

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Natasha Beaton Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillors:	Nicholas Blackwood Stephanie Greene

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder presented his report.
 - Fire Chief Loder said that he emailed a copy of an order he placed for 10 pairs of structural firefighting gloves. Cost \$1,229.90 plus tax. These were required. Fire Chief also ordered 40 pairs of gloves from Artlin Safety & Industrial.
 - Discussion on replacing SCAB units. The Units cost approximately \$8,500 plus tax. Our application for funds must be submitted by March 31, 2021. Discussion held. It was agreed that we would apply for 4 units which equal two sets.
 - Fire Chief said that he had Ron Roberts from Orkin put two hand sanitizing dispensers in the Fire Hall and their vehicles.
 - Pumper 2 was in for repairs but there is an issue with the clutch. Fire Chief said the clutch needs to be replaced, Fire Chief will get quotes for the repairs.
 - Discussion on operation of the Recycle Depot. They lost some of their incentive funding and they have to review the numbers to see if they can keep it operational. He also wanted monthly invoices for the payroll for the attendant.
 - Fire Chief Loder asked what Council had done or planned to do with the \$1,600 received from selling the pick-up truck acquired from NL Hydro. Mayor said that it was going to be used for renovations at the Stadium; however, that project has been delayed. The truck was given to the Fire Dept so he was wondering if funding would be used for the Fire Dept.

Discussion continued:

- Fire Chief advised that they attended two motor vehicle accidents.
- Meetings and practices are not doing much now because of COVID-19.
- General discussion on requirements for the CBSA units.
- Discussion on retirement of Clayton Young and John Wilson from the Fire Department. He wondered if they received their one hundred dollar gift cards from the Town. Mr Young did but Mr Wilson has not. Mr Wilson called the Town Office regarding the matter. We were not notified of Mr Wilson's retirement. Card will be sent to Mr Wilson.

Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:55pm

2. Superintendent of Works, Scott Luscombe is not at our meeting tonight. He had advised the Town Clerk/Manager of the following:

- they have been widening the streets with the snow blower. But they lost a bearing in it today which they should have repaired in the next couple of days.
- Rob Kearley of Exploits Engineering was here today inspecting the manholes and lift stations for the lift station rehabilitation project.

3. Kellie Kerpan of Qalipu First Nations joined the meeting to discuss their application for a Community Garden. She thanked Council for its letter of support. She had pictures of the Garden in Corner Brook. The one proposed for Badger would be smaller. The Garden is to honor murdered and missing indigenous women and it will be used for cultural events as well. Ms Kerpan said it would be for everyone to use. She felt that it was very pertinent to have a Garden in Badger given the history of indigenous people. If their application is successful they will consult with residents regarding its construction. They should know in 6 to 8 weeks. All present agreed it was a good idea and they will work with Ms Kerpan and her group on this project.

Ms Kerpan left the meeting at 7:10pm

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 February 9, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #012-2021 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

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

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omission to the minutes of the special meeting of Council held February 22, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #013 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held February 22, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Mayor Card said that he invited Relief Clerk, Carol Ann Robert to the meeting to discuss the United Way funding application, however, she was not available. This application has to be submitted by Friday, March 12, 2021. Discussion held and it was agreed to submit an application to construct a gazebo with landscaping.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated March 9, 2021 in the amount of \$22,190.12 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #014-2021 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated March 9, 2021 in the amount of \$22,190.12 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #015-2021 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$92.85 (general office expense).

Vote:

**In favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

3. The Bank of Montreal requires a motion of Council for the extension of the overdraft on the general account. General discussion on if this services is required. Check will be made with the Bank on time frame to reinstate if it was cancelled.

Motion #016-2021 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the extension of the overdraft lending with the Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$20,000 to cover operating expenses for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Each Council member received a disclosure statement form that must be completed by March 31, 2021. Council members were asked to return their form to the Town Office.
2. Councillor A. Young had a "Thank-you" card from the staff of Avoca for Council's gift during Staff Appreciation Week.
3. General discussion on the operation of the Fire Department Recycle Depot . All present agreed that they didn't want to see the Recycle Depot close.
4. Mayor Card said that Councillor Greene has applied for the Second Harvest grant. She will keep Council updated.
5. Discussion on the \$1,600 received from the sale of the Ford pick-up truck. It was agreed to use the funds to pay for the ten pairs of structural firefighting gloves. Mayor will discuss this decision with Fire Chief Loder. It was also agreed that we will apply for government funding for two sets of SCABs which is four units in total.
6. Mayor Card explained that we have sent a number of support letters for companies seeking funding to improve internet service in our community.

Other Business continued:

7. Mayor Card advised that we have applied for special assistance grants for the motors in the lift station on Main Street and the sewer line repairs on Sunset Drive. Mayor said in his conversation with Randy Simms these grants are normally a maximum of \$30,000.00. It was agreed to wait to hear from the special assistance grant application before we submit a request to increase our Gas Tax funding request for the motors in the lift station project.

Adjournment:

Motion #017-2021 N. Beaton/D. Butt

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: E. Card: D. Butt: A. Young: N. Beaton:
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager