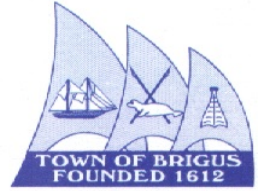




The Brigus Vindicator

2011 Year in Review



What's New

With the resignation of Councilor Michael Fowler in October, 2011 a by-election was held in November, 2011 to fill the vacancy. Roy Clarke was the only candidate to come forward and was elected by acclamation.

A contract was awarded to Eastern Demolition from St. John's, and to the delight of town residents and Council, the **OLD ACADEMY SCHOOL** was removed and transported to Robin Hood Bay.

The Town had two "Welcome to the Historic Town of Brigus" entrance signs installed this past summer. Landscaping work to be carried out in 2012.

Council adopted a new policy for the taking over of private roads during new development. Copies are available at the Town Office.

Work is continuing on the War Memorial site, more work will be carried out in 2012.

A tender was awarded to Fewer's Excavating in the amount of \$14,000.00 to carry out repairs to the Wharf at Riverhead.

Education & Training

Council and Staff attended the following Education & Training throughout the year:

2011 PMA Convention - Wayne Rose

Legislative Changes - Wayne Rose & Ralph Trickett

Fire and Emergency Services - Rodney Mercer

2011 Symposium - Lorne Youden & Ralph Trickett

2011 Convention - Byron Rodway, Lorne Youden, Ralph Trickett.

Operator Safety Series Snowplow - Shane Sparkes

Planning

In May, 2010 the Town Council awarded a contract to CBCL Ltd. to complete a review of the Brigus Municipal Plan and Development Regulations. To date approximately 80% of the work involved has been completed on the new Town Plan. A new Emergency Services Act was proclaimed last year by the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador. This act stated that all municipalities in the province must have an Emergency Management Plan in place by May 01, 2012. Our Town Council set up a committee to develop this plan which has now been completed and approved by Fire & Emergency Services and adopted by Council. Thanks to all involved for their hard work and time.

Capital Works

As you know Capital Works Funding was granted for the Riverhead/Irishtown Loops, with the lateness of this approval, work on our water loops will begin in the spring of 2012. This should improve the quality of our drinking water in the area.

In October the Town reapplied for Capital Works funding, in the amount of \$ 3,112,442.00 (Three million One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Two, dollars) this is for Farm Rd/Gullies Rd/CB

Highway and will be used to carry out water and sewer installations in this area of Brigus, presently unserved. This funding is provided on a 90% / 10% ratio with the Town having to repay 10%. We are hoping to obtain this funding for the 2012 year.

Waste Management

In February of 2011 a contract was awarded to Jim McCabe for collection of garbage to be transported to Robin Hood Bay. To the end of December it has been eleven (11) months that garbage has been collected and the following weights and cost for that period of time is as follows: Weight for waste 224.00 tons cost \$33,997.24. Clean up period 30.50 tons cost \$6,397.76. Five (5) loads of metal to Bay Roberts cost \$1,000.00. **For a total cost of \$41,395.00.** For further information regarding garbage collection, please contact Council office.

On February 1st, 2012, Robin Hood Bay Site will be implementing a ban on liquid waste disposal. Council is presently exploring it's option's.

The Dept of Municipal Affairs called a tender in November of 2011 for the decommissioning of our landfill site. With the award of the contract, work should soon begin.

Recreation

The Summer Recreation Program had its most successful year ever with a record number of 81 children registered, with 45 to 55 attending the morning group and 15-20 in the afternoon on a regular basis. In addition to the regular activities, children took part in 5 field trips outside the community, including skating at twin rinks and a picnic at Bowring park. These trips are cost shared by the Town of Brigus and the Sports & Recreation.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony had a good turn out and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the businesses who donated for our draws.

A Provincial Wellness Grant in the amount of \$18,000 dollars was received for our seniors program. A community enhancement was also applied for The Seniors Healthy Living Club, which has 36 members who actively participate. This year there were 6 informal sessions, a motivational speaker presentation by Gary Summers, and a barbecue was held on June 29, 2011 which was enjoyed by all.

Also a \$1,000.00 capital grant was received from The Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation to purchase equipment.

Thanks to Recreation Coordinator, Lori Quinlan for all her hard work.

Town Staff

We applaud Town Clerk/ Manager, Wayne Rose & Geraldine Boland (part time) for their hard work and dedication which keeps the Town office operating efficiently.

Shane & George also had a very busy year with a variety of maintenance tasks that they are responsible for. Thanks to all staff for a great job!

Development Permits

Seventy-nine (79) General Repair, twenty-three (23) Shed and Extension, seven (7) House development & two (2) Business permits were issued throughout 2011.

Applications for development permits should be forwarded to the Town Council Office well in advance of Council meetings. This will give the public works committee ample time to review the development application and site. Avoiding unnecessary delays in obtaining your permit.

Budget

December 06, 2011 Council approved their 2012 balanced budget in the amount of \$658,764.00. Tax Rates remain the same as 2011.

Fire Department

The Brigus Volunteer Fire Department had another great year answering 16 fire calls. We thank the members for their dedication and hard work, during fire calls, training and fund raising activities. The ladies auxiliary once again did a great job on the 60 plus Christmas party and the Breakfast with Santa. The Santa Claus Parade was a great success, which enjoyed perfect weather and many floats attending. To both groups, Keep up the good work.! Council on behalf of our Fire Brigade received a 90/10 grant from Fire and Emergency Services to purchase 2 SCBA c/w Cylinders at a cost of \$9,481.00. Council would also like to thank our Fire Brigade & Recreation for the Community Bonfire held in November. Due to poor weather the numbers were down compared to the year before but a great time was had by all.

Blueberry Festival

The 24th Annual Brigus Blueberry Festival, once again had a successful year with attendance of approximately 15,000 visitors. The 25th Annual will be held on August 09th ,10th , 11th & 12th 2012.

Take Note

Tax Payments: As a reminder, you can pay your taxes by Debit, Visa and MasterCard.

Data Base: If a tax payer would like to forward his or her e-mail address, to the town office, it will be stored in the town's data base, this data base will be used to keep residents posted on notices of interest. Visit the town's web page www.brigus.net

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries: If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or special occasion and wish to receive a certificate of congratulations, please advise the town manager in advance, so one can be arranged for you.

Open Fires: Residents take note that open fires are only permitted between September to April weather permitting and is under the control of the Dept. of Forestry and not the municipality. Residents should be aware of the wind and dryness of the ground before having an open fire.

Vandalism: From time to time the town experiences unnecessary acts of vandalism, should you witness any of these acts please contact the town office in confidence, so we can take the necessary steps and possible prosecution to rectify the situation.

Special Events: In April a Kids fun day was held at the Rec Center, a great time was had by all. In June, 2011 Ride for Dad approximately 500 motor cycles visited Brigus, this group of riders were on a fund raising campaign in aid of Prostate Cancer. Also in June, 2011 The Tom Furey Classic Car Club visited Brigus, proceeds from this activity were forwarded to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. September 2011 Brigus once again played host for the popular Targa. This years race appeared to have went over very well.

The Mayor, Councillors and Staff would like to extend best wishes and a Happy New Year to All!

Please Help Keep Our Town Beautiful...

Please Don't Litter!

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