

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young
		Natasha Card
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Stephanie Greene(7:05pm)
		Michelle Noseworthy (7pm)
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor advised that Fire Chief Gus Loder was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Fire Chief had no issues of concern at this time.

2. Mayor Card welcomed Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.

- Scott said that he had trouble with the chlorine drip at the pump house earlier today and repairs have been made.
- the John Deere Loader has been serviced and is working good.
- Scott advised that he will have to get 3 or 4 boxes of white siding for the sewerage treatment plant because he is unable to match what is on the side that is damaged.
- General discussion on issues regarding the operation of the sewerage treatment plant.
- Mayor asked Scott if he had spoken to Paul Chafe regarding the chlorine pump. Scott said that he tried but was unable to reach Paul. He will try again this week.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:40pm

## **Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held March 9, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #018-2021 A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held March 9, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business Arising:**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Information received on the registration for the virtual MNL Symposium being held May 6-7, 2021. If anyone is interested in attending they were asked to advise the Town Clerk/Manager.

2. Email from Mary Hatherly of Marathon Gold regarding a virtual meeting they are having on Thursday, April 15 5:30 to 6:30pm. The meeting is to introduce new staff members. Mayor Card advised there is also a Joint Council meeting that evening if anyone was interested in attending. The last Joint Council meeting included a discussion with representatives of the RCMP to discuss their financial position and the difficulties in providing the services required with the rising cost of operation. They were seeking suggestions on savings that could be found while still providing services required.

**Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated April 13, 2021 in the amount of \$148,283.27 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

**Motion #019-2021 D. Butt/A. Young**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated April 13, 2021 in the amount of \$148,283.27 for disbursement as presented.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

**Motion #020-2021 N. Beaton/D. Butt**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$92.00 (General office expense).

**Vote:**

**In Favor: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood.**

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Mayor Card advised there has been no reply to dated regrading your applications for special assistance for the lift station motors and the Sunset Drive water and sewer repair projects.

## **Other Business:**

1. Discussion on the information received regarding the Job Creation Program. It was agreed this would be a good program to use for a coordinator to supervise summer student employees. It was decided to put a notice on Facebook and around town to see if there would be any interest in the position. This is a top up of EI benefits.
2. Discussion on sponsoring an ad in the Exploits Chamber of Commerce Business Directory for 2021/2022.

### **Motion #021-2021 A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolve that Council sponsor a 1/4 page - black & white ad in the Exploits Chamber of Commerce Business Directory for 2021/22 in the amount of \$125.00.

#### **Vote:**

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood.**

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Deputy Mayor asked what Council's position was regarding hiring summer students. He has been approached by residents regarding summer employment for their children. It has been the policy to offer positions to Grade 12 students first and if we don't have enough applicants then we consider the other grades. It was agreed that we will follow the same policy this year. Federal grant has been submitted. Provincial applications are not being accept yet.

4. Councillor Beaton said that she had complaints from residents about dirt bikes and ATV around town.

Councillor Michelle Noseworthy arrived at 7:00pm

There was a smaller model ATV on the walking trail. Mayor said that last year if he knew who was operating the machine he would call the parents. You cannot make an anonymous complaint. Residents should contact the RCMP with their complaint.

## **Other Business continued:**

5. Councillor Noseworthy wondered about purchasing a “jaws of life” for our Fire Department. There have been a number of accident calls in the past few weeks. She advised that Fire Chief Gus Loder is getting quotes for the piece of equipment. Discussion held.

6. Mayor Card said that he has been advised by Mary Hatherly of Marathon Gold that the Town will receive a \$10,000 donation again this year. Ms Hatherly said that she was approached by Nicole Eddy of Badger Sports and Recreation for financial assistance to repair the roof at the Stadium. Marathon Gold will donate \$5,000 to the project. These funds will be sent to the Town of Badger as well. Discussion held. It was agreed that the Town will hold those funds until Badger Sports and Recreation is able to raise the balance of the funds required to complete repairs to the Stadium roof.

Councillor Greene arrived at 7:05pm

7. Councillor Greene advised that she hasn't received anything from the Second Harvest funding application. She advised Mayor Card that she included his email in the application.

8. Mayor Card read a letter he received from a resident who is saying their property is outside town's limits and should not be charged property taxes. We are working with the Planning Department of The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities to determine the location of the Town's boundary in the area in question. General discussion continued.

9. Mayor Card said that the basketball nets at the multi court have been damaged and need to be repaired. We also need a set of bases for the softball field. General discussion on how to prevent damage to town property.

10. Mayor Card had the quotes to submit for funding under the Stimulus Program which included:

\$44,718.90 to shingle Town Centre Building;  
\$23,297.16 to replace doors at front of this building and entrance to the Community Centre; and ,  
\$80,074.50 to construct two dressing rooms at the Stadium, this comes to a total of \$148,090.56

All present were in agreement to submit the application for funding.

**Other Business continued:**

11. We did submit the application under Newfoundland Power Take-Charge program to install heat pumps in the Community Centre.

12. Town Clerk/Manager advised Council that the Town won the early bird prize from Recreation NL for early payment of membership fees. It is valued at \$500 and includes items such as skipping ropes, frisbees, glow sticks etc. It was agreed the items could be used if we can do something for Badger Day.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #022-2021 D. Butt/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

**Vote:**  
**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;**  
**N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**  
**Opposed 0;**  
**Abstained 0.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager