



# The Town of Fortune

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## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Fortune Town Council at the Fortune Municipal Center Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Mayor Deanne Hickman  
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robere  
  
Councillors Kenneth Keeping  
Roy Kendell  
Paul Peach  
Rita Piercey  
  
*Absent with Regrets:* Councillor Rodney Rose  
CAO Linda Collier

*Also Present:* Town Clerk Lacey Symes  
Public Works Supervisor Chris Caines

### **Additions/Adoption to Agenda:**

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any additions to the Agenda of April 16, 2025.

Correspondence:  
- 2025 MNL Municipal Symposium  
-Vote by Mail Information

Building Permits:  
FLEML001 24-26 Logwood Road Back Deck

**Motion 2025-04-16-01:** Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **PEACH**

**Be it resolved that the Agenda of April 16, 2025 meeting be adopted as presented with noted additions.**

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



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## **Adoption of Minutes:**

Mayor Hickman asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 2, 2025 as presented.

**Motion 2025-04-16-02:**

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

**Be it resolved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 2, 2025 as presented.**

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

**Delegation/Guest:** 6:00 p.m. Jamie Engram

Mayor Hickman welcomed Jamie Engram to the meeting. Jamie reached out to the Town of Fortune to discuss their opinion on the proposed Community Watch he is currently in the process of organizing. Jamie provided Council with copies of draft "Community Watch Incident Reports" he had prepared. Mayor Hickman advised Jamie that the Town of Fortune can provide a liaison from Council to be on the committee.

Community Watch Inventive posters to be shared on the Town's social media page once provided by Jamie.

Jamie was seeking suggestions from Council regarding any topics/keynote speakers for the next Public Meeting he is hosting. It was agreed to focus on families impacted by addictions.

*Councillor Keeping joined the Council Meeting at 6:13 p.m.*

Mayor Hickman thanked Jamie for attending the Council Meeting and he left at 6:30 p.m.

**Delegation/Guest:** 6:30 p.m. Terry Mullins

Mayor Hickman welcomed Terry Mullins to the meeting. Terry attended the Council Meeting to express concern with the sewer issues that residents have been experiencing in the Eldon Street area.

Public Works Staff to dig up to investigate, if staff are unable to repair contact engineers and radar for Municipal Capital Works project.



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Mayor Hickman thanked Terry for attending the Council Meeting and he left at 6:38 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Stacey asked Public Works Supervisor Caines about the possibility of digging up to investigate sewer lines for washrooms at the soccer field. Public Works Supervisor has been seeking possibilities; however, there are no blue prints/signs of the sewer line. Further investigation is required.

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Horsebrook Walking Trail:**

**Motion 2025-04-16-03:**

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

**Be it resolved to submit an Active NL application to make repairs to the bridge on the Horsebrook Walking Trail.**

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

Public Works Supervisor to measure and obtain quotes.

It was noted to keep an eye out for an accessibility grant to remove the stairs from the trail to make it more accessible.

*Public Works Supervisor Caines left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.*

**2. Historical Storyboards:** Council reviewed the suggested concept draft historical board suggestions from Frank Gogos. It was agreed to include all of the five individuals pointed out in the draft; however, for Martha Inkpen to have her own board.

Proof to be reviewed prior to approval.

## **FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:** Payables: March 29, 2025– April 14, 2025

**Motion 2025-04-16-04:**

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



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**Be it resolved to approve the financial transactions dated March 5, 2025– March 28, 2025, bills in the amount of \$17,075.45 & payroll in the amount of \$26,084.92 for a combined total of \$43,160.37.**

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

## **EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS: NIL**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Up, up and away- Jeffrey Elford: Reviewed correspondence, out of the Town's jurisdiction.
- Legendary Coast- Membership Benefits Reminder: For Councillor's information
- 2025 MNL Municipal Symposium- No interest in participation, as no rooms are available.
- Vote by Mail Information- Not interested in participating as vote by proxy will be an option for the upcoming Municipal Election.

## **PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:**

Business Application:  
Arena Road Rental    4 Bennett Place    Short Term Accommodation

Advertise as Discretionary Use and bring forward to next Council Meeting.

Building Permits:  
FLEML001    24-26 Logwood Road    Back Deck

**Motion 2025-04-16-05:** Deputy Mayor **ROBERE** / Councillor **PIERCEY**

**Be it resolved to approve the Building Permit applications for account #FLEML001 based on approval from all other regulatory departments.**

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



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## Extension of Meeting:

**Motion 2025-04-16-06:** Councillor **KEEPING** /Councillor **PIERCEY**

**Be it resolved at 8:00 p.m. to extend the Council Meeting an additional 15 minutes.**

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

## CAO REPORT:

✓ Fire Department Proposed By-Law for Attendance and Honorariums

Required to keep record of attendance in three categories, monthly meetings, call outs & other duties.

Further clarification is required for section 1.2 "Committee Meeting Attendance".

Remove section 1.3 "Training Night Attendance Requirement".

Section 2.1 "Work Absence Consideration" is fine, as long as attendance is recorded for other duties.

**Motion 2025-04-16-07:** Councillor **PIERCEY** /Deputy Mayor **ROBERE**

**Be it resolved to accept the Fire Department's proposed By-Law for Attendance and Honorariums with the following changes: requirement to keep a record of attendance in three categories (monthly meetings, call outs & other duties), remove section 1.3 "Training Night Attendance Requirement", Section 2.1 "Work Absence Consideration" is fine, as long as attendance is recorded for other duties, further clarification is required for section 1.2 "Committee Meeting Attendance"**

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## COUNCILLORS FORUM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Hickman: NIL

Deputy Mayor Robere: Pointed out the importance of washrooms at the soccer field.

Councillor Keeping: NIL

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Peach: NIL

Councillor Piercey: NIL

## ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting:

**Motion 2025-04-16-08**

Councillor **PEACH**/Councillor **KEEPING**

**Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:15 p.m., next meeting scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Deanne Hickman  
MAYOR

Lacey Symes  
TOWN CLERK