



The Town of Fortune

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council Of the Town of Fortune On February 9, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Smith Frazer Smith
Councillors: Terry Fleming
Roy Kendell
Patrick Parsons
Matthew Woodland

Absent with regrets: Mayor Charles Penwell
Councillor Levi Curtis

Also Present: CAO Collier Linda Collier
Town Clerk Lacey Symes

Additions/Adoption to Agenda:

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if there were any additions to the Agenda for the February 9, 2021 meeting to which the following was noted:

Exemptions:
Poll Tax Exemption: SMITT005

Motion 2021-02-09-01: Councillor **WOODLAND**/ Councillor **PARSONS**

It was resolved that the Agenda for February 9, 2021 be adopted as presented with noted additions.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

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Adoption of Minutes from December 15, 2020:

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 26 15, 2021 as presented.

Motion 2021-02-09-02: Councillor PARSONS/ Councillor KENDELL

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Delegation/Guest 6:30 p.m. Fred Dodge- PC Candidate for the District of Grand Bank- Burin.

Deputy Mayor Smith welcomed Fred Dodge & Rosalind Dodge to the Council Meeting. Mr. Dodge thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to meet to discuss the Town of Fortune's priorities should he become elected as MHA for the district. Mr. Dodge referenced issues such as the Fortune Arena, noting that it is a significant piece of infrastructure used for younger as well as older residents & to have the arena out of service for even part of the season isn't a good thing. If elected Mr. Dodge advised that he would do his utmost to try & secure funding where at all possible. Deputy Mayor Smith advised Mr. Dodge of the upcoming Downtown Development project including parking, lighting & some directional signage. Mr. Dodge noted that over the past sixteen years he has been in the parks/tourism sector, which is a great asset for the Town of Fortune in regards to the Downtown Development Project, Horsebrook Walking Trail, Fortune Head Ecological Reserve & Fortune Head Geology Centre. Mr. Dodge thanked Council for their time & left the Council Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Arena

- Special Assistance Funding- CAO Collier advised Council that she had applied for Special Assistance Funding for the Arena Plate Exchanger/Brine System Flush based on the quote received from KeepCool in the amount of \$111,000, the Town of Fortune would be responsible for 40% of the cost (approximately \$44,450.72). Scotiabank to provide financing details & CAO Collier will provide as it comes available if that is the route Council's chooses to take. CAO Collier will advise when/if approval is granted for the Special Assistance Funding.



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GENERAL BUSINESS (cont'd):

- Roof Tenders- CAO Collier advised Arena Roof Replacements tenders are set to close on February 26 at 4:00 p.m. & scheduling for opening on March 1st at 8:00 a.m. & will require a Councillor present to open tenders. Councillor Kendell to attend.

It was questioned whether it was a requirement for the company/business submitting a tender to be COR certified, CAO Collier to get clarification & advise.

- Indoor Activities- CAO Collier advised Council that it was suggested by Arena Attendant Tulk the possibility of offering indoor activities in the Fortune Arena, i.e. ball hockey, walking, etc.

Council agreed it was a great idea, CAO Collier to reach out to user groups (i.e. Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, CYN, Recreation Commission & Senior's Club) to offer the opportunity to coordinate indoor activities at the Fortune Arena. It was agreed to wait until next week (February 15th) to see how the Covid situation is & send an email to user groups.

- Staffing- CAO Collier was wondering the options for Arena Attendant Tulk, normally he is hired for the Arena from January- April & October- December and with the Public Works Employees at the Town in May-September; however, with the closure of the arena & once the ice is removed, he will not need be needed in there.

Councillor Fleming advised CAO Collier there is a program where you can top up the employee's employment insurance, will forward details via email.

Council agreed for CAO Collier to check into the details of the program advised by Councillor Fleming & to schedule a Human Resources meeting for Monday for further discussion & CAO Collier to meet with Arena Attendant Tulk prior to the meeting.

2. Memorial University Engineering Students – CAO Collier had recently sent this information to Councillor's prior to the Council Meeting; however, would like to have a motion documented

Memorial University, ACOA & Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador are matching MUN Engineering students with municipalities. The program provides professional work experience for up to fifteen engineering students. Funding support from ACOA & MUN means the cost to municipalities is only 12.5% of the students salary, which is a maximum of \$25/hr.



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Motion 2021-02-09-03: Councillor WOODLAND/ Councillor KENDELL

Resolved to move forward & retrieve further details regarding the Memorial University Engineering Student Program.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

8. **Fortune Royal Canadian Legion** - Received a request from the Fortune Royal Canadian Legion seeking exemption from 2021 Business Tax, or to consider a reduction in the amount. Since March 2020, the Royal Canadian Legion had to close their doors to the general public due to Covid restriction, at that time staff were laid off & VLT machine are shut down.

Council discussed this matter & it was pointed out that the Royal Canadian Legion were charged business taxes in previous years mainly because they are competing with other bar businesses within the Town of Fortune, with no bar or VLT machines to offer they're no longer considered in competition with other businesses.

Motion 2021-02-09-04: Councillor PARSONS/ Councillor KENDELL

Resolved to exempt the 2021 business tax for the Fortune Royal Canadian Legion in the amount of \$1398.40, if anything changes in regards to bar/VLT services Council will have to be advised & decision will be reconsidered.

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Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



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4. **Downtown Development Fencing** – CAO Collier was seeking approval from the Development Committee after reviewing of the drawings provided by Bennett's Construction.

Motion 2021-02-09-05: Councillor WOODLAND/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to approve the Downtown Development Fencing as per drawings provided by Bennett's Construction for the Fortune Port Corporation based on the fact that the Town of Fortune holds no liability to the fence with any damage during snow clearing operations.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

5. **Downtown Beautification Project Update** – CAO Collier seeking to schedule meeting with Council & property/business owners associated in the specific area of the Downtown Development Beautification project for Tuesday, February 16th at 6:15 p.m.

CAO Collier to advise once meeting is confirmed.

FINANCIALS TRANSACTIONS:

Motion 2021-02-09-06: Councillor WOODLAND/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to approve the financials transactions for January 23, 2021- February 5, 2021.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

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PERMITS/EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Exemption:

Account #BURI.001

Motion 2021-02-09-07: Councillor PARSONS/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to exempt the \$1500 water invoice for account #BURI.001 as the ice house will not be in production throughout the 2021 year.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

Account #PIERZ001

Council reviewed the Poll Tax Exemption for account #PIERZ001 and came to the agreement to decline the Poll Tax Exemption based on the fact that the resident was residing in the Town of Fortune during 2020 & the 2021 invoice is based on 2020, if the resident wasn't residing in Fortune or was unemployed during 2020 another poll tax exemption form may be submitted for review.

Account #MULLR002

Motion 2021-02-09-08: Councillor WOODLAND/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to exempt account #MULLR002 for four months of poll taxes for 2021 as the resident was considered a full time student from September- December, resident responsible to pay eight months poll taxes.

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Account #SMITT005

Office staff to check & see if he is requesting exemption from 2020 or 2021

Motion 2021-02-09-09: Councillor PARSONS/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to exempt account #SMITT005 for 2021 Poll Tax based on supporting documentation advising of post secondary attendance.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of Support for Rural Broadband: CAO Collier to send letter of support on behalf of the Town of Fortune.

Burin Peninsula Joint Council 2021 Membership: Defer until Mayor Penwell in attendance.

90th Birthday Congratulations for Former Resident: Office Staff to send 90th birthday greetings on behalf of the Town of Fortune.

TRIO 7th Annual Talk to the Trio Board: For Councillor's Information.

Military Retirement Congratulatory Request: Office Staff to send Military Retirement Congratulatory on behalf of the Town of Fortune.

International Awareness Day of Epilepsy, March 26, 2021:

Motion 2021-02-09-10: Councillor PARSONS/ Councillor FLEMING

Resolved to sign the proclamation for Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26th & purchase LED string lights to light up the Town Hall.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.

CAO REPORT

- CAO Collier advised she has the opportunity to complete the last module needed for the PMA Advanced Training & training will be held via ZOOM.
- Advised Councillors that there is \$111,000 eligible to apply for Gas Tax Funding. CAO Collier to circulate the categories eligible under the Gas Tax Funding.

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM

Councillor Fleming: NIL

Councillor Kendell: NIL

Councillor Parsons: Inquired whether there was an update regarding the status of Arena Manager Barnes. CAO Collier advised there was no update regarding Arena Manager Barnes. Council suggested inviting him to the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 2021-02-09-11: Deputy Mayor Smith/Councillor Parsons

Resolved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:57 p.m., next Council Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021.

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

Opposed: 0
Motion carried.



Deputy Mayor Smith



Lacey Symes - Town Clerk



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AGENDA - Council Meeting
Fortune Fire Hall
February 9, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m.

Additions/Adoption to Agenda

Adoption of Minutes: January 26, 2021
Delegation/Guest: Fred Dodge 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Arena
 - Special Assistance Funding
 - Roof Tenders
 - Indoor Activities
 - Staffing
2. Memorial University Engineering Students
3. Fortune Royal Canadian Legion
4. Downtown Development Fencing
5. Downtown Beautification Project Update

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

- Payables January 23, 2021- February 5, 2021

PERMITS/EXEMPTIONS/ADJUSTMENTS:

Exemption:

BURI.001	Harbour Drive	Ice House Rates (\$1500/yearly, not being used in 2021)
PIERZ001	Poll Tax Exemption Request	Residing in St. John's in 2021 (new address provided)
MULLR002	Poll Tax Exemption Request	Full Time Student (enrollment documents provided)

Demolition Permit:

LAKEC001	56 Bayview Street	Demolition of Dwelling
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CORRESPONDENCE:

From	Particulars	Anticipated Action
Joe Hickey	Letter of Support for Rural Broadband	Letter of Support
Burin Peninsula Joint Council	Membership 2021	Councillor's Information
Pilot on the Road (Jeffrey Foss)	90th Birthday Congratulations- Jean Delaney(former resident)	Recognition Request
TRIO	7th Annual Talk to the TRIO Board	Invitation- Teleconference
Department of National Defence	Request for a Military Retirement Congratulatory Certificate	Request
Epilepsy Newfoundland & Labrador	International Awareness Day of Epilepsy- March 26, 2021	Proclamation

CAO REPORT

PMA Advanced Module - Municipal Law
Gas Tax Funding

COUNCILLOR'S FORUM / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT / Next Meeting: