The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Mayor	Rita Piercey
	Deputy Mayor	Kenneth Keeping
	Councillors:	Sherry Brady
		Dwayne Caines
		Deneka Follett
		Rodney Rose
Also Present:	CAO	Linda Collier
	Municipal Clerk	Tammy Mullins

dditions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of September 30, 2026. The following items were was noted:

Under General Business:
- JBH 2027 Graduating Class Donation

Under Correspondence:
- National Breastfeeding Proclamation
- Welding Fabrication Shop – Letter of Support

Motion 2026-09-30-01: Councillor **BRADY**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of September 30, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented with the noted additions.

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

doption of Minutes: August15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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Adoption of Minutes (cont'd):

Mayor Piercey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 15, 2026:

Motion 2026-09-30-02: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING** / Councillor **FOLLETT**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2026 be adopted as presented.

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

Delegation: *Ambrose Price* *6:00 p.m.*

Ambrose Price, a Volunteer Community Advocate Volunteer, attended the meeting to advise that he is willing to help out Council with whatever is needed such as applications for projects. Mr. Price expressed he has great ideas on the sensory garden and also would like to get a petition started pertaining to Government with respect to the installation of sidewalks on the main thoroughfare throughout the main sections of Town, such as Eldon Street. He is also willing to attend the Town Hall meeting, that has already been an event identified by Council upon their Strategic Planning session following the October 2025 Election. CAO suggested that he could present his ideas/vision at that event.

Business From the Minutes:

1. Municipal Plan – Defer, awaiting response from Government.

2. Recreation Building Electrical Quote – CAO advised the quote was received as per the current service, but is suggesting to Defer to Finance, as per Budget preparations 2027. In the meantime, Councillor Rose suggested obtaining additional estimates for cost comparisons.

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Business From the Minutes (cont'd):

3. Code of Conduct – CAO suggested to defer until the next meeting, as per the current training in process is utilizing the initial document adopted by Council. The suggestion to revise has come from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to be more practical.

4. Recreation Director – This item, raised by Councillor Rose, was brought forward with the assumption that the lead for the Fortune Recreation Commission was resigning. Councillor Follett advised she is not resigning at this point and was seeking additional volunteers. Item to be released from Agenda.

5. Victoria Hall Demolition – Due to conflicting schedules for a meeting to address the opening of the Proposals the previous week, CAO suggested to open the submissions. Councillor Rose opened submissions that revealed the following:
   - Dlavhey Construction - $94,300.00
   - K & K Roofing Construction Ltd. - $69,000.00
   - Ted Harrnett - $20,000.00

   Due to the significant costs and budget, Council agreed to put the demolition on hold and for CAO Collier to contact the bidders advising this project has been placed on hold.

6. Roof/ Water Damage – CAO advised no insurance coverage would be acquired to complete the repairs. This would be another budgetary item for discussion, with consideration to acquire funding, such as Canada Community Building Fund (i.e. old Gas Tax).

General Business:

1. Snowclearing Claim/ Compliant – Claim accepted, but as per time that has lapsed property owner looking for replacement during next Spring. Also, property owner inquiring about regulations and as to the 10ft. easement with suggestion of consideration for older properties (i.e. "grandfathered in"). CAO advised that she will correspond with the property owner to assure the sods will be replaced the Spring. CAO also will circulate the old regulations and the new for Council's comparison with respect to the easements.

   Sods to be replaced the spring. Due to complaint CAO will circulate the snowclearing regulations.

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Business From the Minutes (cont'd):

2. JBH 2027 Graduating Class Donation:

Motion 2026-09-30-03: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to donate $50.00 to the JBH 2027 Graduating Class for their fundraising Auction.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Due to conflict of interest with graduating students Councillor Brady & Caines left meeting 7:12 and returned 7:15p.m.

3. Town Hall Meeting - Scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Transactions: Payables: September 11, 2026 – September 25, 2026

Motion 2026-09-30-4: Councillor **CAINES**/ Councillor **FOLLETT**

Be it resolved that the financial transactions of September 11 to September 25, 2026 be approved as presented.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador- 75th Anniversary of MNL - CAO Collier is registered and considerations to attend by Councillors Brady, Follett and Caines. CAO will ensure rooms are secured until deadline to register October 11th and to include one (1) for the newly elected Councillor.

- Quilts of Valour- Donation Request:

Motion 2026-09-30-05: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING/** Councillor **CAINES**

Be it resolved to donate $100 to the Quilts of Valour.

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

- EngageNL Questionnaire – CAO attended the meeting Friday, September 25th, 2026 and wanted to encourage and advise Councillors deadline to complete the online questionnaire is October 11th.

PERMITS:

#COLLE001 Demolition 4 Bayview Street Home

Motion 2026-09-30-06: Councillor **ROSE** / Councillor **FOLLETT**

Be it resolved that the requested permit for demolition be granted as inspected.

In favour: Mayor Piercey
Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Brady, Caines, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried

MILLW001 Wharf 27 Harbour Drive - Defer till Mr. Miller submits survey of property.

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CAO REPORT:

Ocean Choice International- Coarse Sea Salt – CAO reached out to few municipalities to seek their experiences on the use of the salt with conflicting opinions from approximately three Towns.

Motion 2026-09-30-07: Councillor **CAINES** / Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to purchase 10 tonne at $75.00 of the OCI used coarse course sea salt, as a trial.

favour: Mayor Piercey
Councillors: Caines, Follett & Rose
Opposed: Deputy Mayor Keeping & Councillor Brady Motion carried

Election Rates – CAO advised on research completed by Municipal Clerk our rates affiliated with the By-election. The current rates for our Town were comparable to other municipalities; therefore, rates would remain as rate in October of 2025.

Speed Bump Request - on Pinchmarsh Road – Advise to reach out to the RCMP; speedbumps are being winterized soon.

Reminded the Mayor of her briefing notes for August 7th and 12th meeting; August 12th minutes to be ratified.

Snowclearing Complaint – CAO will correspond with property owner pertaining to sods to be put in place in the Spring of 2027.

Town Cleanup – CAO advised that no additional followup was received pertaining to the rescheduling of Town Cleanup as per request by Fortune Lions Club.

Household Bulk Garbage – CAO suggested, as per consultation with Mayor Piercey, for Council to offer a one-time service to the residents of Fortune by having bins placed on secured Town property (ex. back of Municipal Building). Residents will need to contact Town Office with list of items and pre-pay $10.00 for pickup by Town Staff on the curb. CAO will reach out to the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board Waste Services to acquire dates and details prior to advertising.

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Household Bulk Garbage (cont'd):

Motion 2026-09-30-08: Councillor **BRADY** / Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to offer the Waste Collection service to the Town of Fortune with a $10.00 fee prepaid. upfront.

In favour: Deputy Mayor Keeping
Councillors: Brady, Caines, Follett & Rose
Opposed: 0 Motion carried

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Rose – Inquiry pertaining to where to locate key to access the softball field to which CAO advised it was previously kept at Collins' Convenience on Eldon Street. Councillor Rose advised that a resident that was looking to use the field took gate off hinges. CAO will have Municipal Clerk to reach out in efforts of locating key, but if they are no longer in possession of the key, the lock will be replaced. Councillor Rose suggested putting sign on gate of the location of where to obtain key for access.

Councillor Caines – Inquiry pertaining to Snook's Road being utilized as a parking lot to access Mary Browns and whether a yield sign can be installed and adding yellow road markings to clearly identify the road as opposed to parking lot. CAO will speak to Public Works Supervisor to initiate pavement markings.

An additional inquiry pertaining to the location of the proposed Sensory Garden on Eldon as opposed to the Wade Drake and Burch Nash Family Memorial Park which was briefly discussed. CAO advised the decision was initiated by the previous Council, with noting various variables and use of the Garden with children and parents/caregivers.

Councillor Follett - NIL

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Councillor Brady – Inquiry on conditions of parking and blocking on Haddock Road to which CAO advised correspondence was initiated to the property owner. In the meantime, residents to be encouraged to take pictures when violations are actively in place and to contact the RCMP

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Deputy Mayor Keeping - NIL

Mayor Piercey - Brief was provided on the meeting of the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board with an additional update to be forthcoming by May of 2027.

Also raised was condition of the road to the Roman Catholic cemetery. CAO advised she will consult with Public Works Supervisor to ensure the road is maintained to the very end.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2026-09-30-09: Deputy Mayor **KEEPING**/ Councillor **BRADY**

Be it resolved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council for September 30, 2026 at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Rita Piercey
Mayor- Rita Piercey

Tammy Mullins
Municipal Clerk – Tammy Mullins