



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council Of the Town of Fortune via Conference Call On May 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor	Charles Penwell
Deputy Mayor Smith	Frazer Smith
Councillors	Levi Curtis Terence Fleming Roy Kendell Patrick Parsons Matthew Woodland

Also Present:

CAO Collier	Linda Collier
Town Clerk	Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any additions to the agenda of May 19, 2020.

Permits:

SAVOW001 43-45 Confederation Street Green House

Mayor Penwell asked for approval of the agenda along with the additions for the May 19, 2020 Council Meeting.

Motion 2020-05-19-01: COUNCILLOR CURTIS /DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH

Resolved that the Agenda along with the above noted addition for May 19, 2020 be adopted as presented.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried



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Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Penwell asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on May 4, 2020 as presented.

Motion 2020-05-19-02: DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH/COUNCILLOR PARSONS

Resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2020 as presented.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Public Works

- **Miller Road Update-** Public Works Supervisor Caines had provided an update to CAO Collier stating that there are currently seven residents being affected by the storm water issue on Miller Road. According to a drawing provided by Caines he had noted that after large rainfalls the storm water runs towards Logwood Road, if a french drain was installed it is possible that it may resolve the storm water issue or reduce the amount of water build up.

Council discussed this issue & agreed that if the Town of Fortune started installing french drain on private properties there are a lot of other residents with similar issues & will receive more requests to do so.

It was consensus of Council to advise the resident on Miller Road that the Town of Fortune would assist to tie in on a french drain (paid by property owners) to the storm sewer on Logwood Road.

- **Gas Tax/Provincial Paving Quote-** Public Works Supervisor Caines identified the following areas to apply for gas tax funding for road upgrades: Haddock Road, Confederation Street, Forest Road, Bradley Crescent & Logwood Road. Received a quote from Provincial Paving to complete the above noted road upgrades in the amount of \$55,631.25 (HST included).



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➤ **Gas Tax/Provincial Paving Quote Cont'd...**

Motion 2020-05-19-03: COUNCILLOR PARSONS/COUNCILLOR WOODLAND

Resolved that the Town of Fortune submit CIP applications for Gas Tax Funding for road upgrades to Haddock Road, Confederation Street, Forest Road, Bradley Crescent & Logwood Road with Provincial Paving quote for \$55,631.25 & all other associated costs.

**In favour: Mayor Penwell
Deputy Mayor Smith
Councillors: Curtis, Fleming, Kendell, Parsons & Woodland**

**Opposed: 0
Motion carried**

➤ **Dump Truck**

The deadline for bids on the dump truck is May 29, 2020. There are about four groups who have come to review the truck, CAO Collier had an inquiry from another municipality who felt they should have priority considering they are another municipality.

It was a consensus of Council to take a look at the bids on May 29th & to make a decision at that time.

2. Community Garden- CAO Collier asked Council's opinion on whether the Town of Fortune should start up the Community Garden this Spring with the current situation of Covid-19.

Councillor Woodland advised he was thinking that the Town of Fortune could do a different approach in regards to the Community Garden this year. There are currently 10-12 garden boxes & Woodland was thinking there may be more interest with the residents if they were able to take the responsibility of a garden box themselves.

CAO Collier to post to social media & mass email to acquire amount of interest. If there are more households interested than garden boxes the Office Staff will draw names, deadline to be included for two weeks after posting.

3. Dog Park- CAO Collier was seeking Council's opinion on the opening of the dog park as there have been a few inquiries. It was a consensus of Council to open the dog park under strict conditions (i.e. social distancing measures & a maximum of 5 people a time at the park. Signs to be posted at the dog park advising of the social distancing measures & to also be posted at the Horsebrook Walking Trail as well.



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4. Downtown Development Update

CAO Collier advised Council that after posting for the public's input on the downtown development the Town Office only received three suggestions, which were all concerning Piercey Street.

There was a suggestion to revert back to traffic going down through Temple Street rather than traffic coming up through Temple Street. Council disused this matter & agreed it was decided to only have traffic coming up through Temple Street during the construction of the downtown development- once the downtown development is completed the direction will be reverted.

CAO Collier suggested to contact ACOA regarding the road signage & rerouting of traffic. It was agreed to approach ACOA regarding the signage & Mayor Penwell also suggested to approach them regarding beautification as well.

Council discussed the previous conversation regarding the parking lot/closing off Frank's Lane (road between Collins' Cloverfarm & the old theatre). It was agreed to make contact with the owners of Collins' Cloverfarm, old movie theatre & Jake's Accounting at a later date to discuss this matter.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Motion 2020-05-19-04: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND /COUNCILLOR CURTIS

Resolved to approve the financial transaction for May 2- 15, 2020.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried

PERMITS/EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Permits/Non Compliance :

HILLJ008 Eldon Street Garden- There was an inquiry regarding the development of what seems to be a garden on a property on Eldon Street, it was questioned whether a building permit would be required & if a non compliance fee should be invoiced. It was a consensus of Council that a permit was not needed for gardening if there are no structures built.



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CHAUB001 43 Bunkerhill Road Greenhouse- Greenhouse constructed on property without a building permit. It was a consensus of Council to invoice account #CHAUB001 a \$30.00 non compliance fee & \$20.00 building application fee. CAO Collier to send correspondence directing property owner to remove structure as it is not within the Town of Fortune's regulations, if structure is not removed within certain time frame (May 29th) advise property owner that Public Works Staff will dismantle & costs incurred will be invoiced to property owner's account.

POIRIA001 40 Bayview Street Fence - Fence erected without building permit, property owner retrieved a building application; however, never submitted. Councillor Woodland inspected the fence and advised that the fence is different heights (7-8ft). CAO Collier to send correspondence to property owner to advise the fence has to be cut down to 6ft lengths as per the Town of Fortune's regulations.

It was a consensus of Council to send both above letters via registered mail.

SAVOW001 Confederation Street Greenhouse - approved within compliance WOODLAND/KENDELL

Motion 2020-05-19-05: COUNCILLOR WOODLAND /COUNCILLOR CURTIS

Resolved to approve the building permit for account #SAVOW001 for a greenhouse at 43-45 Confederation Street.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Councillor Curtis declared a conflict of interest & left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Grand Bank Regional Theatre- Sponsorship: Due to Covid-19 the performances at the Grand Bank Regional Theatre will not be going ahead this summer, as performances are the main source of revenue for the Grand Bank Regional Theatre they are faced with the reality of having to cover the many ongoing expenses. The Grand Bank Regional Theatre is looking for businesses still willing & able to sponsor without the performances.

Motion 2020-05-19-06: DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH /COUNCILLOR WOODLAND

Resolved to not sponsor the Grand Bank Regional Theatre this summer as there are no performances due to Covid-19.



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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried

Councillor Curtis returned to the Council Meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Children's Wish Foundation- 25th Annual Run the Rock - Donation Request

Motion 2020-05-19-07: DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH /COUNCILLOR WOODLAND

Resolved to donate \$100 to the Children's Wish Foundation for the 25th Annual Run the Rock from Port Aux Basque to St. John's.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Association of Early Childhood Educators- Proclamation: It was a consensus of Council to proclaim May 24- May 30, 2020 Early Childhood Educator's Week.

Canadian Network of Asset Managers- May 12-14, 2020: Date expired.

Professional Municipal Administrators- AGM June 19, 2020: CAO Collier to attend virtually.

Anonymous Letter- Municipal Handgun Ban: File away correspondence.

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Penwell- NIL

Deputy Mayor Smith- NIL

Councillor Curtis- NIL

Councillor Fleming- NIL



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Councillor Kendell- NIL

Councillor Parsons – NIL

Councillor Woodland- Inquired about cement wall by Mary Browns, it was supposed to be put into the ground. CAO Collier to contact the Fortune Port Authority regarding time frame to get the cement wall put back into the ground as it may create safety issues.

Councillor Woodland left the Council Meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Motion 2020-05-19-08: DEPUTY MAYOR SMITH /COUNCILLOR KENDELL

Resolved to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 2:17 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Penwell
Deputy Mayor Smith
Councillors: Curtis, Fleming, Kendell & Parsons
Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



Mayor Penwell



Lacey Symes- Town Clerk



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AGENDA - Council Meeting Conference Call May 19, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.

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- Dump Truck

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HILLJ008 Eldon Street
CHAUB001 43 Bunkerhill Road
POIRIA001 40 Bayview Street

CORRESPONDENCE:

From	Particulars	Anticipated Action
Grand Bank Regional Theatre	Sponsorship	Donation Request
Children's Wish Foundation	25th Annual "Run the Rock" from Port Aux Basque to St. John's	Donation Request
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Newfoundland & Labrador	Early Childhood Educator's Week (May 24- May 30, 2020)	Proclamation
Canadian Network of Asset Managers	Virtual Conference (May 12-14)	For Councillors' Information
Professional Municipal Administrators	Virtual AGM	For Councillors' Information
Anonymous	Municipal Handgun Bans	For Councillors' Information

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CAO REPORT

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting: