

## December 8, 2020

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, December 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Byron Rodway; Deputy Mayor Wayne Broughton ; Councillors, Shears Mercer Jr.; Randy Spracklin; John Brown; & Paul Matthews

**ABSENT:** Councillor Ralph Trickett

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wayne Rose - Town Clerk/Manager; Kevin Spracklin - Maintenance/Public Works and Katie O'Flaherty

**AGENDA:** Motion: Brown/Mercer resolved that our Agenda for December 8, 2020 be adopted with additions. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion: Mercer/DM Broughton resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on November 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

### ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mayor Rodway and Councillor Mercer left the meeting due to conflict of interest while the sale of the V-Blade Plow was been discuss.

The Town Clerk/Manager noted he received three tenders for the Sale for used V-Blade Plow 1. Rodney Mercer - \$2,489.93, 2. Rodway's Excavating - \$2,180.00 3. Ryan Morgan - \$2,050.00

Motion: Brown/Spracklin resolved we accept the highest tender for the sale of our used V-Blade Snow Plow to Rodney Mercer in the amount of \$2,489.93 In Favour 4; Opposed 0; Carried.

Mayor Rodway and Councillor Mercer returned to our meeting.

### Action Reports:

One Public Lane sign missing and two left to be installed.

One Fire Hydrant left to be repaired.

With no further business for Kevin Spracklin he left our meeting.

### DELEGATION

Nil

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **A. Development Committee:**

Motion: Mercer/Broughton resolved that the development applications received from 39 Riverhead Rd - Shed; 48A Irishtown Rd - Shed, 31-35 Irishtown Rd - House, 475 CB Highway - Extension be approved; In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Motion: Mercer/Brown resolved that the development applications received from 295 Cemetery Rd - House be approved subject to the approval of Service NL; In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

#### **B. Public Works Committee: NIL**

#### **C. Finance Committee:**

Motion: Brown/Mercer resolved that the bills in the amount of \$48,183.64 be paid. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Councillor Brown on behalf of our Finance Chair Councillor Trickett and Town Clerk/Manager Wayne Rose presented the 2021 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. Staff will see an increase in PPE, gas allowance and wages. The Towns portion for water/sewer on CB Highway and paving is also budgeted. There is money set aside to proceed with repairs to cribbing at the quay. Councillor Brown stated that we have a balanced budget for 2021 in the amount of \$954,415.00.

Motion: Brown/Mercer resolved that our 2021 Municipal Budget be accepted and approved as presented. In Favour 5 (Mayor Rodway, DM Broughton, Councillors Brown, Mercer and Spracklin); Opposed 1 (Councillor Matthews); Carried.

Motion: DM Broughton/Mercer resolved that Municipal Tax rates for 2021 be accepted and approved as presented with interest charges of 12% annually. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Mercer/DM Broughton resolved that we borrow from the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year 2021, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) as our operating line of credit. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Motion: Mercer/DM Broughton resolved that the Town Clerk/Mangers spending allowance increase to \$8,000. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

**D. ACOA Committee:** Panels are now installed on our hiking trail to the lighthouse.

**E. Blueberry Festival Committee:** Nil

**F. Recreation Committee:** Councillor Brown thanked Council for their donation of Christmas Lights. He also noted that the craft fair was a great success.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

<u>FROM</u>	<u>REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Brigus Heritage	Development Payne Park	Write - decided to pursue plans to develop Bishops Beach area.
Brigus Fire Brigade	Financial Statement 2019	File
Ralph Tapper	Loud Vehicle Noise	File
Ridge G&P Services Ltd	Increase in Tipping Fees	Motion

Motion: Brown/Mercer resolved that we accept the additional tipping fees from Ridge G&P Services Ltd. in the amount of \$5299.20 per year. In Favour 6; Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk/Manager noted that due to the cancellation of Christmas events, the Fire Brigade would like to have Santa do a drive through the community. Council had no problem with the idea.
2. HR Committee to be set up with Mayor Rodway, DM Broughton and Councillor Brown.
3. Councillor Brown to do interview with NTV on Asset Management.
4. Installation of 2 street lights on Ridge Road.

Motion: Brown/DM Broughton resolved that the Town of Brigus along with the Towns of Cupids and South River submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities for Gas Tax Funding under the Water/Wastewater Initiative through Gas Tax to carry out a feasibility study on the water supply located at Brigus Long Pond, Brigus in order to move forward with a water treatment facility. In Favour 6; Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

Mayor Rodway left the meeting due to conflict of interest while the lifting of the Stop Work Order was being discussed.

Motion: Matthews/Brown resolved that the Stop Work Order be lifted for 12-38 Battery Road and that the barricades be removed and road reopened. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.

Mayor Rodway Returned to our meeting.

Council to consider use of old chain link fence from tennis court for fence around Salt Shed. Town Clerk/Manager to check amount and condition of fencing.

Mayor Rodway thanked Council for the fruit basket he received while in hospital.

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

Motion: Brown/Mercer resolved that our meeting be adjourned until January 12, 2021. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.  
Time: 8:37 p.m.

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Byron Rodway, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager