to the Discretionary Use Ad for the MET Tower Development Application.

The breakdown of the responses received are as follows:

Of the 33 Letters Received:
4 – Non Residents
13 Generic Letters (mass produced)
12 Written Letter from Residents
2 Written Letters- Property Owners on Tobacco Road

27 Letters from Residents / 1285 Population of the Town of Fortune = 0.03% feedback objected from population

It was a consensus to defer decision on this matter upon consultation with representative from Everwind to explore option of the access point for the MET Tower in different location.

4. Heritage Interpretive Signage- French Services Grant Program: Received funding for the Heritage Interpretive Signage project under the French Services Grant Program in the amount of $15,000.

It was suggested to reach out to the public to seek any ideas for the interpretative panels and bring back to the next Council Meeting.

Motion 2024-10-02-05: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve the $15,000 Heritage Interpretive Signage- French Services Grant.

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Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach, Piercey & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Removal of Boil Water Advisory:** Boil Order Advisory was issued on September 12, 2024 and received notification from Service NL on September 20, 2024, advising that the Boil Order Advisory can be lifted as two set of satisfactory bacteriological water samples were obtained (absence of total coliform and absence of E.coli per 100ml of sample), satisfactory free chlorine residual is maintained at the entry to the distribution system and free chlorine residual is detectable & maintained throughout the distribution system.

2. **2024/2025 Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant:** Received approval for funding for the purchase of four (4) SCBA'S & eight (8) cylinders for the Fortune Fire Department. This project is a cost sharing arrangement, 80/20 Provincial/Municipal ratio.

Motion 2024-10-02-06: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve the 2024/25 Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant, Project No. FES-SA240037, Provincial/Municipal cost sharing ratio of 80/20, in the total project amount of $60,467.00 with the Municipal Share in the amount of $10,966.72.

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

3. Painting Donation:

Received a request to donate a painting to the Town of Fortune.

Consensus of Council to accept the painting donation and erect in the Council Chambers.

4. Deep Fryer- United Towns Minor Hockey Association:

United Towns Minor Hockey Association inquiring about cost sharing a new deep fryer for the Arena Canteen. The cost of a new deep fryer is approximately $2500.

The current deep fryer at the canteen is still working properly & wasn't damaged as a result of the water damage in the arena; however, United Town's Minor Hockey Association is seeking a bigger deep fryer.

Council is receptive to a cost-shared arrangement with purchasing a new deep fryer for the canteen at the arena. As the minor hockey association is composed of residents from both communities of Fortune and Grand Bank benefiting from the fundraising efforts at the Fortune Arena Canteen to which the Town of Fortune provides free access (i.e. equipment, etc.); therefore, the Fortune Town Council is receptive to paying 1/3 of the cost with the suggestion to reach out to the Town of Grand Bank as well for a contribution.

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Motion 2024-10-02-07: Councillor **PIERCEY**/Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve to contribute a third of the cost of a new deep fryer to United Town's Minor Hockey Association for the Fortune Arena, recommendation for the association to seek contribution from the Town of Grand Bank as both communities of Fortune and Grand Bank benefit from the fundraising efforts at the Fortune Arena Canteen.

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

5. Make a Wish- 39th Jigs & Reels for Wishes- Donation Request:

Consensus of Council to not donate at this time as $50.00 was donated to Make a Wish Run the Rock on May 9, 2024.

. Community Waste Diversion:

Information purposes- if anyone has any ideas to reach out to CAO Collier prior to November 15th.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Payables: August 24, 2024- September 13, 2024

Motion 2024-10-02-08: Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated September 14, 2024- September 27, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

Canada Post- Systems Upgrade: Information purposes

Motion to Extend Meeting

Motion 2024-10-02-09: Councillor **KEEPING**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to extend the Regular Council Meeting an additional thirty minutes (30) until 8:30 p.m.

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

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Building Permits:
FOLLD004 156 Bayview Street Extension to Shed

Development Permit
RJG Construction – Department of Fisheries & Oceans

Motion 2024-10-02-10: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permits for #FOLLD004 and development permit for RJG Construction based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

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

CAO REPORT:

- Advising the positivity exhibited to the Town Office regarding the monthly newsletter.
- It was a consensus of Council to install black chain barriers for the Downtown Development Phase I project.
- Neighbourhood Watch to be deferred until more interest is received from the public.
- CAO Collier to correspond with Bridge's to seek availability to meet.
- Fortune Head Eco Friends AGM taking place on October 21st
- Arena progress report- all repairs are on time as per schedule.

Motion to Extend Meeting

Motion 2024-10-02-11: Councillor **ROSE**/Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to extend the Regular Council Meeting an additional fifteen minutes (15) until 8:45 p.m.

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

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COUNCILLORS FORUM:

Mayor Hickman:
- Will be going on vacation November 14th- November 22nd.

Deputy Mayor Robere:
- Suggested changing the lower section of Sunset Crescent to Sunset Crescent Extension after a discussion with a resident. Defer until next Council Meeting.
- Fire Prevention Week is next week, wondering if the Fortune Fire Department was hosting anything.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Rose:
- Inquired whether the plumbing in the women's washroom at the Arena was going to be completed as preventive maintenance. CAO Collier to follow up with Arena Supervisor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Administration, Human Resources & Finance
- Decided to not avail of a wage subsidy employment program offered by the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre as there is currently an on-call/part time employee (Chris Simms) on lay off within the same scope of work; therefore, the Town of Fortune would not be able to hire anyone else for this type of position.CAO Collier did correspond back to Smallwood Crescent Community Centre advising of the decision and to also encourage them to check back at a later date (i.e. Winter/Spring).

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-10-02-12: Councillor **PEAC H**/Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:51p.m., next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK