

August 11, 2026

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, August 11, 2026 at 7.00pm.

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

ABSENT: Councilor Steven Spracklin

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

AGENDA: Motion 2026-309: Councilor Mercer/Broughton that the Agenda for the August 11, 2026 be adopted. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

MINUTES:

Motion 2026-310: Deputy Mayor McDonald/ Councilor Broughton that July 14, 2026 minutes be adopted. (In Favor 6; opposed 0; Carried).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Town Clerk/Manager to look for additional quotes to have security cameras installed at Town Hall and Town Depot.

Motion 2026-311: Councilor Butler/Stadler that the Town Clerk/Manager prepare and have signed a Letter of Affirmation stating that property owners will not reside in garage at 5-7 Guys Lane. (In Favor 6; opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-312: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to send, via registered mail, the residents located on 9-15 The Walk regarding the non compliance of erected greenhouse. Residents have 30 days to remove greenhouse. (In Favor 6; opposed 0; Carried).

ACTION REPORTS:

Town Clerk/Manager to have summer employees cut back brush on First Pond Trail.

Main Lift station: electrical panel trouble, still speaking with Environment and looking for engineer to prepare a set of plans sufficient for Environment.

DELEGATION:

Lorne Youden – raised concerns to council regarding the location of the proposed mural, that it is on a private building and basically on a dead-end street. Agrees the private building is an eyesore however it should not be at the Town's expense to take it from being an eyesore to a respectable property. Also wanted to raise the issue a conflict of Interest regarding Councilor Stadler who lives about 200 ft away from the possible mural location. Councilor Stadler stated that she has no issue stepping back in in conflict.

Council decided on hosting another public meeting to hear the concern and/or ideas from residents.

Byron Rodway – wished to speak to council regarding public pathways and signage. Specifically on John Noel's Hill. Would like to see the Public Lane sign in the correct location to mark the right away. Other missing signs mentioned are Middle Ridge, Percy's Lane.

Wendy Lush – On behalf of the Community Garden, Ms. Lush had a number of items to discuss regarding with council. Items and responses are as follows:

1. Community Garden would like, again, to use the old firehall for storage of the cold frames.

Council is pleased to grant the Community Garden Group permission to use the old Firehall for storage Purposes between Fall 2026 to Spring of 2027. We appreciate the need for a secure and suitable space to store equipment and materials associated with the garden.

2. Requests that there is no thoroughfare or direct access from the proposed parking lot into the Community Garden.

Council understands the Group's preference that there be no thoroughfare or direct access from the proposed parking lot into the Community Garden.

Council will discuss this matter further and explore what options may be available regarding the design and use of the parking area. Council will make it a priority to include the Community Garden Group in discussions and any decisions that may directly affect the garden.

3. Development of the Back Section of the Garden

Council is supportive of the Community Garden Group's efforts to seek funding and develop the back portion of the garden, whether through the installation of raised garden beds or the development of in-ground planting areas. The Town of Brigus is willing to support the Group in these efforts and will utilize the Town's Public Works resources, where possible, to assist with the development and preparation of the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:

Motion 2026-313: Councilor Stadler/Butler to approve the Business Permit Application for a home business located at 1 Youden Place pending advertising and no objection from residents. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Council deferred decision on Development application for 46-48 Gullies Road pending further information.

Motion 2026-314: Councilor Stadler/Mercer to approve the development application to alter or enlarge an existing shed located on 36 Rattley Row. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Deputy Mayor McDonald excused himself due to conflict of interest at 7:42pm

Motion 2026-315: Councilor Stadler/Butler to approve in principle the development application for the future construction of a single-family residence located at 16 Irishtown Road. (In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Carried).

Deputy Mayor McDonald returned at 7:44pm

Motion 2026-316: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve the development application of a mobile/prefabricated home located on 377-381 Conception Bay Highway subject to the property being subdivided and proof of same forwarded to the Town Office. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Public Works Committee:

Motion 2026-317: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Mercer to remove all signs from NL Power/telephone poles and notify owner to have them picked up at Town Office. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-318: Councilor Butler/Broughton to put out tender for the pickup of ice control materials (sand/salt) for the 2026-2027 season. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Public Works to investigate possible development issue regarding a retaining wall located at 14 Rattley Row.

Public Works to gather culvert measurements to replace culverts located at Beaver Pond and Ridge Road, Town Clerk/Manager to obtain quotes for same.

Motion 2026-319: Councilor Butler/Stadler to have Public Works remove existing material in the culvert located near 19 Gullies Road and to reopen the ditch for proper drainage. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Town Clerk/Manager to contact South River Auto to get an update on the repair of the Town Truck.

Finance Committee:

Motion 2026-320: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve payables in the amount of \$ 30,446.49. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Council to defer discussion on property tax discounts until further information is collected.

Blueberry Festival Committee: Income Statement for 2025 available.

Recreation: NIL

HR Committee:

Motion 2026-321: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Butler to approve the hiring of Jamie Melton as Public Works & Maintenance Foreman. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-322: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve the implementation of a 30-day notice prior to the requested vacation from staff, for council approval. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Policy Committee:

Motion 2026-323: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Mercer to adopt the updated live streaming policy. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried)

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Resident	Culvert on Gullies Road	See Motion 2026-319
Resident	Cutting back bushes at Guy's Lane, and request Council consider property tax discounts	Public Works to cut brush, discounts discussed and deferred, research needed.
Resident	In-person request to remove traffic sign at Riverhead/The Walk that prohibits vehicles from driving along The Walk towards the	See Motion 2026-325

	tunnel	
United Church Representative	In-person request to have a No Exit sign going up the hill towards the church	Public Works to put up a No Exit sign.
Brigus Volunteer Fire Department	Request to discuss the fire department taking over the use of the former fire hall	See Motion 2026-326
Resident – Two Separate Emails	Request for access gate to be installed for the Community Garden, and expansion of garden	See Delegation
Resident	In-person request for “No Exit” and “No Turn Around Beyond this Point” signs for Methodist Church public land	Public Works to put up No Exit sign.
Resident	In-person inquiry about parking at Jackson’s Quay	Public Works to install No Parking signed in designated sections.
Resident	Trailer parked at Antle’s Beach	See Motion 2026-328
Environmental Health Officer	Certificate of Approval for construction and installation of sewage system/water supply at 14-16 Long Pond Road	Filed
Labrastack Software Solutions	Website redesign and redevelopment proposal for the Town of Brigus	Filed
Resident	Encampment reported along The Old Cart Road trail leading to John Noel’s Hill from CBH	Filed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion 2026-324: Councilor Butler/Stadler to accept the proposal from Atomec Studios for Municipal Website Management & Maintenance Services. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-325: Councilor Butler/Mercer to remove one way sign at the intersection of Riverhead Road and The Walk. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-326: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to form a two-person subcommittee to *liaison between Council and the Fire Department*. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-327: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to forward resident located on John Noel’s Hill Notice of Encroachment onto the public road. To have all encroachments moved to at least 3ft from the edge of the road. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Resident located in the historic district, inquired regarding whether the shed on the property can be removed and replaced with a similar structure and material. The Council confirmed that replacing the current shed with a structure built from modern synthetic or plastic materials (such as resin, vinyl, or prefabricated plastic kits) would be denied as it does not conform with the municipal development regulations for structures within the historic district.

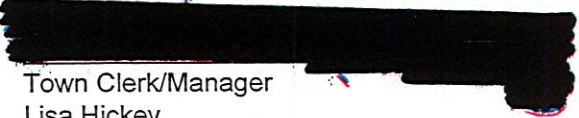
Motion 2026-328: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Mercer to send resident located on The Walk, letter including Development Application with respect to trailer placed on property. (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-329: Councilor Butler/Mercer to host another public community meeting at the Brigus Recreation Centre on August 23, 2026 between 2:00-4:00pm. (In Favor 5; Opposed 1; Councilor Broughton, Carried).

Motion 2026-330: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Butler for the meeting to adjourn at 8:40pm. Next meeting scheduled for Sept 8, 2026 at 7:00pm (In Favor 6; Opposed 0; Carried).

Dated in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 8TH Day of SEPT., 2026


Mayor
Shears Mercer, Jr.


Town Clerk/Manager
Lisa Hickey