

## July 8, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, July 8, 2025 at 7:03pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews, Councilor Byron Rodway, Tim Gushue, John brown (7:48pm), Fraser Drover;

**ABSENT:** NIL

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk/ Manger Lisa Hickey, Delegates and members of the general public;

**AGENDA:** **Motion 2025-78:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway that the Agenda for the July 8, 2025 be adopted with additions. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried)

**MINUTES:** **Motion 2025-79:** Councilor Drover/Gushue that June 10, 2025 Minutes be adopted with corrections. (In Favor 5; opposed 0; Carried) Councilor Hiscock abstained from vote due to being absent during June 10, 2025 meeting.

### **ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Tree on Riverhead Road to be cut down to increase lighting in the area.

Sand for Ball field, no quotes to date

### **ACTION REPORTS:**

Road patching to commence

### **DELEGATION:**

Mr. Gerald Mercer – Did not attend

Bill Morrissey – addressed Council regarding the previous refusal of Crown Lands Grant Application for 3 Lobster Factory Road. Requested reconsideration and offered further clarification of what exactly was proposed. Council approved. See Motion 2025-80 below.

**Motion 2025-80:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to approve Crown Lands Grant Application for 3 Lobster Factory Road on the condition that the resident obtains a new survey including said parcel of land. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1 Deputy Paul Matthews; Carried).

Bruce Bowering – addressed council as a concerned resident and non-active member of the Heritage Committee, (Councilor Rodway excused himself 7:39pm), regarding the destruction of the traditional rock wall located on Vindicator Lane. Delegate would like to know what Council is prepared to do to rectify the situation. (Councilor Rodway returned 7:45pm).

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***Development Committee***

Following two Motions passes at a Special meeting of the Council of Brigus held on June 23, 2025.

**Motion 2025-81:** Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Drover that under its authority of the *Towns and Local Services Act section 285, subsection 1[b]*, the adjacent property owner [Mr. D. Babb] may be directed to replace the portion of a public traditional Rock Wall located along Vindicator Lane to its original state, or as closely as possible to Council's satisfaction. Repair is to be completed within twenty-one (21) days of the date of any order served. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1 Councilor Hiscock; Carried).

**Motion 2025-82:** Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Drover states that should the public traditional Rock Wall on Vindicator Lane not be repaired by the property owner [Mr. D. Babb] responsible for its destruction, the Town will take appropriate action to carry out repair and any expenses incurred will be recoverable as a debt owed to the Town by the property owner. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1 Councilor Hiscock; Carried).

**Motion 2025-83:** Councilor Drover/Rodway to approve the Application for Development of an extension on existing residential garage at 4 School Lane; (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway excused himself 7:45pm

**Motion 2025-84:** Councilor Drover/Hiscock to defer the Application for Development of a residential garage on 16 Magistrates Hill, Until Council has met with resident and further information is available (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

**Motion 2025-85:** Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve the Application for Development of an extension on existing house at 30 Harbour Drive; (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway returned 7:56pm

**Motion 2025-86:** Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve the Application for Development of a residential garage at 177 Cemetery Road; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

**Motion 2025-87:** Councilor Rodway/Brown to approve the Application for Development to construct a patio at 52 Irishtown Road; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

#### ***Public Works Committee***

**Motion 2025-88:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to block off and/or close for the season, the environmental dumping location due to possibility of becoming over capacity, unless solution can be reached. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Graffiti to be removed in tunnel

Red guard rails on The Walk to be repaired.

Culvert(s) on North Street and other areas to be repaired/replaced.

Additional crosswalks to be added to Station Road

**Motion 2025-89:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to accept quote for street sweeping on the condition that the vendor uses a vacuum and line painting (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway excused himself 8:37pm

**Motion 2025-90:** Councilor Hiscock/Drover to inform resident on Lobster Factory Road to remove any and all material from the breakwater that is encroaching on land that is not registered to resident. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway returned 8:39pm

**Motion 2025-91:** Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to approve new location for dumping and water station. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

#### ***Finance Committee***

Councilor Rodway excused himself 8:08pm

**Motion 2025-92:** Deputy Mayor Matthews/Hiscock to approve payables in the amount of \$27,882.28 (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway returned 8:10pm

***Blueberry Festival Committee***

Poster for the Annual Blueberry Festival will be completed and posted this week

***Recreation Committee***

***HR Committee***

**Motion 2025-93:** Councilor Hiscock/Brown to approve hiring an Assistant Clerk on a Part-time, seasonal basis, duration TBD. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

***Policy Committee***

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Resident of Hawthorne Condominiums	Appreciation Letter	Filed
Whadda Y'art pop-ups	Proposal to set up a pop-up tent in Brigus	Approved, vendor to obtain permit (excluding Aug 8,9,10 2025)
25 Middle Ridge	Regarding continuation of project	Extension granted to August 29, 2025 See <b>Motion 2025-94</b>
12 Gushue's Lane	Regarding the structural integrity of the building on DFO-SCH wharf (roof detaching from walls)	Town Clerk/Manager to setup meeting with DFO and members of Council.
Resident of Hawthorne Condominiums	Regarding 3 way stop on Station Road	Stop signs removed, speed bump to be installed See <b>Motion 2025-95</b>
Rolling Roast Mobile Coffee Trailer	Request to set up coffee trailer at the local RV Park (not permanently)	Approved in Trailer Park only, permit to be obtained. See <b>Motion 2025-96</b>
Resident	Obtain permission to paint a Pickleball Court in Brigus	Approved, Town will paint lines only.
Resident(s) 89 Farm Road/ 59-73 Farm Road	Regarding excessive speed of all terrain vehicles, safety concerns	Public works to cut back brush from sides of road to increase visibility.
5 The Walk	Proposed Bylaw prohibiting Recreational Vehicles in the Historic District.	See <b>Motion 2025-97</b>

**Motion 2025-94:** Councilor Hiscock/Brown to extend the deadline for work to completed at 25 Middle Ridge to August 29, 2025 after which, if work is not completed the Stop Work Order will be reinstated. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

**Motion 2025-95:** Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Hiscock to approve the removal of the 3 way stop sign and installation of a speed bump on Station Road near Curtis Lane. (In Favor 6; Opposed 1 Councilor Rodway; Carried).

**Motion 2025-96:** Councilor Hiscock/Gushue to allow the Coffee Trailer to operate at the local RV park only, on the condition that a permit is obtained. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

**Motion 2025-97:** Councilor Gushue/Deputy Mayor Matthews to approve proposed Bylaw prohibiting Recreational Vehicles in the Historic District Townscape for habitation use on public property. (In Favor 4; Opposed 3 Councilor Rodway, Hiscock, Drover; Carried).

**Motion 2025-98:** Councilor Drover/Rodway to accept donation of floating wharf for small crafts, day use only. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).


**Motion 2025-99:** Councilor Brown/Hiscock to approve order for AED for use at the Ball Field/Playground (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Brown to assist with the arrival of the Ernestina on Sept 11, 2025.

Council to approve SportsCar Tour to park and showcase their cars on the field next to Wilcox Gardens on July 13<sup>th</sup> gathering of group members.

**Motion 2025-100:** Councilor Rodway/Brown for the meeting to adjourn at 9:43 pm and move to a privileged meeting. Next meeting scheduled for August 12, 2025 at 7:00pm (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Dated in the Town of Brigus,  
Newfoundland and Labrador on  
the                      Day of                      , 2025



Mayor  
Shears Mercer Jr.



Town Clerk/Manager  
Lisa Hickey