

Aug 9, 2022

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, Aug 9, 2022, at 7:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Theresa Whelan - Assistant Town Clerk, Geraldine Boland, Michelle Gushue, Barry Gosse, Lorne Youden.

AGENDA: Motion: Rodway/Drover resolved that our Agenda for Aug 9, 2022 be adopted with additions. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

MINUTES: Motion: Hiscock/Kennedy resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on July 12, 2022 be adopted. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Action Reports: C Hiscock questioned the bathroom tender being in the minutes when it was resolved in previous meeting. C Hiscock provided clarity on the process for proceeding with tender.

Maintenance worker to have the small boat on Lobster Factory Lane removed. Assistant Town Clerk to follow up and ensure removal is completed.

Council requested additional no parking and no overnight signs be placed at the Quay.

C Rodway inquired on the status of ongoing injunction surrounding 7 The Walk. Mayor Mercer stated that himself and the town clerk had spoken to the town lawyer Mr. Ayers and were informed that the best lawyer to speak to was Justin Hewitt who was out of office for a few weeks. DM Matthews stated that his understanding from Dr. Button is that the final determination of the court orders has not happened yet. There is another hearing to make a decision on what's supposed to be removed. Regarding the stop work order DM Matthews spoke to Mr. Ayers and conversations are ongoing. DM Matthews questioned when the stop work order was delivered and if the 72 hour period had passed. Assistant Town Clerk confirmed the 72 period had passed.

DM Matthews provided an update in regards to 7 The Walk, further discussions are being held with our town lawyer.

C Rodway inquired about parking at UC Hall for the Blueberry Festival, Mayor Mercer responded that approval was given to use the parking area for vendors and performers.

C Hiscock inquired when the Hidden Driveway signs would be installed on Station Road. He was informed that the signs were on site and would be installed.

C Rodway provided the quote for paving and culverts \$584,000, a meeting is being held on Aug 16, 2022 at 7 p.m to prioritize paving requirements for 2022.

DELEGATION

Mr. Mitchell regrettably informed us he was unable to attend the Aug 9, 2022 Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Development Committee:

Motion: Drover/Rodway resolved that the applications Fox Hill residential garage and 18A Irishtown Rd patio be approved; In favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried;

Motion: Drover/Rodway With regards to the 6 Conway Cres. Patio permit Council deferred pending further investigation on lot size. In favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried;

C Drover left the meeting due to conflict of interest at 7:37 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock/Rodway Resolved the permit for 3 Blueberry Pl - Bicycle company be approved so long as it is not operated on public property. In favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

C Drover returned to the meeting at 7:48 p.m

B. Public Works Committee:

C Rodway provided an update on a meeting that the Public Works Committee had with Mr. Youden, he was requesting a guarantee that no further stipulations would be added surrounding the takeover of the road at Youden Pl. C Rodway stated that the road reservation at Youden Pl is 40 Ft wide and if 14 Ft of pavement is going to be placed that would leave 13 Ft on either side which would provide ample room for snow clearing. A reputable company will be doing the class A and paving. The motion made at the July 12th 2022 meeting stands.

C. Finance Committee:

Motion: DM Matthews/Brown resolved that the bills in the amount of \$58,674.58 be paid. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried. DM Matthews advised he would be meeting with banks to discuss investment options.

D. Blueberry Festival Committee:

DM Matthews had some concerns in regards to the unclear festival ownership based on advertising/signage that was published. Mayor Mercer informed the Council that Brigus Group Enterprises was the major sponsor, that said company worked in co-operation with the Town of Brigus and that the layout for the advertising will be done differently next year to avoid confusion.

E. Recreation Committee:

C Kennedy excused herself at 8:25 p.m

Motion: C Hiscock/Drover resolved that the Council accept updated Executive Recreation positions as presented. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

C Kennedy returned to meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Motion: C Hiscock/Drover resolved to allow Recreation to have a concert at the field next to the town hall on September 24th, 2022.

In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

C Kennedy Requested the removal of the Hours of Operation and the No Bikes Allowed signs in the ball field area. Agreed by all.

Mayor Mercer to use wood from old dugouts to create benches. Remainder of wood to be put on tender and sold.

F. HR. Committee:

C Drover requested updated sick leave information, DM Matthews to follow up with Assistant Town Clerk.

DM Matthews requested a standard process for tracking sick leave and annual leave be established.

Motion: C Drover/Brown resolved that we hire Theresa Whelan as the new Assistant Town Clerk. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

G. Policy Committee:

C Rodway expressed we should create a Policy Committee

C Rodway expressed concerns about the use of the Quay and Riverhead Wharf and suggested rules and regulations should be put in place for these areas going forward.

Mayor Mercer mentioned he previous discussed with Town Clerk Manager about work that needed to be done at Jackson's Quay regarding cribbing and facing.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Rogers Rogers Moyse Municipalities NL Edward & Associates 68-70 Station Rd NL 911 Gov NL Dept Trans & Infrastructure Visiting Baseball Guest	7 The Walk Conference/Trade Show Lobster Factory Lane Sketch Noise Pollution & Speeding Communications Update Small Project Stream Personal Damage	Steps being taken Register members Motion Police Presence Increased No Action required Steps being taken Owner to speak to their insurance To be tendered
Domestic Designs	Chris Roberts	

Assistant Town Clerk to follow up on possible secondary survey on 7 The Walk. Meeting booked with Municipal Lawyer to discuss next steps.

Register 2 Council members for conference, if additional space is available book all members that wish to attend. Assistant Town Clerk to attend.

Mayor Mercer & C Rodway left the meeting due to conflict of interest at 9:05 p.m.

Motion: C Drover/Hiscock Resolved to send a letter to the Mr. Shears Mercer and Mr. Rodney Mercer requesting that the cribbing be removed from public land. In Favour 3; (DM Matthews, C Drover & C Hiscock) Opposed 2; (C Kennedy & C Brown) Carried

Mayor Mercer & C Rodway returned to the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

C Kennedy to discuss with Recreation Committee to determine what opportunities could be availed of.

In regards to the personal damage sustained as a result of parking at the ballfield, the individual was advised to contact their insurance and they will reach out to us if required.

NEW BUSINESS

Newfound Builders Proposal - Council liked the proposal and approves in principal, they request that Mr. Spracklin provide details surrounding what changes/additions were being made to the existing structure.

Council requested that Children At Play signs be placed on School Lane.

Council addressed a concern brought forth in regards to multiple vehicles being parked on South St along Hawthorne

Cottage. No Parking signs to be placed.

Sympathy card to be sent to the family of previous government member Mr. Tom Hedderson on behalf of the the Town Council.

Motion: C Hiscock/Brown resolved that our meeting be adjourned until Sept 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried. Time: 10:16 p.m.

Shears Mercer Jr., Mayor

Date: _____ 2022

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager