

February 11, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall
February 11, 2025 at 7:10pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.; Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews, Councilors Greg Hiscock, Byron Rodway, John Brown;

ABSENT: Councilors Fraser Drover and Tim Gushue;

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey, members of the Brigus Fire Brigade and general public

AGENDA: Motion 2025-10: Councilor Rodway/Hiscock that the Agenda for February 11, 2025, be adopted. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried)

MINUTES: Motion 2025-11: Councilor Hiscock/Rodway that January 14, 2025 minutes be adopted. (In Favor 4; Opposed 1, Deputy Mayor Matthews; Carried)

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Street light on Youden Place, work order has been created with NL Power, process has begun.

Brush to be burned before the end of February 2025.

Tucker Electronics to meet with Clerk and have livestream set up.

ACTION REPORTS

Clerk to check cell phones of employees to make sure all is in good working condition

DELEGATION

Kevin Power spoke to Council regarding the Brigus War Memorial and the Legion's request to move forward with plans to update and renovate the area of the memorial. Clerk to try and obtain survey and or Deed, if possible. Service on pole to be installed as soon as possible, as per motion from previous minutes.

Motion 2025-12; Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to have the Brigus War Memorial land surveyed and conveyed to the Town of Brigus if necessary (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried);

Personal commitment from Councilor Hiscock to oversee and assist Mr. Kevin Power and the Legion Branch 65 with the renovation project of the Brigus War Memorial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee:

Councilor Rodway excused himself at 7:41 p.m.

Motion 2025-13; Councilor Hiscock/Brown to approve the application for development of an extension at 25 Middle Ridge Road with the condition that new windows match existing windows; (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried)

Public Works Committee:

Backhoe and 5500 truck both have mechanical issues, Clerk to call for analyses and repair if possible.

Motion 2025 - 14: Councilors Hiscock/Brown to accept agreement made by the Town of South River for the use of their lift station, if needed, during waste disposal (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Finance Committee:

Councilor Rodway excused himself

Motion: 2025-15: Councilor Brown/Deputy Mayor Matthews; that payables are to be paid in the amount of \$29371.35. (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Councilor Rodway returned

Motion: 2025-16: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Rodway that the municipal tax rates for 2025 be accepted and approved as presented. (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Motion: 2025-17: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Rodway that the town maintains its current interest charges rate of 12% annually (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Motion: 2025-18: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Rodway that the town seek approval from Scotiabank, Bay Roberts, for the 2025 year, forty thousand dollars (\$40000.00) as our operating line of credit (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Motion 2025-19: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Rodway that the town's 2025 municipal budget be accepted and approved as presented. (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0: Carried.)

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Non official statements received from festival committee;

Recreation: NIL

HR Committee: NIL

Policy Committee: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
IBEW	Possible dates for negotiation	Present dates of availability
Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans	Draft User Licence	Draft rejected
Kevin Power	Email regarding Brigus War Memorial	Filed
Town of South River	Agreement to use Lift Station	Accepted

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion 2025-20: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Hiscock rejects draft agreement proposed by small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-21: Councilor Hiscock/ Rodway approve donation to Team French U18 curling team in the amount of \$50.00 as per donation policy.; (In Favor: 4; Opposed: 0; Carried). Councilor John Brown abstained from voting due to conflict of interest under the Municipal Conduct Act.

Motion 2025-22: Councilor Hiscock/Brown for the meeting to adjourn at 8:35 pm and move to privileged meeting. Next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm. (In Favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Carried).

Date in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 11 Day of March , 2025


Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor


Lisa Hickey, Town Clerk/Manager