

January 14, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall
January 14, 2025 at 7:02pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.; Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews, Councilors Fraser Drover, Greg Hiscock, Tim Gushue, Byron Rodway;

ABSENT: Councilor John Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey, members of the public.

AGENDA: **Motion 2025-01:** Councilor Hiscock/Drover that the Agenda for January 14, 2025, be adopted. (In Favor 6 Opposed 0; Carried)

MINUTES: **Motion 2025-02:** Councilor Rodway/Gushue that December 3, 2024 minutes be adopted. (In Favor; 6 Opposed; 0; Carried)

ARISING FROM MINUTES

ACTION REPORTS

Councilor Rodway excused himself at 7:15p.m.

Motion 2025-03: Councilor Hiscock/Drover to award the 2011 1500 GMC LT Sierra to include a 10' Snowdogg plow complete with mounting bracket and wiring harness on an "As Is Where Is" basis with no warranty to Rodway Excavating Inc. Bid in the amount of \$2574.00. (In Favor: 6 Opposed 0; carried).

Councilor Rodway returned 7:22 p.m.

Motion 2025-04: Councilor Drover/Hiscock to proceed with an interim License agreement regarding the backfilling shore protection as per the email from Mr. Peter Howe of Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans Canada with further clarity of what will be included in same (In Favor: 6 Opposed 0; carried).

DELEGATION

Rodney Mercer
Revoked request for delegation

Barry Gosse
Resigned from the Blueberry Festival due to lack of town support and appreciation;

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: NIL

Public Works Committee:

Sewer line has been covered near 19-23 Quigleys Lane
Water Leak on Quigley’s Lane repaired
Water Leak on Irishtown Road repaired
Repair of rock walls to be deferred until Spring of 2025
Main lift station, Town will proceed with repair; Subcontractors to be contacted
Potholes in the area of Cemetery Road and Chapel Lane to be repaired with cold patch
Brush to be burned as soon as possible dependent on weather conditions; surrounding residents and Fire Brigade to be notified in advance.

Finance Committee:

Councilor Rodway excused himself at 7:56 p.m.
Motion: 2025-05: Councilor Hiscock/Gushue; that payables are to be paid in the amount of \$17433.46. (In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried.)
Councilor Rodway returned at 8:01 p.m.
Budget meeting to be scheduled by Clerk/Manager;
Clerk/Manager to obtain pricing for Mr. Bill Jackman of Brand Command to update and maintain the Town of Brigus website.
Motion 2025-06: Hiscock/Drover to implement (SAGE) accounting software for 2025 (In Favor; 5 Opposed; 1 Councilor Rodway; Carried)
Motion 2025-07: Drover/Hiscock to pay K&D Pratt for 6 SCBA, 6 Masks and 12 Cylinders to then be submitted to Department of Justice and Public Safety Office – Fire Services Division for 80 Percent reimbursement; Remainder to be deducted from the Fire Brigades annual budgeted amount (In Favor: 6 Opposed 0; carried).

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Financial Statements should be available very soon, as per Barry Gosse;

Recreation:

HR Committee:

Vacant position for Public Works Supervisor still available; council to discuss further at a closed-door meeting;

Policy Committee: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Jim Walsh	BID on Tender	Filed
Rodway Excavating	BID on Tender	Awarded
Christopher Morgan	BID on Tender	Filed
MMSB	2025 Compost Bin Distribution Program	Filed

Municipal and Provincial Affairs	Approval of Budget Extension	Filed
Town of South River	Confirmation of Lift Station	Filed
1620 IBEW	Notice to Commence Collective Bargaining	Discussed in closed door meeting.
Municipal and Provincial Affairs	Tourist Accommodation Tax	Filed - further discussion needed
Email from Leona Hedderson	Requesting additional street lights in the Keatings Road/Youden place area stating a huge safety concern	Previous motion carried
Department of Justice and Public Safety	Approval of funding for new equipment for Fire Brigade	Invoice to be paid as per Motion 2025-07: Drover/Hiscock stated within
Emails from David Mitchell	Regarding Infilling	Contacted Small Crafts and Harbours awaiting interim agreement
Email from David Mitchell	Writing on behalf of concerned citizens in the Brigus Gut/ Harbour Pond area	Filed

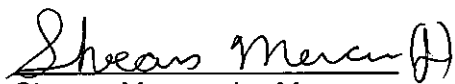
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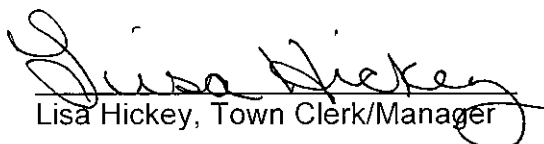
Councilor Hiscock to provide further details on Tourist Accommodation Tax;
Motion 2025-08: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Gushue to forward a Letter of Appreciation to Travis Jones for providing the Town of Brigus with daily weather information; brigusweather.com to be added to the Town of Brigus website with approval by creator; (In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried).

Clerk contacted Tucker Electronics, will meet with Gerry Hall to correct issue with live streaming;

Motion 2025-09: Councilor Hiscock/Gushue for the meeting to adjourn at 9:05 pm. (In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried).

Date in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 3rd Day of *March.*, 2025


Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor


Lisa Hickey, Town Clerk/Manager