

JULY 7, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, July 7/09 at 8:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Byron Rodway; DM Ed. Roberts; Councillors; Ken Skanes, Gerald Mercer, Ralph Trickett, Paul Marshall.

ABSENT: Albert Sparkes

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Rose - Town Clerk/Manager, Laura Spracklin, Roy Clarke, Lorne Youden, Kevin Rose

MINUTES: Motion: Marshall/Skanes resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on June 2, 2009 be adopted as circulated. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mayor Rodway reported that Councillor Sparkes is in Hospital in Carbonear due from what they think may have been a heart attack. He is feeling much better and is waiting to go to St. John's to have further test done to see what exactly happened. It was also noted that a fruit basket was sent to him by Council.

DELEGATION

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion: DM Roberts/Trickett resolved that the development application for 3-8 Church Hill - Extension to House & Garage; 99-105 Ridge Road - Extension to House; 30 Southside Road - Shed; be approved. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Mayor Rodway, Chair of the finance committee stated that he along with the Clerk/Manager met with our auditor, Hurbert Burden, prior to our meeting to review the towns 2008 financial statement. Chair Rodway stated that the town is in very good shape and had a surplus of just over \$31,000. This was mainly due to the town refinancing their long term debt loans last February. It was also noted that our debt ratio is around 5 to 1 which is very good and our auditor stated that we are in the top 10% of towns our size.

Motion: Skanes/Mercer resolve that our 2008 Financial Statement be approved. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

<u>FROM</u>	<u>REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
MNL	Info Notes	File
	2009 MNL Convention	Register 2 delegates
Elza Spracklin	Business	Motion
Town of South River	Increase in Water Hookups	File
William Pomeroy	Items Around Town	Check Into
Municipal Affairs	Extra Funding - Launch Way	Motion
Marie Ryan	"Friendly Visiting"	File
Lorne Youden	Plow & Screen	Motion
CUPW	Canada Post	File

Motion: Marshall/DM Roberts resolved that we approve "Spracklin's Mini Excavating Ltd" as a home base business. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Motion: Skanes/Marshall resolved that our Mayor, Byron Rodway and Town Clerk/Manager, Wayne Rose be given the authority to sign on behalf of the Town of Brigus for the supplement of \$12,000 of the existing funding of \$54,100 the 2008 Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 08261. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

The Clerk/Manager reported that he along with Mayor Rodway, DM Roberts, Councillor Marshall and the town engineer, Chris Roberts, met last Friday to discuss the crib work on the Harbour front. It was agreed that spacers be used to fill in the wide gaps and that at a later date Council may look at facing the crib work.

Motion: Marshall/Mercer resolved that the motion made on February 3, 2009 to sell a 10 ft plow to Ed Fewer for \$1,200.00

be rescinded. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Skanes/Trickett resolved that we sell one 10 ft plow for \$1,200.00 plus one screen for \$75.00 to Mr. Lorne Youden with a purchase date no later than July 31, 2009. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

BILLS

Motion: Trickett/DM Roberts resolved that the bills in the amount of \$31,122.14 be paid. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Mercer raised the issue that you can't walk around the area of the water front where the new house are. Council noted that this is all private property and they have a right to close this off to the public.

Councillor Mercer also mention that our town water as a strong odor to it. Kevin Rose noted that our chlorine readings are good but there isn't to much we can do about the odor. Persons in the audience stated that they haven't had any issues with the water.

The Clerk/Manager reported to Council the he along with Councillor Trickett and Recreation Director Lori Quinlan meet with Yvonne Harding of ACOA regarding our application for a trail to the Lighthouse. It was felt that the best way to proceed with our application was to do a joint one with the Cupids Trail Committee with the Town of Brigus taking the lead and making the application. The total funding applied for would be \$230,000.00 to \$250,000.00.

Motion: Trickett/DM Roberts resolved that the Town of Brigus make a joint application with the Cupids Trail Committee to ACOA for a trail to the Brigus Lighthouse and to Burnt Head/Spectacle Head in Cupids. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: DM Roberts/Skanes resolved that we order from Blue-Imp, 1 Glide Ride c/w 2 Platforms, 3 Single Board Teeter Totter and 1 Multi-Bounce for a total cost of \$8,012.83 from Fundy Fencing. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

After discussion regarding parking at the playground area the following motion was made:

Motion: Marshall/Mercer resolved that No Parking be permitted in and around the Playground area. In Favour 4 (DM Roberts, Councillors Marshall, Mercer and Skanes); Opposed 2 (Mayor Rodway & Councillor Trickett) Carried

Councillor Skanes noted that he attended a meeting of the Brigus Blueberry Festival Committee and found that the operation and running of the committee is in good order and the committee is to be congratulate on such a great job.

Mayor Rodway reported on the "Ride For Dad" where over 500 motor cycles showed up and thanked Kevin and Wayne for their assistance. Also Mayor Rodway reported he presented a Town Flag and brought greetings to the "Boston Singing Choirs.

With regards to Council making their decision on hiring a new employee and that his son had made application, Mayor Rodway noted he resigned from the hiring committee for that reason and also left the meeting due to a conflict of interest. The Clerk/Manager also noted he stepped away from the hiring committee for technical reasons.

Councillor Trickett reported that he along with Councillor Mercer and Skanes interviewed 3 applicants for the advertised Maintenance/Public Works job position with the town and they were Peter Jerrett, Shane Sparkes and Aaron Rodway. It is recommend by the committee to offer the position to Peter Jerrett.

Motion: Trickett/Skanes resolved that we offer the Maintenance/Public Works job to Peter Jerrett at a rate of \$14.50 per hour with a 3 month probation period. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Marshall/Mercer resolved that our meeting be adjourned until August 4/09. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried. Time: 9:25 p.m.

Date: _____ 2009

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager