The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council
at the Fortune Municipal Center
Wednesday, January 17, 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 17, 2024.

Motion 2024-01-17-01: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of January 17, 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 November 22, 2023 as presented.

Motion 2024-01-17-02: Councillor **PIERCEY** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 22, 2023.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Brunette Avenue- Stop Work Order:**

Motion 2024-01-17-03: Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved to lift the Stop Work Order that was issued for #TULKW001 at 14 Brunette Avenue as new survey documentation received reveals residents are within their own boundaries, new application to be submitted for review/inspection.

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

2. **Salvation Army Kettle Donation:**

Motion 2024-01-17-04: Councillor **PEACH**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to donate $200 to the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

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

3. **8-10 Eldon Street Demolition:**

It was decided at the November 22, 2023 Council Meeting to defer demolition of 8-10 Eldon Street dwelling until Spring; however, received correspondence from resident advising they would volunteer to demolish the house for the lumber, but would want a dumpster to take away the garbage inside.

Office Staff to obtain a quote for dumpsters for next Council Meeting.

4. **Communities in Bloom:**

Registered for an information session on January 25th.

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5. Directors- Heritage Fortune:

Had to reinstate Heritage Fortune to transfer the George & Mary Lake House back to the family; therefore, need to submit names of directors on the board.

Mayor Hickman, Deputy Mayor Stacey, Councillor Piercey, Councillor Rose & CAO Collier to be directors for Heritage NL.

6. Accessibility Plan:

First meeting to discuss the Accessibility Plan was held last night, January 16th.

There has been a Public Notice circulated to residents seeking assistance to determine the diversity of barriers anyone may have.

There is another meeting scheduled for next week.

Mayor Hickman also pointed out that Trunk or Treat should be noted in the Accessibility Plan.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

- Payables: November 21, 2023- January 15, 2024

Motion 2024-01-17-05: Councillor **PEACH**/ Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated November 21, 2023 to January 15, 2024.

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

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

- KEARW001 58 Springhill Road Water Rate Adjustment

Motion 2024-01-17-06: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Water/Sewer Adjustment Request for #KEARW001.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Epilepsy Newfoundland Labrador- Purple Day March 26, 2024: Proclamation

Motion 2024-01-17-07: Councillor **PEACH** / Deputy Mayor **STACEY**

Be it resolved to proclaim March 26, 2024 as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

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

Municipal Assessment Agency- Update: For information purposes.

Government of NL- Water Resources Operator of the Year: For Council's information.

PERMITS:

Building / Development Applications:

➢ WELLA002	Elford Street	Wheelchair Ramp

Commercial / Other:

➢ Coady Construction and Excavating Ltd.	Port Corporation	Wharf Repairs ($1000 charged)

Motion 2024-01-17-08: Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Application for #WELLA002 & Commercial Development Application for #COADY001.

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

CAO REPORT

- Funding – Community Collaborations: Had a conversation with Michelle Way from the 50+ Club regarding partnership for different activities, advised her to engage in the Community Services Committee.
- There is an online course being offered through the Gardiner Institute called "Inclusive Leadership", the registration is $495, CAO Collier feels it would be beneficial for any member of Council & herself to register.

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Motion 2024-01-17-09: Deputy Mayor **STACEY** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve CAO Collier to register for the Inclusive Leadership online course being offered through the Gardiner Institute, any Councillors who may be interested in registering to advise Office Staff.

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

COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hickman:

- Inquire if the Town had received any update from OCI since Ian's resignation. CAO Collier advised there hasn't been either update. Mayor Hickman to initiate correspondence/conversation with the Sullivan's.
- Advised there is a possibility she may be out of the province on June 10th- 16th for training with the armed forces.
- Suggested the idea of an incentive package for physician retention as there is currently a resident from the Town of Fortune studying to become a physician.
- Had contacted Heritage NL for contacts for a structural engineer to inspect Victoria Hall; however, did not hear anything back.
- There was an Energy Board meeting held on Saturday, January 13th regarding the negative posts/groups on social media.

Deputy Mayor Stacey:

- Advised that the Recreation Commission Executives were voted in on Wednesday January 10th, Deneka Follett as Chairperson, Amanda Hillier as Co-Chairperson, Melissa Dodge as Secretary & Stephanie Harris as Treasurer.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL

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ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

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

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:45 p.m., next tentative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK