



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Fire Hall Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Deanne Hickman
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere

Councillors Kenneth Keeping
Roy Kendell
Paul Peach
Rita Piercey
Rodney Rose

Also Present: CAO Linda Collier
Town Clerk Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of May 14, 2025.

General Business:

2. Make a Wish- Run the Rock Donation Request
3. Grand Bank Regional Theatre – Sponsorship Request

Building Applications:

#NOFTC001	15 Dixon Street	Shed
#SMITM001	50 Bayview Street	Fence

Motion 2025-05-14-01: Councillor **ROSE** /Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

Be it resolved that the Agenda of May 14, 2025 meeting be adopted as presented with noted additions.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach, Piercey & Rose
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 April 16, 2025 as presented.

It was noted that Deputy Mayor Robere & Councillor Kendell weren't listed under voting in motions.



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Motion 2025-05-14-02: Councillor **PIERCEY** /Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2025 as presented with the noted revisions.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Physician Recruitment:** Mayor Hickman informed Council that she had been contacted by a Councillor of the Town of Grand Bank after their last Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025 advising that the Town of Grand Bank did not support the physician recruitment incentive to match the Town of Fortune.

A motion was previously made at the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 2, 2025 for the Town of Fortune to approve \$20,000/year for the next four years for physician recruitment; therefore, the Town of Fortune will still be offering the approved physician recruitment incentive, despite the Town of Grand Bank's decision to withdrawal their support.

Motion 2025-05-14-03: Councillor **ROSE** /Councillor **PEACH**

Be it resolved for Mayor Hickman to send correspondence to the Town of Grand Bank on behalf of the Town of Fortune to state the disappointment in the Town of Grand Bank's decision to not support the physician recruitment incentive after meeting as a Community Collaboration Committee since October 2024, with this matter as a priority. Correspondence to also advise that the Town of Fortune has put forward an offer independently.

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

2. **Make a Wish- Run the Rock Donation Request:**

Motion 2025-05-14-04: Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **ROSE**



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Be it resolved to donate \$50.00 to Make a Wish- Run the Rock.

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

3. Grand Bank Regional Theatre – Sponsorship Request:

Motion 2025-05-14-05: Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to sponsor the Grand Bank Regional Theatre in the amount of \$250.00.

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

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Payables: April 15, 2025– May 9, 2025

Motion 2025-05-14-06: Councillor **PEACH** /Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated April 15, 2025– May 9, 2025.

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

Donation Request- Terry Fox Foundation: Consensus of Council to not donate at this time due to donations allocated for local cancer relays/associations.

EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Department of Immigration, Population Growth & Skills- NL Settlement & Integration Grant Program: For information purposes, keep on radar for new upcoming Council
- Municipal Assessment Agency- Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency: For Councillor's Information
- SmartSense Program- Council Overview: Defer to new upcoming Council



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- The Conference Board of Canada- For Councillor's Information
- 33rd Falun Dafa Month- For Councillor's Information

Deputy Mayor Robere left the Council Meeting due to a conflict of interest at 6:36 p.m.

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Building Applications:

#ROBED001	8-10 Forest Road	Fence
#HILLW001	5 Ceko Place	Driveway/Curb Removal
#ROSEB001	11 Piercey Street	Fence
#ROSEB001	6 Temple Street	Fence
#NOFTC001	15 Dixon Street	Shed
#SMITM001	50 Bayview Street	Fence

Business Application:

Arena Road Rental	4 Bennett Place	Short Term Accommodation
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Motion 2025-05-14-07:

Councillor **PEACH** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

Be it resolved to approve the Building Permit applications for account #ROBED001, HILLW001, ROSEB001, NOFTC002 & SMITM001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments and recommendations for #ROSEB001 due to close proximity to the road 4ft fence in front & 3ft away from fire hydrant, #NOFTC001 development to not start until deed of conveyance is completed.

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

Deputy Mayor Robere returned to the Council Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion 2025-05-14-08:

Councillor **PIERCEY** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to approve the Short Term Accommodation Application for Arena Road Rental based on approval from all other regulatory departments.

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



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CAO REPORT:

- Had a meeting with CAO Terry Fleming from the Town of Grand Bank & Morgan Maclellan from Dillon Consulting regarding the accessible transportation engagement. Morgan had suggested a public meeting for June 21st; however, several Councillors are not available at that time, CAO Collier will contact to suggest a different date.
- Public Works Employees are in the process of installing Brookside Shed washrooms.

COUNCILLORS FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration, Human Resources & Finance Committee:
Committee met on Monday, May 12th.

The Committee is recommending an adjustment for #STEWD001 for 2025 property taxes as their property value had increase \$72,900.00 from the previous year and due to medical issues had missed the appeal date. Recommendation to provide a tax relief for this year & 2026 will have to follow the proper Municipal Assessment Agency's appeal deadline.

Motion 2025-05-14-09:

Councillor **PIERCEY** / Councillor **ROSE**

Be it resolved to approve an adjustment to #STEWD001 property tax to reflect the same amount as 2024 property tax as per medical compassion.

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

The Committee is also recommending to purchase a portable toilet for the soccer field so that the Grand Bank-Fortune Soccer Association will be able to utilize the field.

Motion 2025-05-14-10:

Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** / Councillor **KEEPING**

Be it resolved to purchase a portable toilet in the amount of approximately \$1700 + tax for the soccer field.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach & Piercey
Opposed: Councillor Rose Motion carried.



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Mayor Hickman:

- Wondering if there was a start date determined for Bunkerhill Road Water & Sewer MCW Project. CAO Collier had contacted Edwards & Associates seeking an update on the status of the projects & was advised that the final drawing package will be sent for review and approval to the Department of Environment within the coming days, once approved a tender call can be arranged.
- Will be out of town from June 7th - 14th.

Deputy Mayor Robere, Councillor Keeping, Councillor Kendell & Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey:

- Inquired about cancelling registration/hotel room for the upcoming MNL regional meeting as she is no longer able to attend.
- Attend the Rec NL Annual Conference and really enjoyed it. Received a lot of information regarding grants that is available, will forward contact information to CAO Collier.

Councillor Rose:

- Inquired if there was anything further received from the Fire Department regarding the proposed honorarium by law. CAO Collier advised there was no further communication from the Fire Department regarding the proposed by law, CAO Collier will send correspondence to the Fire Department with what Council had identified at the last Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

Motion 2025-05-14-11

Councillor PEACH/Councillor KEEPING

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:34 p.m., next meeting scheduled for May 28th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

In favour: Mayor Hickman
Deputy Mayor Robere
Councillors: Keeping, Kendell, Peach, Piercey & Rose

Opposed: 0 Motion carried.

Deanne Hickman
MAYOR

Lacey Symes
TOWN CLERK