

July 14, 2026

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council, for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, July 14, 2026 at 7.05pm.

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

ABSENT: NIL

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

AGENDA: Motion 2026-290: Councilor Butler/Stadler that the Agenda for the July 14, 2026, be adopted with the following inclusions:

- Development Application for a single-family residence on 13-15 Harbour Drive.

(In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

MINUTES:

Motion 2026-291: Councilor Broughton/Mercer that June 9, 2026 minutes be adopted. (In Favor 7; opposed 0; Carried).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Cleanup at 410 Conception Bay Highway has begun, metal bin has been dropped off at location.

Motion 2026-292: Councilor Stadler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve tender for priming and painting private property owned by IFH on Harbour Drive, to prepare for mural. (In Favor 7; opposed 0; Carried).

ACTION REPORTS:

Temporary repairs have been completed on Post Office steps

DELEGATION:

Representative from Targa – requesting council revisit the decision to allow Targa to hold the rally in the Town of Brigus. Acknowledged the previous safety oversights caused by operational complacency, Proposed Safety reforms and highlighted the global streaming interest.

Council Discussion: Council reviewed prior decisions and resident feedback. The consensus reaffirmed standing with local residents who expressed opposition to the rally running through town streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:

Motion 2026-293: Councilor Stadler/Mercer to approve Development Application to extend an existing building and add two (2) decks located at 44 Harbour Drive. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-294: Councilor Stadler/Mercer to approve in principle the application for development to construct a single-family residence located on 15 and 16 Southside Road subject to approval from Service NL for well and septic. (In Favor 6; Opposed 1, Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.).

Motion 2026-295: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve the issuance of a stop work order for 5-7 Guy's Lane until plans are verified to be in compliance under the Town of Brigus Development Regulations. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-296: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve the rear yard setback from 7.5 m to 3 m located on 15-19 Farm Road, to allow the developer to accommodate an internal access road for duplexes. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-297: Councilor Butler/Mercer to approve forwarding registered letters to property owners of Sea Cans located on Conception Bay Highway and Farm Road. Sea Cans will be removed at owners' expense if they are not in compliance with the Town of Brigus Development Regulations within a specified time frame of 30 days. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-298: Councilor Stadler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to approve in principle the Development Application to construct a single-family residence located at 13-15 Harbour Drive, subject to submission of the side yard measurements to boundary and compliance of same. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Council reviewed Recreational Vehicles / Travel Trailer Regulations with respect to the full-time travel trailer residents on Long Pond Road, Gullies Road, and Farm Road. Reaffirmed enforcing bylaws requiring development permits and Service NL septic approvals for new RV residents (excluding legacy occupants of 20+ years on John Noels Hill). Direct letters to be issued.

Public Works Committee:

Motion 2026-299: Councilor Butler/Mercer to accept quotation no. 324489, in the amount of \$3540.64 from K & D Pratt for the chlorination system repair and maintenance. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Motion 2026-300: Councilor Butler/Deputy Mayor McDonald to accept quotation no. 2003251433 from EMCO Waterworks, in the amount of \$272.33 each, for the purchase of curb stops. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Public works to allocate time to trim brush on the public walking trail on Old Cart Road (John Noel's Hill)

Councilor Stadler noticed non-resident filling large commercial water tanks at the Fire Hall tap and transporting water outside town limits, just wanted Council to be made aware.

Finance Committee:

Motion 2026-301: Councilor Butler/Broughton to approve payables in the amount of \$ 47455.35. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Blueberry Festival Committee:

Motion 2026-302: Councilor Butler/Broughton to approve the closure of a portion of Water Street from Thursday August 6, 2026 to Sunday August 9, 2026 for the 37th Annual Blueberry Festival. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Recreation: NIL

HR Committee:

Resumes have been submitted, reviewed and interviews conducted. Selection for new Foreman to be completed within a week.

Policy Committee:

Motion 2026-303: Councilor Butler/Stadler to adopt the updated Code of Conduct Policy reflecting the Local Service District Act. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried)

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM	REGARDING	ACTION
Resident	Update requested regarding harassment investigation Report	Town Clerk/Manager to respond to resident.
Resident	Chemical toilet update	Service NL confirmed a cabin approved for a chemical toilet requires a certified designer septic system.
Resident	Construction waste dumped opposite the yard waste dump on Englishtown Road	Town Clerk/Manager to have Public Works cleanup
Water Resource Management	Anticipated Water Shortages for Summer 2026	Town Clerk/Manager to send out email to residents regarding water conservation.
Food Producers Forum	Workshop about food skills	Filed
Municipalities NL	James Hiscock Scholarship Application Open	Filed
Vendor	Quote for ordering Brigus flags	Filed
Resident	Requesting installation of speed bumps on Cemetery Road	Deferred the request in favor of developing a town-wide plan for permanent, plowable asphalt speed humps
Resident	Beaver Dam on southside road	Town Clerk/Manager to call Wildlife Officer
Resident	Regulations regarding property on guy's lane	
Resident	Inquiry on Council's position on harassment and bullying of town staff	Town Clerk/Manager to respond -Filed
Location Manager for Hudson & Rex	Inquiry regarding filming in Brigus for 1-2 days for television show	See Motion 2026-304
Resident	Installation of floating doc at wharf in Riverhead	See Motion 2026-305
Resident	Derelict properties and buildings attracting vermin which is spreading to adjacent properties	Town Clerk/Manager to review Local Service District Act regarding derelict properties

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion 2026-304: Deputy Mayor McDonald/Councilor Stadler to permit the film production crew of Hudson and Rex to film July 28 and July 29, 2026 in the Town of Brigus on the condition that there is minimal disruption with daily activities of the community. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Town Clerk/Manager to obtain quotes for constructing a wall to separate office staff and residents for privacy and safety reasons, installing a locking security door (key in, push-bar panic hardware out) and replace current wicket with safety glass/Lexan.

Motion 2026-305: Councilor Butler/Stadler to decline residents offer to donate a floating dock to the Town of Brigus due to unbudgeted cost and lack of suitable space. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Councilor Mercer discussed various repairs and/or renovations needed to be completed at the Fire Hall, Town Clerk/Manager requested a list be made for budgeting and priority purposes.

Motion 2026-306: Councilor Butler/Mercer to deny the request of a resident to install a private floating dock located off the wharf in Riverhead due to liability issues. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Councilor Mercer/Broughton excused themselves due to conflict of interest
8:25pm

Motion 2026-307: Councilor Butler/Stadler to approve a \$15,000 contribution to the Brigus Volunteer Fire Brigade, for the purchase of a used truck to transport equipment. (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Mayor Shears Mercer Jr., Councilor Mercer/Broughton returned 8:30pm

Motion 2026-308: Councilor Mercer/Deputy Mayor McDonald for the meeting to adjourn at 8:36pm. Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2026 at 7:00pm (In Favor 7; Opposed 0; Carried).

Dated in the Town of Brigus,
Newfoundland and Labrador on
the 11 Day of Aug, 2026


Mayor
Shears Mercer, Jr.


Town Clerk/Manager
Lisa Hickey