

November 4, 2025

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, November 4, 2025 at 7.00pm.

Notice to all residents:

Newly elected council members were sworn in by the Returning Officer, Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey. Town Clerk/Manager administered the Oath of Office, on October 3, 2025, to the following; Shears Mercer Jr., Michael McDonald, Robert Butler, Steven Spracklin, Goldie Broughton, Michelle Gushue and Cecilia Sadler.

Nomination for Mayor - Michael McDonald/Robert Butler nominated Shears Mercer Jr. – Accepted nomination. There being no further nominations Shears Mercer Jr. was declared Mayor.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor - Cecilia Stadler/Shears Mercer Jr. nominated Michael McDonald – accepted nomination. There being no further nominations Michael McDonald was declared Deputy Mayor.

Committees

Development – Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Councilor Michelle Gushue, Councilor Cecilia Stadler

Public Works – Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Deputy Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Robert Butler

HR – Deputy Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Goldie Broughton, Councilor Michelle Gushue

Finance - Deputy Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Goldie Broughton, Councilor Robert Butler

Blueberry Festival – Councilor Steven Spracklin, Councilor Michelle Gushue

Recreation – Councilor Spracklin, Councilor Stadler

Policy – Councilor Robert Butler, Councilor Cecilia Stadler

Signature for accounts – Mayor Shears Mercer Jr. and Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Deputy Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilors Robert Butler, Steven Spracklin, Goldie Broughton, Michelle Gushue, Cecilia Stadler

ABSENT: NIL

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/ Manger Lisa Hickey, member of the public

AGENDA: **Motion 2025-152:** Councilor Broughton/ Deputy Mayor McDonald that the Agenda for the November 4, 2025, be adopted. (in Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

MINUTES: **Motion 2025-153:** Deputy Mayor McDonald/ Councilor Stadler that October 14, 2025, minutes be adopted. (In Favor 7: opposed 0; Carried)

ARISING FROM MINUTES: NIL

ACTION REPORTS:

Town Clerk/Manager to send a thank you notice to the residents who attended the community public meeting on Nov 2, 2025 and to advise that committee's will be formed as a result.

DELEGATION: NIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:

Motion 2025-154: Councilor Butler/Stadler to defer the Application for Development requesting water and sewer services to a sea can located at 346 Conception Bay Highway; (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Public Works Committee:

Motion 2025-155-: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve the quote from Xylem for the galvanized chain hoist and chain after additional quote provided. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Town Clerk/Manager to obtain additional quotes for compact excavator and trailer.

Motion 2025-156: Councilor Butler/Gushue to approve the removal of the speed bump located on Station Road for the winter season. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Trees and alders to be trimmed back at least 3ft from the Roadside on Englishtown Road.

Town Clerk/Manager to obtain permits to clear out rivers and ditches.

Town Clerk/Manager to arrange for small repairs to be done on the exterior of the Town Office

Berm to be fixed at yard waste site on Englishtown Road, site to be cleaned and sectioned off.

Motion 2025-157: Councilor Gushue/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve same contractor as previous year at same rate to transport sand and salt mixture for the winter season. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Motion 2025-158: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve winter hours for Public Works employees to commence November 17, 2025. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Finance Committee:

Motion 2025-159: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve payables in the amount of \$19639.02 (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Last of invoices has been received, committee will begin financial statements

Recreation:

Trunk or Treat held on October 18, 2025 was a great success.

Tree Lighting scheduled for November 26, 2025 next to the Town Hall as previous years.

Brigus Recreation Committee requested shed on area adjacent to ball field be moved closer to the Canteen, also inquired whether a garage door can be installed. Council to discuss further

HR Committee:

Union negotiations are proceeding

Policy Committee: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Auditor	Engagement Letter	Signed, forwarded and filed.
Resident of Georgetown, NL	Dog Attack	Respond to Resident and file. Councilor Broughton excited due to Conflict 7:51p.m returned at 7:59pm
Resident – 28 Beaver Pond Road	Maintenance schedule for pump station	Resident advised and filed;
Resident – 16 Chapel Lane	Concern for safety, Resident would like to propose it be a one-way street	Council will look further into the best possible action.
Board of Directors – 6 Curtis Lane	Damage to retaining wall	Town Clerk/Manager to respond and file.

33-45 Long Pond Road Resident	Permission to access property over old tracks	Permission granted, filed.
Legion	Advertising in Veterans Service Recognition Book	Filed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion 2025-160: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve a community sign, located near the new Lift Station. Sign will be visible for all entering and/or leaving the Town of Brigus for monthly Town messages. Sign will be located on Conception Bay Highway.

Motion(s) made during the October 15, 2025 privileged meeting:

In Attendance; Mayor Shears Mercer, Deputy Mayor McDonald, Councilors Spracklin, Butler, Gushue, Broughton, and Stadler.

Motion 2025-161: Councilor Broughton/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve a donation in the amount of \$3000.00 to the Brigus Volunteer Fire Department towards either a new vehicle or equipment.

Motion(s) made during the October 21, 2025 privileged meeting:

In Attendance: Mayor Shears Mercer, Councilors Spracklin, Butler, Gushue, Broughton, and Stadler.

Absent: Deputy Mayor McDonald

Motion 2025-162: Councilor Broughton/Gushue to approve the revised water agreement with the Town of Cupids and South River with an increase of .50 per household, (\$7.50 – \$8.00) due to the increasing cost of supplies. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-163: Councilor Butler/Stadler to revise the water agreement with the Town of Cupids and South River to reflect a change in the terms. Water agreement will now be in effect for a period of 2 years instead of 4 years. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2025-164: Councilor Butler/Stadler to accept the quote from Island Paving in the amount of \$54,855.00 to repair approximately 13,000 square feet of road. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Mayor Shears Mercer Jr./Deputy Mayor Michael McDonald agreed to attend Joint Council Meeting, November 13, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Motion 2025-165: Councilor Butler/Gushue for the meeting to adjourn at 9.02 pm. Next meeting scheduled for December 9, 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