



# The Town of Fortune

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## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Council Chambers Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Deputy Mayor Kenneth Keeping  
Councillors Sherry Brady  
Dwayne Caines  
Deneka Follett  
Frazer Smith

*Absent with Regrets:* Mayor Rita Piercey  
Councillors: Rodney Rose  
CAO Linda Collier

*Also Present:* Town Clerk Lacey Barter

### Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Deputy Mayor Keeping asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of May 27, 2026.

**Motion 2026-05-27-01:** Councillor **SMITH** /Councillor **BRADY**

**Be it resolved that the Agenda of May 27, 2026 meeting be adopted as presented with additions.**

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

### Adoption of Minutes:

**Motion 2026-05-27-02:** Councillor **SMITH** / Councillor **CAINES**

**Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.**

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



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## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. **Emergency Plan** – Awaiting Government's final approval
2. **Municipal Plan** – No update.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Tax Sale- 13 Dixon Street:**

**Motion 2026-05-27-03:** Councillor SMITH / Councillor CAINES

**Be it resolved to initiate the tax sale process on property located at 13 Dixon Street.**

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

2. **Dillon Consulting- Fortune Breakwater Options Analysis Report:** Councillor's to review.
3. **Letter of Support- Recovery Centre:**

**Motion 2026-05-27-04:** Councillor SMITH / Councillor BRADY

**Be it resolved to approve providing a letter of support in regards to the Recovery Centre proposal received.**

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

4. **John Burke High School- Relay for Life:**

**Motion 2026-05-27-05:** Councillor SMITH / Councillor CAINES

**Be it resolved to donate \$100 to John Burke High School's Relay for Life.**



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Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

5. **Bunkerhill Road- Concerned Citizen:** It was agreed that correspondence be forwarded to the concerned resident advising that Council will revisit the request upon completion of the Bunkerhill Road Water and Sewer Municipal Capital Works Project, as construction activities are anticipated to occur over the coming months.

6. **Community Enhancement Employment Project:** Town Clerk Barter advised that applications are now open for the Community Enhancement Employment Project Program & suggested repairs to the Municipal Building Washrooms.

It was suggested to apply for repairs to the Recreation Commission Building- correspond with Recreation Commission prior to moving further.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:** Payables: May 9, 2026 – May 22, 2026

**Motion 2026-05-27-06:** Councillor SMITH / Councillor CAINES

**Be it resolved that the financial transactions be approved for May 9<sup>th</sup>- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 as presented.**

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

**Kindergarten Graduation Donation Request:**

**Motion 2026-05-27-07:** Councillor BRADY / Councillor SMITH

**Be it resolved to donate \$50.00 to the 2026 Kindergarten Graduation.**

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

**EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:** NIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Office of Women and Gender Equality- Community Violence Prevention Grants: For Councillor's information.

## PERMITS:

New Business Application  
Wandering Artist Tattoo & Art Studio – Revoked as per applicant.

CAO REPORT: NIL


COUNCILLORS FORUM /COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

## ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

**Motion 2026-05-27-08:** Councillor SMITH / Councillor CAINES

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:39 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

  
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Kenneth Keeping- Deputy Mayor

  
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Lacey Barter- Town Clerk