April 8, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall April 8, 2025 at 7:04pm.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.; Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews, Councilors Greg Hiscock, Byron Rodway, Tim Gushue, John Brown, Fraser Drover;

ABSENT: NIL

<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u> Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey, members of the general public;

AGENDA: Motion 2025-31: Councilor Rodway/Hiscock that the Agenda for April 8, 2025, be adopted. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

MINUTES: Motion 2025-32: Councilor Rodway/Gushue that March 11, 2025 minutes be adopted. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Clerk to contact Peter Howe of Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans to arrange a meeting with Council;

ACTION REPORTS

DELEGATION

Mr. Stan Puddester, committee member of the Hawthorne Condominium Corporation, addressed council with concerns regarding excessive speed of oncoming vehicles while residents were exiting the parking lot onto to Station Road.

Motion 2025-33; Councilor Hiscock/Brown to place a 3 way stop at School Road location to cut down on speed and cut back the brush to decrease speed and increase visibility. (In Favor 5; Opposed 2; Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Rodway; Carried);

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee:

Motion 2025-34: Councilor Drover/Rodway to approve the application for development of an extension to existing property at 9-11 Guys Lane; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried);

Motion 2025-35: Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve the original application for

development of a shed on 4 Forge Road, on the condition that it is not to be used for habitation; Also, to be noted that the resident requested measurement from boundary to structure to be decreased, request was denied. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried);

Motion 2025-36: Councilor Drover/Brown to approve a business application for a (Artisan Bakery/Café) on 30-32 North Street, contingent that all government approvals are satisfied; (In Favor 6; Opposed 1; Councilor Hiscock; Carried);

Motion 2025-37: Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve a home business application for life coaching on 15 Roberts Lane, subject to a minimum of 14 days advertisement to allow for public objection; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Motion 2025-38: Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve application for Crown Lands grant of 3 Lobster Factory Lane; (In Favor 0; Opposed 7; Defeated);

Motion 2025-39: Councilor Drover/Gushue to approve application for development of an extension on 30 Harbour Drive on the condition that a metal roof is not installed; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried);

Public Works Committee:

Screens and Hydrant flushing to be scheduled.

Finance Committee:

Motion 2025-40: Councilor Hiscock/Drover approve Town Clerk/Manager to receive retroactive pay from January 28, 2025 to moment of confirmation of exclusion from Union. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried);

Councilor Rodway excused himself 8:17pm

Motion 2025-41: Councilor Hiscock/Driver to approve payables in the amount of \$28,485.10 (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried);

Councilor Rodway returned 8.20pm

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Council requested meeting with remaining members of the blueberry festival committee:

Clerk to confirm if HST has been paid for the blueberry festival committee for years 2023/2024

Recreation: NIL

HR Committee:

From closed door meeting

Motion 2025-42: Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to offer Mr. David Peddle the position available withing the public works department: (In Favor 4; Opposed 1; Mayor

Shears Mercer Jr.; Carried);

Absent from closed door meeting: Councilor Drover/Gushue

Policy Committee: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Department of Environment & Climate Change Water Resources Management Division	Spring 2025 Operator Education Seminars	Filed
Resident	Brook Restoration at Riverhead and The Walk	Further discussion needed
Brigus Mercantile	Request Patio License	Revised letter will be granted see motion under General Business
Parish of the Resurrection	Proposal for after school program committee	Filed
Parish of the Resurrection	Requisitioning ad for auction booklet	Filed
Postmaster of Brigus	Request to have bench outside post office for elderly clients to rest.	Will revisit when current step is to be replaced/repaired
Resident – 3 Fox Hill	Open studio space commercially to the public	Advised to complete all required documents prior to application being submitted

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councilor Rodway excused himself due to possible conflict 8:28p.m.

Motion 2025-43: Councilor Hiscock/Drover to approve the Brigus Mercantile/Brigus Social House having a Patio License (In Favor 5; Opposed 1; Deputy Mayor Matthews; Carried);

Councilor Rodway returned 8:40p.m

Council will observe Volunteer Appreciation week of April 27-May 3, 2025 by acknowledging all departments of Council and voicing appreciation.

Clerk to contact vendor to resume rental of metal bin for resident use only;

Clerk to contact IT professional to assist with setting up livestreaming equipment

Motion 2025-44 Councilor Hiscock/Brown for the meeting to adjourn at 9.01pm and move to privileged meeting. Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm. (In Favor: 7; Opposed: 0; Carried).

Date in the Town of Brigus, Newfoundland and Labrador on the 13 Day of May , 2025

Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor

Lisa Hickey, Town Clerk/Manager