

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Byron Rodway, Councillors, Lorne Youden, Shears Mercer Jr., Greg Hiscock, Tom Ryan, Wayne Broughton.

ABSENT: DM Ralph Trickett

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/Manager Wayne Rose; Kevin Spracklin (7:30pm)

MINUTES: Motion: Mercer/Hiscock resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 be adopted as circulated. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

DELEGATION

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Town Clerk/Manager noted that the business application for 28-30 Harbour Drive was advertised in the Compass with a deadline date of 12 noon, November 7, 2016. He stated he received one letter regarding of objection.

Motion: Youden/Mercer resolved that the commercial application received from 28-30 Harbour Drive - Pomeroy's Quay Inc be approved, In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried (It was noted that the letter of objection would be given the right to appeal).

Motion: Mercer/Ryan resolved that the applications received from 14 Water Street - Extension; be approved, In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried (Note: Councillor Hiscock left the meeting due to conflict of interest while this application was discussed and returned after Councils decision)

Mayor Rodway, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2017 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 councils share of funds for the retaining wall on Rattley Row. Chairperson Rodway stated that we have a balanced budget for 2017 in the amount of \$818,541.03

Motion: Hiscock/Broughton resolved that our 2017 Municipal Budget be accepted and approved as presented. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Youden/Hiscock resolved that Municipal Tax rates for 2017 be accepted and approved as presented with interest charges of 12% annually. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Mercer/Broughton resolved that we borrow from the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year 2017, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) as our operating line of credit. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

<u>FROM</u>	<u>REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Canada Post	Closure on Saturdays	Write letter of support
Eastern Regional Service Board	2017 Budget user fees	File
CPAA	Closure on Saturdays	File
Brigus Blueberry Festival	2017 Festival (Note: Mayor Rodway & Councillor Broughton left the meeting due to conflict of interest while this letter was discussed and returned after Councils decision)	Write regarding items that need to be addressed from meeting held on Sept 22/16
St. Patrick's Parish	Thank You	File

BILLS

Motion: Mercer/Youden resolved that the bills in the amount of \$18,867.07 be paid. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk/Manager holidays approved Dec 22, 2016 to Jan 3, 2017
2. Check with Bouzanes Paving regarding the intersections

Councillor Ryan raised the issue regarding a letter he received from our Fire Brigade concerning his dismissal. It was agreed by Council that Councilor Lorne Youden and the Town Clerk/Manager have a meeting with our Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Secretary along with Councillor Ryan to discuss the issue.

It was noted by Council that the Harbour Front Property is in desperate need of repair and clean up. It was agreed by council to search for funding to have repairs made to the Harbour Front area. (Note: Councillor Mercer left the meeting due to conflict of interest while the harbour front property was discussed and returned after Councils decision)

Councillor Hiscock left the meeting due to personal commitments

Councillor Youden raised the issue from our last Joint council meeting of having a plebiscite with our ballot during the Municipal Council Elections in September 2017 regarding Regional Government. It was agreed by Council we would not do this based on lack of information and confusion.

This being the last public meeting of the year Council members expressed Season Greetings.

Motion: Youden/Ryan resolved that our meeting be adjourned until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.  
Time: 9:20 p.m.

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Byron Rodway, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

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Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager