



The Town of Fortune

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bennett's Construction & Supplies- Commercial Development Permit Application

Bennett's Construction & Supplies have been awarded the Fortune Wharf Demolition & Slope Stabilization project with the Fortune Port Corporation.

Motion 2020-04-21-03: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND /COUNCILLOR PARSONS

Resolved to grant the development permit to Bennett's Construction to start the Fortune Wharf Demolition & Slope Stabilization Project through the Fortune Port Corporation on the condition of receiving a \$7500 security deposit to upkeep & maintain the condition of the Hornhouse Bridge/Hornhouse Road.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

2. Downtown Development Road Closures/Signage

CAO Collier attached an update street map showing the road closures to follow up from the last Council Meeting; however, at this point Dynamic Construction is not ready to do any road closures.

Council agreed for everyone to take a look at the map & bring back any concerns to the next Council Meeting.

CAO Collier to send the possible road closures in a mass email/social media asking for any feedback from the public.

3. Letter- Business Closures due to Covid-19

Received a letter from the business owner of Hotel Fortune, Saint Pierre Ferry Office & Fortune Harbourview B & B advising that the businesses were currently closed due to Covid-19.

After further discussion between Town Clerk Symes & Mr. Rose it was questioned whether the closure was permanent or temporary due to Covid-19, at this time the business owner was unsure.

Council recognizes the impact placed on many businesses as result of shut downs to restrict the spread of Covid-19, and agreed to provide some type of tax relief to those businesses affected.

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3. Letter- Business Closures due to Covid-19 Continued..

It was suggested for the Office Staff to create an application to make available to businesses seeking relief from their business taxes & Council will look at each business directly, as each business is unique & different.

After much discussion regarding the amount of relief available to businesses affected, it was discussed to reduce business taxes by a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$300 depending on the amount of business tax invoiced to each business.

Motion 2020-04-21-04: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND /COUNCILLOR KENDELL

Be it Resolved Business Operators, Not-for-Profits & organizations paying business tax be eligible to submit an application requesting business tax relief for 2020 by identifying impact on business due to Covid-19, along with details of additional government funding. The minimum of \$100 & maximum allowable adjustment in the amount of \$300 will be applied to tax account by means of adjustment or credit to 2021 business taxes. Deadline to submit applications for consideration August 31, 2020.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

4. Poll Tax- Covid-19

Received an inquiry regarding any exemptions/relief for residents laid off due to Covid-19.

It was agreed to defer interest on property tax accounts & poll tax accounts for two months (August 31, 2020).

Motion 2020-04-21-05: COUNCILLOR PARSONS /COUNCILLOR KENDELL

Resolved to defer interest on property & poll taxes for two months (August 31, 2020).

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

5. Hospitality Newfoundland & Labrador- Municipal Relief to Aid Business Liquidity for Tourism Businesses

For Councillor's information.



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6. Fire Complaint/Regulations

Received a complaint from a resident regarding a neighbour burning garbage.

CAO Collier contacted Fire Chief Peach regarding the complaint, it was Fire Chief's understanding that it wasn't a situation the Town/Fire Department could engage in. CAO Collier contacted Barry Adams from Service Canada, Mr. Adam's advised CAO Collier advised it is within the Town/Fire Department's legislation to allow engagement.

CAO Collier was looking for Council's opinion on creating a Committee within Council & Fire Department to address regulations regarding these issues. Council was in the agreement to set up a Committee regarding fire regulations, as this is not a priority at the moment it was agreed to table this matter again in the coming months.

7. Curb Removal Request- Centennial Street

Received a request for a curb removal on 15 Centennial Street to extend the driveway.

Public Works Supervisor Caines inspected the property & advised there were no objections.

Motion 2020-04-21-06: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND/COUNCILLOR PARSONS

Resolved to accept the recommendation from Public Works Supervisor Caines & allow for the curb to be removed as requested at 15 Centennial Street, approval is granted on the condition that should the property be impacted by excess water/flooding as a result of removal the Town would not be responsible. Cost to have curb removed will be \$115 per hour & work completed by Town of Fortune Public Works Employees at resident's cost.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

8. Public Works Request

Received a request from the Public Works Staff for two new rims for the loader, already have two rims; however, if we have two additional rims they will not have to be changed when getting tire changes.

Motion 2020-04-21-07: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND/COUNCILLOR FLEMING



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8. Public Works Request Continued..

Resolved to purchase two rims for the loader as requested by the Public Works Staff.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

9. Water Issue- Eldon Street

As per discussion at the last Council Meeting, resident on Eldon Street is looking to a solution of excessive flooding in their yard.

After discussion with Public Works Staff it was advised to build up the land, fill & seed it, which would be a cost of approximately \$530.

Council agreed for CAO Collier to obtain Public Works Supervisor's opinion on the possibility of a French drain & to bring back to next Council Meeting.

10. MNL Covid-19 Eastern Regional Conference Call

Mayor Penwell to attend.

11. Financial Advisory Services

For Councillor's information.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Motion 2020-04-21-08: COUNCILLOR PARSONS/COUNCILLOR KENDELL

Resolved to approve the financial transactions for April 4- April 17, 2020.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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PERMITS/EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Building Permits:

FORSA001	Brunette Avenue	Ext to Shed
THORT001	Harbour Drive	Slipway

Motion 2020-04-21-09: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND/COUNCILLOR PARSONS

Resolved to approve the building permits for FORSA001 (Ext to shed) & THORT001 (slipway).

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

May 4-10, 2020 Mental Health Week

Motion 2020-04-21-10: COUNCILLOR PARSONS/COUNCILLOR KENDELL

Resolved to proclaim May 4- 10, 2020 Mental Health Week.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Community Garden Support Program - Councillor's Information

Circular to Municipalities & Planning Consultants -Councillor's information.

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Penwell- NIL

Councillor Fleming- Suggested putting a speed sign by Temple Street/Community Street as he had received concerns of speeding in that specific area. Public Works Staff will place the digital speed sign in area.



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Councillor Kendell- Wondering how much Gas Tax funding the Town can use at their own discretion as there are a lot of areas within the Town that require more than patch work. CAO Collier to ask Public Works Supervisor Caines to determine which areas require more than patch work.

Councillor Parsons – Suggested for the Public Works Staff to concentrate mainly on the potholes once the weather clears up as the roads are in bad condition after all Winter.

Councillor Woodland- Advised that there is someone cutting wood in the salt shed area, CAO Collier advised Council that Office Staff are aware of this issue, Public Works Supervisor Caines was in the process of checking out this issue; however, he haven't reported back yet.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting

Motion 2020-04-21-11:

COUNCILLOR KENDELL/COUNCILLOR WOODLAND

Resolved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 2:21 p.m., next Council Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2020 via conference call.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Councillors: Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



Mayor Penwell



Lacey Symes- Town Clerk



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AGENDA - Council Meeting Conference Call April 21, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

Delegation: 1:15 p.m. Bennett's Construction & Supplies

Additions/Adoption to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: April 6, 2020

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5. Hospitality Newfoundland & Labrador- Municipal Relief to Aid Business Liquidity for Tourism Businesses
6. Fire Complaint/Regulations
7. Curb Removal Request- Centennial Street
8. Public Works Request
9. Water Issue- Eldon Street
10. MNL COVID-19 Eastern Regional Conference Call- April 24, 2020
11. Financial Advisory Services

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: (April 4- April 17, 2020)

PERMITS/EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Building Permits:

FORSA001 Brunette Avenue Ext to Shed
THORT001 Harbour Drive Slipway

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dated	From	Particulars	Anticipated Action
April 17/20	Canadian mental Health Association	May 4-10, 2020 Mental Health Week	Request for Proclamation
April 16/20	Gov of NL	Community Garden Support Program	For Councillor's Information
April 2020	Dept of Municipal Affairs	Circular to Municipalities & Planning Consultants	For Councillor's Information

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CAO REPORT

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting: