

APRIL 12, 2022

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Before our tonight's meeting started, Council Members reviewed privately the disclosure statements.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Shears Mercer Jr.; Deputy Mayor Paul Matthews; Councillors Fraser Drover, Greg Hiscock, Byron Rodway and Ashley Kennedy

ABSENT: Wayne Rose - Clerk/Manager and Councillor John Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Katie O'Flaherty - Assistant Clerk, Kevin Spracklin - Maintenance & Public Works, Pauline Mercer, Selina Fry, Michelle Gushue, David Mitchell, Steven Spracklin, Lori-Lynn Pike, Robert Butler, Lorne Youden

Joined at 7:47PM Barry Gosse, Blair Mercer and Rodney Mercer

AGENDA: Motion: Rodway/Hiscock resolved that our Agenda for April 12, 2022 be adopted. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

MINUTES: Motion: Drover/Kennedy resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on March 8, 2022 be adopted. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Follow up on dilapidated properties.

Ditching and Culvert work to be reviewed.

Clean up sod and check on getting sweeper.

Still looking into possible ways to stream public Council meetings.

ACTION REPORTS:

Updating training for Fall Protection and Traffic Control and will be completing Confined Space training next week.

Kevin updated Council on outside activities. Charles started back to work as of Monday. Screens were cleaned last week, road maintenance is ongoing and the water leak at 7 Rattley Row to be completed tomorrow (April 13).

DELEGATION

Mayor Mercer and Councillor Rodway left the meeting while Pauline Mercer addressed Council.

Pauline Mercer attended Councils meeting to address her concerns regarding Lobster Factory Lane. Mrs. Mercer spoke on their ongoing issue with the property they have leased from Crown Lands and an adjacent property which is privately owned, their cribbing and comments made to have the area cleaned up. Mrs. Mercer also spoke on conversations had with Councillor Hiscock and the Town Clerk/Manager regarding an old boat left in the area. It was Mrs. Mercer's request that Council expropriate the adjacent land located at 5 Lobster Factory Lane in the amount of \$17,300 which was the price she said the land was acquired for from Crown Lands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Development Committee:

Motion: Drover/Rodway resolved that the application for 38 Riverhead Road - House be approved; In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: Drover/Rodway resolved that the application for 2 Mitchell's Road - House base on 10 feet back from Mitchell's Road be approved; in favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: Drover/Kennedy resolved that the application for 89 Farm Rd - Residential Garage be approved; in favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Councillor Rodway left meeting due to conflict of interest while the next application was discussed.

Motion: Drover/Hiscock resolved that the application for 15-19 John Noel's Hill - Residential Garage be approved. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried;

Councillor Rodway returned to the meeting.

Motion: Drover/Hiscock resolved that the application for 159 Cemetery Road - Residential Garage be approved. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: Drover/Kennedy resolved that the application for 90 Farm Road - House be approved. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Hiscock left the meeting while the next application was discussed due to conflict of interest.

Motion: Drover/Rodway resolved that the application for 179-189 Conception Bay Highway - Muster Station be approved. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Hiscock returned to the meeting.

Councillor Rodway left meeting due to conflict of interest while the next application was discussed.

Motion: Drover Kennedy resolved that the applications for 40 School Lane - Extension and Residential Garage be approved. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Councillor Rodway returned to the meeting.

Motion: Drover/Kennedy resolved that the applications for 225 Cemetery Road - Green House be approved. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Mayor Mercer left the meeting while application for 22 Harbour Drive was discussed due to conflict of interest.

Councillor Rodway questioned the discrepancies in the survey submitted with the application for 22 Harbour Drive and the registered deed.

Motion: Drover/Hiscock resolved that the applications for 22 Harbour Drive - Alter Existing Building be approved in accordance with the survey submitted with the application dated September 2, 2021. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

Mayor Mercer returned to meeting.

B. Public Works Committee:

Motion: DM Matthews/Drover resolved that Council have 1 load of road gravel dropped off at ATV trail off Conception Bay Highway to fix the condition of the area. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Councillor Rodway spoke on the upcoming ditching and culvert work that needs to be done and suggested that Council look at a 4 year plan to complete all ditching around the town. DM Matthews spoke on the list of Culvert replacement and possibly using Gas Tax money to do upgrades.

Set up meeting with Town Manager to review list.

C. Finance Committee:

Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolved that the bills in the amount of \$40,359.58 In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Councillor Hiscock questioned the status of setting up direct deposit for employees. DM Matthews noted that we will not be moving forward with direct deposit at this time.

The application for a town VISA is in the works.

DM Matthews noted he reviewed insurance renewals and the increase was standard.

DM Matthews also spoke on the application submitted for charging stations, but was notified we were unsuccessful at this time.

The Finance Committee met with some members for Recreation to discuss a budget and spending limits within the committee.

Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolve that \$5000.00 be transferred to the Recreation Committee from the funds that were existing prior to the formation of the new committee. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: DM Matthews/Rodway resolve that the Recreation Committee have a spending allowance of \$500 prior to needing approval from the town. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried;

D. Blueberry Festival Committee:

Barry Gosse has been appointed Chair of the Brigus Blueberry Festival Committee. Barry gave an update and said they have had lots of interest in the town to help with the festival. Things are moving along and they are happy to have the festival going ahead this year. Bands are being booked, spoke to security and meeting with the RCMP. Committee to meet again Thursday night.

E. Recreation Committee:

Councillor Kennedy asked for Councils permission to offer the Kids Summer Program should the town receive the summer grants. Council is OK with going ahead with program.

Request for a key to the basement of stage and Recreation Centre. We can supply key for stage basement but Recreation must speak with the Fire Brigade regarding key for Recreation Centre.

Recreation wanted to let Council know that they are exploring the possibility of hosting bingo. They are currently collecting information and will bring back to Council at a later time.

It was suggested that they speak with the Fire Brigade who has lots of experience with hosting bingo.

F. HR. Committee:

G. Policy Committee:

CORRESPONDENCE

FROM

28-30 Harbour Drive
10 Cooperage Lane
Effie M Morrissey
12 Gushue’s Lane

REGARDING

Parking
Road Takeover – Youden Place
Use of Ballfield
Harbour Authority/Harbour
Development

ACTION

Monitor
Set up meeting with Cupids
OK
Council to look into meeting with
Small Craft Harbours and
Government Depts. Regarding
Wharf
Motion
Motion
Motion
Motion
Get quotes

Ridge G&P Services
22C Farm Road
NL Transplant Association
Operation Smile Canada
Chad Snow

Fuel Adjustment
Sign on Conception Bay Highway
Proclamation
Proclamation
Line Painting

When discussing 10 Cooperage Lane request to take over the road in Youden Place, Councillor Rodway suggested that maybe Council could consider offering snow clearing and garbage collection to the section of Youden Place that falls within Brigus boundary or perhaps review the current Road Takeover Policy. DM Matthews spoke on previous meetings with the Town of Cupids and the fees associated with changing the boundary.

Motion: Rodway/Drover resolved that the request from Ridge G&P Services for a 4.1% increase to cove increase in fuel be approved; in favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolves that the request to put a sign at the intersection of Farm Road and Conception Bay Highway be approved subject to a site visit with the Development Committee. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: Kennedy/Drover resolve that the Town of Brigus proclaim April 24 – 30, 2022 be recognized as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week; in favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolve that the Town of Brigus proclaim June 19, 2022 be recognized as the Longest Day of Smiles; in favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

NEW BUSINESS

The following motions were made in a private meeting of Council;

1. Motion: DM Matthews/Drover resolve that Council clarify with the Clerk/Manager the development fees approved as of January 1, 2022 are, in fact, applicable from that date and applications must remit the appropriate amount before preparing initial footings. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;
2. Motion: DM Matthews/Drover resolve that Council solicit interest from the 2 individuals in fulfilling the position of Construction Inspector on a go forward basis as well as reviewing and inspecting the new builds/significant additions approved since January 1, 2022. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;

3. Motion: DM Matthews/Drover resolve that Council move immediately, on a focussed and expedited basis, to collect outstanding property/business taxes as per town's Tax Collection Policy procedures. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried;
4. Councillor Rodway gave update on correspondence from Steven Bruno – Engineering Professor at MUN regarding the Marina project his students were working on. Projects were now due and designs would be available to view/download soon.
5. Pre-construction meeting for work at Long Pond to be rescheduled.
6. DM Matthews noted the MNL Symposium would be held on May 5-7 in Gander. If anyone is interested in attending please let Town Clerk/Manager know. Items of interest; Regionalization, Bill 37, Wastewater & Drinking water.
7. DM Matthews highlighted that May 9-13 is Municipal Awareness week and the possibility of the town hosting an event such as an open house.
8. Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolve that Council move forward with RFP for the Waster Street Bathrooms with design option #4. Prices to be for both stand alone or attached. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried
Councillors Rodway and Hiscock to work on RFP.
9. Look at work to be done on Jacksons Quay. Speak to Boat owner and look at possibility of installing signage in the area.
10. Look into design to dugout replacement. Get quote for chain-link with roof.
11. Set up meeting with owners of 44 Englishtown East.
12. No Exit sign Southside Road

Motion: Hiscock/Kennedy resolved that our meeting be adjourned until May 10, 2022. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor

Date: _____ 2022

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager