

March 10, 2026

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm.

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

ABSENT: NIL

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey, members of the public.

AGENDA: Motion 2026-206: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Spracklin that the Agenda for the March 10, 2026, be adopted. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

MINUTES: Motion 2026-207: Councilor Butler/Broughton that February 10, 2026, Minutes be adopted. (In Favor 6: opposed 0; Carried).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Update on repair of main Lift Station. Town Clerk/Manager and Assistant Town Clerk have scheduled meeting with members of the Department of Environment on March 13, 2026.

ACTION REPORTS:

Public works to repair potholes with cold patch, meeting with public works employees requested by public works committee.

Lighting for the War Memorial forwarded to council for review

DELEGATION:

NIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:

Motion 2026-208: Councilor Stadler/Broughton to approve Business Permit Application for an Air BnB located on 9 Chapel Lane. Subject to Discretionary notice published to allow for Residents feedback, an inspection by the Fire Chief to confirm compliancy to safety and Certificate obtained for same. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Public Works Committee:

NIL

Finance Committee:

Motion 2026-209: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve payables in the amount of \$25,976.28. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Brigus Volunteer Fire Brigade voted to proceed with the Blueberry Festival.

Recreation:

On behalf of the Brigus Recreation Committee, Councilor Spracklin provided update for council; various events scheduled for March, i.e., Photos with the Easter bunny and community bowling.

HR Committee:

Councilor Butler requested to be added to the HR Committee; Council agreed.

Policy Committee:

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion 2026-210: Councilor Butler/Broughton to approve the date of April 6 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for the nominations of candidates to be received at the Town Office for the April 14, 2026 By-election. (In Favor 6: opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-211: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Broughton that there will be no Advanced Poll for the April 14, 2026 By-election. (In Favor 6: opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-212: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Stadler to approve the By-election Day date of April 14 from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Held at the Town Office of Brigus (In Favor 6: opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-213: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to set and approve the rates for the following Election Officials;

Returning Officer – \$325.00

Deputy Returning Officer – \$275.00

Poll Clerk – \$225.00

(In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-214: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to send notice to resident of 9 Farm Road to advise that conditions of allowing C-Can on property, reference to original Motion and excerpts below, has to be completed within 30 days of date of Notice. (In Favor 6; opposed 0; Carried).

Excerpt from Minutes of Nov 14, 2023 – Regarding 9 Farm Road

Motion: C. Drover/Hiscock move to approve 9 Farm Rd, C-Can/Shed, with very specific conditions on materials used and inspections will be required. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

Excerpt from Agenda of: Dec 3, 2024

9. General Business:

Resident – 9 Farm Road requested the status on whether or not they can put a shipping container on the property if trusses are constructed and siding is installed. Council referred to motion made November 14, 2023. Town Clerk notified resident.

Privileged meeting of February 10, 2026

In Attendance: Mayor Shears Mercer, Jr., Deputy-Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Cecilia Stadler, Councilor Robert Butler, Councilor Goldie Broughton, Councilor Steven Spracklin.

Councilor Butler/Spracklin out due to conflict.

Motion 2026-215: Councilor Stadler/Broughton to approve a donation of \$2500.00 to the Brigus Public Library. (In Favor 4; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-216: Councilor Butler/Stadler that no further residential/commercial development is permitted in the Bishops Beach area as it is considered a high-volume tourist location. (In Favor 4; Opposed 0; Carried).

Privileged meeting on February 27, 2026 - Meeting start: 7:00 PM

In attendance: Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Deputy-Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Goldie Broughton, Councilor Steven Spracklin, Councilor Robert Butler, and Councilor Cecilia Stadler.

Motion 2026-217: Councilor Stadler/Deputy-Mayor McDonald to make an offer to purchase property at 37-41 The Walk in Brigus for the amount of \$60,000. (In Favor 4; Opposed 2; Mayor Shears Mercer Jr./Councilor Stadler; Carried).

Motion 2026-218: Councilor Butler/Broughton to make an offer to purchase property at 18 South St., Brigus for the amount of \$110,000. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1; Councilor Spracklin; Carried).

Motion 2026-219: Deputy-Mayor McDonald/Councilor Butler to deny development application for front addition to property located at 60 Irishtown Rd. This is per historic development plan regulations requiring additions be at least 3 meters from roadway. A

deck 6 feet from the roadway would be permitted as the proposed deck itself is removable, but the proposed overhang connected to house is not.
(In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-220: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve a deposit of \$2000.00 for each initial water/sewer connection. If total cost is less than specified deposit, remainder of deposit to be refunded to individual. Connection fees on main thoroughfares shall be priced according to each job; however, deposit still applies. Any additional third-party fees are the responsibility of the individual requesting connection. Deposit must be paid before work commences. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-221: Councilor Butler/ Deputy-Mayor McDonald for approval to rescind Motions 2025-81 and 2025-82 due to completion of further investigation and careful review of Development Regulations, decision was made in the best interest of the residents of Brigus. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Referenced Motions, now rescinded:

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).

Privileged meeting on March 2, 2026 12:05pm

Opening of tenders for shed located at ball field.

In Attendance: Mayor Shears Mercer, Jr., Deputy-Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Cecilia Stadler, Councilor Robert Butler, Councilor Steven Spracklin, Town Clerk/Manager Lisa Hickey and Paul Conway

Tenders opened and read by Town Clerk/Manager, result as follows;

Motion 2026-222: Councilor Butler/Deputy-Mayor McDonald to accept shed tender in the amount of \$2700.00 made by Shawn Gillingham with the conditions that payment is made by March 6, 2026 and shed removed within 30 days of payment. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-223: Councilor Butler/Spracklin to put backhoe back up on tender with no minimum bid for a 14-day period. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Council Meeting March 5, 2026 - 3:30PM

In Attendance: Mayor Shears Mercer, Jr., Deputy-Mayor Michael McDonald, Councilor Cecilia Stadler, Councilor Robert Butler, Councilor Goldie Broughton.

Absent from Council: Councilor Steven Spracklin

Also in Attendance: Lisa Hickey, Town Clerk/Manager (via conference call) and Lynne Anderson, Assistant Town Clerk

Also expected, but absent: Rebecca Bowering

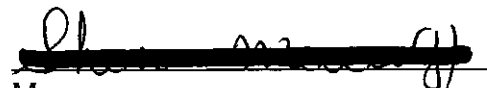
Motion 2026-224: Councilor Broughton/Councilor Butler resolve that the Town of Brigus submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for Canada Community-Building Funds in the amount of \$215,709.09 for the Brigus Wastewater Lift Station Mechanical Repair/Upgrade. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-225: Councilor Butler/Councilor Broughton to approve the Town's submission of a counter-offer of \$120,000 for the property listed for sale at 18 South Street. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

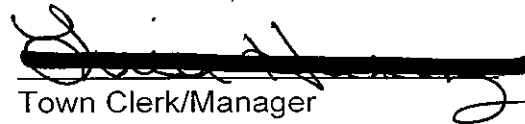
Motion 2026-226: Deputy-Mayor McDonald/Councilor Butler to approve the Town's submission of a counter-offer of \$65,000 and rejection of the stipulation to name the park after the seller's family for the property listed for sale at 37-41 The Walk. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-227: Councilor Butler/Spracklin for the meeting to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2026 at 7:00pm (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Dated in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 10 Day of March, 2026



Mayor
Shears Mercer, Jr.



Town Clerk/Manager
Lisa Hickey