

July 12, 2022

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, July 12, 2022, at 7:07 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager, Councillor John Brown.

ALSO PRESENT: Geraldine Boland - Acting Assistant Clerk, Dave Mitchell, Taha Madi, Pauline Mercer, Michelle Gushue, Nelson Carrerio, Graham Wakeham, Ruth Wakeham, Gerald French, Trevor Fowler, Eileen Fowler, Robert Butler, Wayne Button, Linda Button, John Mcgrath.

AGENDA: Motion: Rodway/Drover resolved that our Agenda for July 12, 2022 be adopted with additions. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

MINUTES: Motion: Rodway/Kennedy resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on June 21, 2022 be adopted. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

DM Matthews asked to have the minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting amended to say that while the Town Clerk/Manager is off he would be paid for half a day of work and half a day of sick leave while working from home until July 07, 2022.

Have a quarterly report on sick leave available for August 09 meeting.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Action Reports: Maintenance worker to have the small boat on Lobster Factory Lane removed.

Councillor Rodway reported that culverts are still being looked at he also noted that the leak at 257-259 C B Highway that was temporarily fixed last fall should be done.

DELEGATION

Mr. And Mrs. Button attended our meeting to discuss the ongoing issue of having access to their property and wanted to know when council was going to do something about this. Mr. Button stated that the owner of 7 The Walk has been allowed to block a public right of way owned by the Town without the towns approval for way to long. Mr Button stated that they had to personally take this person to court to get a court order to have debris removed blocking access to their property and stated that the town should be doing more to correct this situation. Mr. Button also noted that the Town had given him permission to access his property via Town property to remove an old building and erect a new garage but that access was blocked the next day by the owner of 7 The Walk. It was also noted that the deck on the second floor level was roughly 2ft away from the Buttons property so it does not conform to the regulations. Mayor Mercer stated that an appeal hearing that was scheduled for July 8, 2022 was cancelled after the owner of 7 The Walk withdrew his claim. The Town however is still dealing with their lawyer. It was agreed by council that further investigation would have to be made in order to determine what is owned by the Town and to determine what further action the Town will take. See Motion

Motion: C Rodway/ Hiscock resolved that Council speak to the Town lawyer to confirm that the disputed right of way adjacent to 7 The Walk belongs to the Town and if so have debris blocking right of way removed at the expense of the owner. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Development Committee:

C Rodway left the meeting due to conflict of interest 7:49.

Motion: Drover/DM Matthews resolved that the application for 78 Station Rd - Residential Garage be approved; In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried;

With regard to the permit for 14 Harbour Dr, D M Matthews had some concerns about the amount of fill that would have to be removed in order to gain access to Harbour Pond and questioned who would be monitoring this. It was stated that 22 metres of organic material would have to be removed but it would be used to fill in the cribbing once it was put in place. Mr Wakeham stated that he will restore and clean up the property and is aware that the cribbing will be on Town property and accessible to the public. DM Matthews noted that there had been no discussion among this Council concerning approval for this project. The following motion was made.

Motion: C. Drover/Hiscock resolved that the application for 14 Harbour Dr - Cribbing plan be approved allowing Mr. Wakeham to place cribbing on Town property with the understanding that any cribbing placed on town property would be owned by the Town. In favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.

C. Rodway returned to the meeting 8:05.

C Drover/Kennedy resolved that the application for 30 Station Rd - Extension to Garage be approved. In favour; 6 Opposed; 0; Carried.

DM Matthews with regard to the application 14 The Old Road noted that a request to remove another 3-4 thousand tons is beyond what the regulations allow, also the access to this property has changed from CB Highway to The Old Road. DM Matthews also voiced a concern for the residents of The Old Road. Councillors Rodway and Hiscock agreed there is a lot of work to be done, fill to be removed and proper fill put back to allow for proper drainage but Council will have to trust that the landowner will do what needs to be done and as long as regulations are met he should be allowed to continue to work. The following motion was made.

Motion: C. Hiscock/Rodway resolved that the revised application for 14 The Old Road be accepted and the stop work order be lifted. In favour 4; (Mayor Mercer, Councillors Rodway, Hiscock, & Drover) Opposed 2; (D M Matthews, & Councillor Kennedy) Carried.

Motion DM Matthews/Drover resolved council write the owner of 7 The Walk giving him 72 hours to have the second story deck bought in line with the first story deck. If the owner does not comply in 72 hours a stop work order is to be issued. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried. It was noted the letter to be delivered by Sheriff.

B. Public Works Committee:

C Rodway reported that C Drover and himself had looked at paving that needs to be done. C Hiscock agreed to look at list before sending it to our engineers, Harris and Associates. A list was also attached for the town maintenance to do.

C. Finance Committee:

Motion: DM Matthews/Hiscock resolved that the bills in the amount of \$59,259.37 be paid. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

DM Matthews noted that Bobbie Hepditch be paid the Assistant Town Clerks wage for the weeks of June 20 to the 24 and June 27 to July 04, 2022.

D. Blueberry Festival Committee:

Mayor Mercer reported that things are moving along with the festival. Brochures are being printed and vendors are being booked. He also requested permission to close roads and control traffic as done for past festivals. The direction of traffic will change this year coming in Station Rd and exiting Irishtown Rd to help with parking issues. The amount of permits issued also has to be looked at.

E. Recreation Committee:

C Kennedy reported that Recreation is looking at doing a concert again this year.

- The stage could not be used for storage due to accessibility under stage but storage is still needed.
- She also requested that a key be given to Demita Hynes, President of the BARCS for access to bathrooms at the park.
- The Recreation Committee requested permission to spend \$3,047.50 to repair and paint concrete pad at park.
- A request was made to order two washroom signs to be placed on the washroom doors at the park facility to identify that they are washrooms.

Motion: C.Hiscock /Rodway resolved to allow Recreation to spend \$3,047.50 to do repairs and painting of concrete pad In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.

-Recreation regulations were discussed due to questioning about abstaining from votes. The following motion was made.

Motion: C.Hiscock /Drover resolved that the Recreation Regulations be accepted as presented with 2 changes. No abstaining from voting and a 50% +1 to constitute a Quorum for a meeting. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried.

F. HR. Committee:

Motion: C.Drover / DM Matthews resolved that Council hire Alexis Gillingham White for the position of Asst. Town Clerk with a start date of July 25, 2022 In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

G. Policy Committee:

C. Hiscock reported that he will be passing into the Town Clerk the policies he has done. Council thanked C.Hiscock for the work he has done on updating the policies.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> <u>REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Beacon Accounting	Financial Statement	Motion
Gerry Whitty (Canada Post)	Community Mail Boxes	Motion
St Georges Heritage	Labour Day Come Home Year	Motion
34 Rattley Row	Quay Congestion Parking	Steps being Taken

Motion: Hiscock/Drover resolved that Council approve Draft Audit from Beacon Accounting. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

DM Matthews stated that if the request from Canada Post to place mail boxes outside our Public Building is approved there would be 32 boxes which should sustain the community for a while.

Motion: DM Matthews/Drover resolved that Council approve mail boxes to be placed outside at Public Building. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

C Rodway left the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Motion: C Hiscock/DM Matthews resolved Council give permission to St Georges Heritage Society to use property next to the Town Hall for their concert. In Favour 5; Opposed 0; Carried

C Rodway returned to the meeting.

A concern from 34 Rattley Row regarding congestion and parking on Jackson's Quay was discussed, C Hiscock stated that cars are parking everywhere along the entrance "No Parking Signs" have to be put on either side of the entrance to stop this as well a sign stating "No Overnight Parking" be installed. A letter be written to the property owner of 20 Harbour Dr stating he needs to keep his items that he has on display on his own property. Also boat to be removed from Jackson's quay.

Motion: C Drover/Hiscock resolved that Council write the owner of the boat on Jackson's Quay giving him 21 days to have the boat removed. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Councilor Hiscock noted Council should be charging boat owners at Jackson's Quay. It will be looked into at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilor Drover reported that he had a request from a concerned citizen about atv's and dirt bikes on our roadways. Council to request to have more Police patrol in the area.

Motion: C Hiscock/Rodway resolved that a tender be put out for new washroom facilities at Water Street. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

Mayor Mercer stated that he had a request to have a hidden driveway sign placed on Station Rd due to difficulty seeing

traffic coming from the left when exiting Curtis Lane it was agreed to place a sign in the area.

Councilor Hiscock noted council should be moving along with hiring a Development Officer.

DM Matthews brought forward a request from the Town of Cupids to use the biodegradable area on English Town Rd. Council agreed that they could not accommodate this request.

Office to inquire about parking at the U C Hall.

Motion: C Kennedy/DM Matthews resolved that our meeting be adjourned until Aug 09, 2022. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried. Time: 9:40 p.m.

Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor

Date: _____ 2022

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager