

September 9, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, September 9, 2025 at 7.37pm.

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

ABSENT: Councilor John brown

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

AGENDA: Motion 2025-117: Councilor Rodway/Hiscock that the Agenda for the September 9, 2025, be adopted with additions. (in Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

MINUTES: Motion 2025-118: Councilor Drover/Rodway that August 12, 2025, Minutes be adopted with corrections. (In Favor 6: opposed 0; Carried).

ARISING FROM MINUTES: Correction of **Motion 2025-103** in August 12, 2025 Minutes.

ACTION REPORTS:

Replacement sign for Powers Lane has been ordered and will be erected by Public Works.

DELEGATION:

Pauline Mercer – addressed council with disappointment as delegate feels council has failed the Fire Department.

Michelle Gushue – addressed council regarding the 2025 Brigus Blueberry Festival, the approximate revenue collected, and approximate expenses paid out. Siting the festival to be a success; financial reports to follow.

Councilor Rodway excused himself due to conflict of interest 7:50pm

Bruce Bowering – requested update on rock wall stop work order on Vindicator Lane.

Councilor Rodway returned 7:53pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:

Motion 2025-119: Councilor Drover/Rodway to approve “*in principle*” the construction of two Muli-family residential buildings and the subdivision of land located at 10 School Lane; (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-120: Councilor Drover/Hiscock to approve the Application for Development for the construction of a residential shed located on 314 Conception Bay Highway. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Council confirmed that 60 and 62 Irishtown Road are compliant with Municipal regulations as it is located in the Historic District of the Town of Brigus and therefore, there are no minimum lot sizes.

Public Works Committee:

Motion 2025-121: Councilor Rodway/Drover to propose, a request for sealed quotations, regarding a standing offer agreement for equipment with an operator. To be called in on any repairs/maintenance that of which the Public Works department are unable to complete. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Town Clerk/Manager to check status on all current agreements in place for expiration and renewals.

Motion 2025-122: Councilor Hiscock/Gushue to approve the installation of a no exit sign on the base of John Noel's Hill near the Antle property, to also install a Public Lane way sign at start of the Old Road to Georgetown and notify resident of the 3ft reservation on any road way in the Town of Brigus. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Finance Committee:

Councilor Rodway excused himself 8:18pm

Motion 2025-123: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Gushue to approve payables in the amount of \$38,021.91 (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Rodway returned 8:21pm

Blueberry Festival Committee: NIL

Recreation: NIL

HR Committee: NIL

Policy Committee:

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Resident of 9 The Walk	Request decision from council regarding correspondence dated prior to and including September 5, 2025	See Motion 2025-130
Vendor	Quote for transportation of sand and salt mixture	Filed

Motion 2025-124: Councilor Rodway/Hiscock to approve monetary budget in the amount of \$3000.00 in contribution to the arrival of the Schooner Ernestina Morrisey from September 11 -14, 2025. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-125: made during a privileged meeting on July 14, 2025 (5 Present): Councilor Hiscock/Rodway, that effective Friday July 18th, 2025, the present Fire Chief (Rodney Mercer) is suspended from his duties as Chief of BVFD until the existing, outstanding directives are actioned to Council's satisfaction, or as Council decides on further action; (In Favor 3; Opposed 2; Councilor Brown, Councilor Gushue; Defeated).

NOTE: Motion passed majority but failed 2/3 requirement. Section 73.1 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

Motion 2025-126: made during a privileged meeting on September 2, 2025 (5 Present): Councilor Drover/Hiscock that Council suspend the Fire Chief (Rodney Mercer) from all BVFD activities effective immediately; (In Favor 4; Opposed 1; Councilor Gushue; Defeated).

NOTE: Motion passed majority but failed 2/3 requirement. Section 73.1 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

Motion 2025-127: made arising from a privileged meeting on September 9, 2025 at 6:30pm (6 Present): Councilor Hiscock/Deputy Mayor Matthews that Council approve the tentative Collective Bargaining agreement between The Town of Brigus (Employer) and the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 1620 (Union), representing the town's employees, recognized therein, as presented in the Special Meeting held on September 2025 including the Memorandum of Understanding which will form an addendum to this Agreement. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1; Councilor Rodway; Carried).

Motion 2025-128: Deputy Mayor Matthews/Councilor Gushue to approve the quote received to replace and install a multi-split heat pump located at 15 Water Street. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-129: Councilor Hiscock/Rodway to issue a Stop Work order for 25 Middle Ridge to cease and desist, immediately, ALL exterior work on site, due to failure of having prior agreement by council and resident completed within a specified time period. (In Favor 3; Opposed 3; Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Deputy Mayor Matthews, Councilor Gushue; Defeated).

Motion 2025-130 Councilor Hiscock/Deputy Mayor Matthews to obtain advice on matter regarding correspondence from 9 The Walk, before providing a response to resident. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1, Councilor Gushue; Carried).

Motion 2025-131 Councilor Hiscock/Deputy Mayor Matthews to put out tender for the removal of all rock and fill placed on all lands beyond the boundaries of 7 The Walk, pursuant to the Amended Order dated October 6, 2022 (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-132: Councilor Hiscock/Gushue for the meeting to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2025, at 7:00pm (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Dated in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 14 Day of Oct., 2025

Shears Mercer (J)

Mayor
Shears Mercer Jr.

Lisa Hickey
Town Clerk/Manager
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