

## **March 11, 2025**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall March 11, 2025 at 7:04pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.; Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews, Councilors Greg Hiscock, Byron Rodway, Tim Gushue, John Brown arrived 7:28pm;

**ABSENT:** Councilors Fraser Drover;

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey, members of the Brigus Community Garden, Ms. Wendy Lush and Ms. Lori Pike and general public;

**AGENDA:** **Motion 2025-23:** Councilor Rodway/Gushue that the Agenda for March 11, 2025, be adopted. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried)

**MINUTES:** **Motion 2025-24:** Councilor Rodway/Hiscock that February 11, 2025 minutes be adopted. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried)

### **ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Survey for war memorial located; Second hand pole to be erected for electricity; service to be installed;

### **ACTION REPORTS**

Pothole located on Chapel Lane / Irishtown Road to be filled.

### **DELEGATION**

Wendy Lush and Lori Pike, committee members of the Brigus Community Gardens provided update on garden boxes constructed, maintenance done and the success of last year's garden. Requested permission to remove three mature trees to increase the amount of sunlight on each garden box. Previously approved by council to install outside electrical source.

Rodney Mercer revoked request for delegation;

**Motion 2025-25;** Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Gushue to provisionally approve the request to remove three mature trees restricting sunlight at the Brigus Community Gardens, immediately following confirmation from the Public Works Committee (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried);

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Development Committee:**

**Motion 2025-26:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to approve the application for development of a greenhouse at 34 South Street; (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried);

**Motion 2025-27:** Councilor Rodway/Hiscock to approve the application for development of a modular duplex on Jubilee Path, subject to approval by Digital

Government and Service NL and exact location of development is confirmed; (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried)

**Public Works Committee:**

Mayor to contact RodCo with respect to main lift station repair/maintenance.

Council advised Hawthorne Condominium Corporation that they do not require authorization to install a backflow preventer as it is done so on their property. They were also advised that Council will not provide subsidization regarding same. Hawthorne Condominium and Suites also requested a pole light to be installed on Curtis Lane. Council advised that the specific location, mentioned by Hawthorne Condominium Corporation, is not Town land and is the responsibility of the property owner.

**Motion 2025-28:** Councilor Hiscock/Brown to provide approval to NL Power, to replace one pole at 74 Irishtown Road (In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried).

**Finance Committee:**

Councilor Rodway excused himself 7:35pm

**Motion 2025-29:** Councilor Hiscock/Brown to approve payables in the amount of \$21625.84 (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried);

Councilor Rodway returned 8.01pm

Municipal Budget for 2025 accepted with one minor change. Town Clerk/Manager to adjust, no need for resubmittal;

**Blueberry Festival Committee:**

**Motion 2025-30:** Councilor Hiscock/Brown to post public notice seeking volunteers for the Blueberry Festival Group

**Recreation:** NIL

**HR Committee:** Vacant position within Public Works remains to be advertised.

**Policy Committee:** NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE**

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Hawthorne Condominium and Suites	Supply and install of backflow preventer	Addressed and filed.
PMA 2025 Convention	Registration of April 8-10 Conference.	Registration completed
Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans	Draft User License response from prior meeting decision.	Council to contact Mr. Howe for meeting to discuss further

Fisheries and Oceans	Letter regarding fish habitat protection in Brigus	Filed
Cromwell Lodge	Donation request	Does not fall within policy, filed
Brigus Community Garden	Update and Proposal 2025	Filed – see Motion 2025-25
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	NL DFAP- NL Disaster Financial Assistance Program	Filed
NL Power	Requesting permission to replace one pole at 74 Irishtown Road	Approved
Vendor	Brigus Flags to purchase	Clerk to purchase 50 Brigus Flags, see Motion 2025-31

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

KGS Group completed report for Flood Mapping, online versions should be available by April 2025

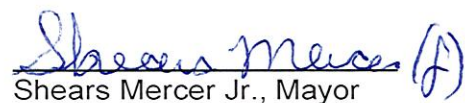
Resident requested information on erecting a bench in memoriam, Clerk asked to provide additional information at following meeting

**Motion 2025-31:** Councilor Rodway/Hiscock to purchase 50 Brigus flags from Vendor. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried);

**Motion 2025-32:** Councilor Rodway/Brown to approve Town Clerk/Manager for registration of the PMA 2025 Convention on April 8-10, 2025 (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried);

**Motion 2025-33:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway for the meeting to adjourn at 8:45 pm and move to privileged meeting. Next meeting scheduled for April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm. (In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0; Carried).

Date in the Town of Brigus,  
Newfoundland and Labrador on  
the 16 Day of April, 2025

  
Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor

  
Lisa Hickey, Town Clerk/Manager