

December 5th, 2017

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, December 5th, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Byron Rodway, DM Wayne Broughton; Councillors, Ralph Trickett, Raelene Wall, Randy Spracklin; John Brown, Paul Matthews.

ABSENT: Nil

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manger; Bobbie Hepditch, Katie O'Flaherty, Ray Pardy

MINUTES: Motion: Brown/Trickett resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on November 7th, 2017 be adopted as circulated. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Town Clerk/Manager noted that he had received 5 names for recreation volunteers. It was agreed by council to keep accepting names.

Council approved the quarterly form for our fire department. It was also noted by Councillor Brown that in the future we would consult with the fire chief before making a decision regarding requests or changes to our fire department.

DELEGATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion: DM Broughton/Wall resolved that the application's received from 475 CB Highway - Extension; 17-29 Richmond Lane - Shed be approved In Favour 7: Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Trickett, Chair of the Finance Committee, which consists of Mayor Rodway, Councillor Brown and Town clerk/Manager Wayne Rose presented the 2018 Municipal Budget to Council and stated that he was happy to report there would be no tax increase on mill rates, water/sewer or permits. There is money set aside for the town to proceed with the building of a salt shed along with painting the town hall. Councillor Trickett stated that we have a balanced budget for 2018 in the amount of \$859,166.00

It was agreed by Council that our outside worker, Kevin Spracklin, is responsible for all outside work.

Motion: Trickett/Brown resolved that our 2018 Municipal Budget be accepted and approved as presented. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Trickett/DM Broughton resolved that Municipal Tax rates for 2018 be accepted and approved as presented with interest charges of 12% annually. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Trickett/Brown resolved that we borrow from the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year 2018, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) as our operating line of credit. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

| <u>FROM</u> | <u>REGARDING</u> | <u>ACTION</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dept of Fisheries & Oceans | Harbour Front | File |
| Kathy LeGrow | Fence | File |
| Mike Power | Offer on land "The Walk" | Meet 9 am Dec 9/17 |
| Eastlink | Phone System | Stay with Bell Aliant |
| CBN Joint Council | ACOA Funding | Motion |

Motion: Trickett/Brown Be it resolved that the Town of Brigus approve an expenditure of \$590.91 for its contribution to the joint councils Economic Development Attraction Package project. The Town of Brigus also agrees to join the three other largest communities in the region to coordinate updating the package on a rotating basis until 2022. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

BILLS

Motion: Trickett/ Brown resolved that the bills in the amount of \$17,708.96 be paid. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Quote on Stair lift
2. Agreed Councillor Spracklin to review the Town's permit application for updating
3. Check with the owner of 17-29 Richmond Lane regarding the boundaries on his survey.

Councillor Wall left the meeting due to conflict of interest while the hiring of Katie O'Flaherty was being discussed.

The Clerk/Manager reported he was talking to Katie O'Flaherty regarding the position of Assistant Clerk and it is the recommendation that council hire Katie O'Flaherty as Assistant Clerk starting in 2018

Motion: DM Broughton/Brown resolved we hire Katie O'Flaherty as Assistant Clerk starting in 2018 on a six month probation period. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Wall returned to our meeting.

The Town Clerk/Manager also noted he had spoken to Bobbie Hepditch regarding the position of Recreation Director. It is recommended she be offered the position of Recreation Director.

Motion: Trickett/Spracklin resolved we hire Bobbie Hepditch as the Towns Recreation Director on a one term probation period starting in 2018. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

On November 9, 2017 the Finance Committee met with the owner of Ridge G&P Services Ltd., Otto Clowe to discuss an extension of the towns garbage collection from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 with recycling included.

Motion: Trickett/Wall resolved that we extend Ridge G&P Services Ltd contract from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 for Domestic & Bulk Garbage with recycling in the amount of \$68,900.00 annually with taxes and tipping fees included. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

Councillor Brown left the meeting while financial assistance was being discussed for his uncle Gerald French.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding financial support to Gerald French for the replacing of the Bridge to Mr. Bob Murphy's property on Keating's Road.

Motion: Matthews/Wall resolved we make a \$1,500 contribution towards the material for the bridge. In Favour 5, Mayor Rodway, DM Broughton Councillors Matthews, Wall & Spracklin; Opposed 1, Councillor Trickett.

Councillor Brown returned to our meeting.

Mayor Rodway noted he attended the opening of Hawthorne Condos.

Being the last meeting of the year Council members expressed seasons greetings.

Motion: Trickett/Brown resolved that our meeting be adjourned until January 9th, 2018. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.
Time: 10:07 p.m.

Byron Rodway, Mayor

Date: _____ 2017

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager