The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of January 31, 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
8. In Memoriam Donation

CORRESPONDENCE:
-Cutting Edge Donation Request

Motion 2024-01-31-01: Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of January 31, 2024 meeting be adopted with the noted additions/revisions.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on January 17, 2024 as presented.

Motion 2024-01-31-02: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2024.

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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Accessible Communities Grants- $1000, Deadline February 20th:

Motion 2024-01-31-03: Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to proceed to seek funding for a wheelchair/mobility swing for the Wade Drake & Burch Nash Memorial Park.

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

2. Eastern Community Coalition Grant- $1000, Deadline February 1st :

Defer application until intake in September in collaboration with the Recreation Commission.

3. Water and Wastewater Workshop, Gander- March 26th & 27th:

Motion 2024-01-31-04: Councillor **PIERCEY** /Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to approve Public Works Supervisor Caines & CAO Collier to attend the Water and Wastewater Workshop in Gander on March 26th & March 27th.

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

4. MNL Regional Meeting, Gander- March 1st & 2nd; Small Towns Virtual Roundtable February 7th:

Office Staff to register Mayor Hickman for the Small Towns Virtual Roundtable on February 7th.

Motion 2024-01-31-05: Councillor **PIERCEY** /Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to approve CAO Collier & Deputy Mayor Stacey to attend the MNL Regional Meeting in Gander on March 1st & 2nd, Councillor Piercey to attend if Deputy Mayor Stacey is not available.

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

5. Communities in Bloom:

Defer- CAO Collier to reach out to Communities in Bloom for further clarification.

6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Revisit in 2025 as there are too many other financial priorities budgeted for 2024.

7. Arena Request- Cancer Survivor Day, July 13th, 2024:

Motion 2024-01-31-06: Councillor **PEACH**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to approve the use of the arena on July 13th, 2024 for Cancer Survivor Day, rental of arena to be considered in-kind donation from the Town of Fortune.

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

8. In Memoriam Donation:

Motion 2024-01-31-07: Councillor **PEACH**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to donate $50.00 to the United Church Cemetery in memory of Harold Thornhill as he had served two terms on Council.

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

- Payables: January 15, 2024- January 31, 2024

Motion 2024-01-31-08: Councillor **PEACH**/ Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated January 15, 2024 to January 31, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newfoundland Track- Caroline Murphy & Claire Gatherall- Tourism Amenities: Seeking free tourism amenities to advertise.
-Horsebrook Nature Trail
-Boat that Wouldn't Float/Fortuna
-Fortune Head/lighthouse/lookout

Fortune Head Geology Centre- Carl Slaney: Seeking Planned Government Action: CAO Collier to follow up from email from Carl Slaney to seek update from the government and to clarify the Town's role in this matter.

Cutting Edge Figure Skating- Donation Request:

Motion 2024-01-31-09: Councillor **PEACH**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to donate a Gift Certificate for an hour ice rental (value of $130) to the Cutting Edge Figure Skating gift basket fundraiser.

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

PERMITS: NIL

Councillor Keeping left the Council Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

CAO REPORT:

- Idea Community Collaborations- Correspondence to be sent to the Town of Grand Bank to request a general meeting to discuss ideas for collaboration. CAO Collier also forwarded to the Recreation Commission.
- Winter Carnival Senior's Supper- Recreation Commission to advise if they need any volunteers.
- Accessibility Plan next meeting scheduled for February 6th, 2024.
- Demolition (Eldon Property) – CAO provided Council with costs of dumpsters. Defer for now.
- Arena Bleacher Donation- Town of Lamaline will be making a donation & section of bleachers to painted/signage posted.
- Finance/PW Water Tax Policy- Digging/Capping Line- to be reviewed.
- Finance policies to implement procurement & donations- to be reviewed.

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- Protective Services policies update (Animal Control) - to be reviewed.
- Downtown Development Update- Engineers will be visiting the area tomorrow, it was recommended to recommend a ramp instead of stairs at the former Frank's Lane area.
- CAO Collier & Town Clerk Symes to travel to St. John's to attend appeal hearing regarding 14-18 Bayview Street appeal on February 28th.

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hickman:
- Met with representatives from SPM this afternoon, the purpose of the meeting was for them to introduce themselves and hoping for an open line of communication between them & the Town of Fortune. Seeking a list from the Town of Fortune of accommodations, restaurants, things to do, etc.

-Town Clerk Symes to draft a nomination form for Volunteer of the Year.

CAO Collier to follow up with Arena Manager Tulk regarding the Chuck a Puck regulations.

Deputy Mayor Stacey: NIL

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Piercey: Seeking clarification with reference to code of conduct and Council's public post on social media pertaining with issues to government, etc. Mayor Hickman reaffirmed that no Councillor should be passing an opinion or judgment on social media and will follow up to ensure all Councillors are abiding by the proper protocol.

Councillor Peach: NIL

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2024-01-17-10: Councillor **PEACH** / Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:44 p.m., next tentative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Stacey
Councillors: Peach & Piercey
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK