

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:30pm viva Zoom

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor;	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young
		Natasha Beaton
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Stephanie Greene
		Michelle Noseworthy

Also, present;	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Tonight's meeting is being held viva Zoom due to the restrictions on gatherings during the COVID -19 pandemic.

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder gave his report.

-Fire Chief Loder advised that there have been no calls for service.

-Fire Chief said he reached out to Jarmar Transport regarding the Fire Department van which has been parked at their garage. There was an issue with the brakes and transmission that they hope to have resolved soon. Also, one of the units inspected doesn't have the sticker indicating the inspection has been completed.

-Connors Diving Service are scheduled to be here on May 9, 2020 to do the inspection on the air compression system. K & D Pratt will do the SCBA inspection in the Fall due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

-Mayor said that there was information from Teck Resources regarding their "Teck Community Response Fund" and we maybe able to get equipment for the Fire Department under this program. Council will discuss this issue later in the meeting.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:40pm

## **Discussion continued:**

2. Mayor Card explained that during the COVID-19 restrictions the Town Clerk/Manager will be providing the report from our Superintendent of Works, Scott Luscombe.

Town Clerk/Manager presented the report she received from Mr Luscombe today.

-The water system is working good and there are no issues with the lift stations.

-The equipment is operating good.

-They have pressure washed the new salter unit and stored it for next season.

-They have installed wire fence to close the playground and multi court as part of the pandemic restrictions.

-They locked the gate at the RV parking area on Beothuck Street; however, over the past weekend someone cut the lock off the gate.

-Mr Luscombe is requesting permission to purchase some bags of asphalt repair material to repair some of the deeper potholes. They are unable to get asphalt until the asphalt plants open. The material is \$18.00 per bag. All present were in agreement with the purchase.

This completed Mr Luscombe's report.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting .

## **Adoption of Minutes continued:**

### **Motion #020-2020 N. Beaton/A. Young**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held March 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

#### **Vote:**

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business Arising:**

1. Councillor Greene asked about the Central Newfoundland Waste Management curbside collection policy and garbage containers that are acceptable to their policy. The notice has been posted on the Town's website. General discussion held.
2. Councillor Greene said that she had 4 or 5 ideas on how the \$10,000 from Marathon Gold could be utilized. She will text her ideas. Mayor said that he spoke to Mary Hatherly and the funds are there when we are ready .
3. With regards to Badger Day we will have to wait and see when restrictions are lifted. Councillor Greene suggested having something in the Fall for our essential workers including town workers, stores, gas stations etc. There will be no Canada Day events this year. General discussion held. Matter deferred until our next meeting.
4. Letter was written to property owner at #32 Main Street last week. No reply to date. Councillor Greene said that she had made an inquiry and was advised that someone was cleaning up the building but it was still being used for storage.
5. We can't get the doors from the school board until the pandemic restrictions are lifted.
6. Mayor spoke to the residents at #3 Earle Street and they agreed to pay 50% of the \$4,045.01 invoice for work at that property. Payment has not been received to date

## **Correspondence:**

1. An email was received from Linda Roberts at the Department of Children, Seniors & Social Development advising that our application for a grant to repair the roof at the Stadium was unsuccessful.
2. Complaint received from a resident of Cooke Crescent about their neighbor burning household garbage in a fire barrel. General discussion held. Letter will be written advising the resident that their actions are impacting their neighbors. Also, remind them that the Town's garbage collection service is the proper way to dispose of household garbage. Burning household garbage in a fire barrel is not permitted.
3. Information received from Teck Resources regarding their COVID-19 response with their "Teck Community Response Fund". General discussion held. It was felt that we maybe able to get equipment for the Fire Department and personal protection equipment for town employees. Deputy Mayor Butt and Councillor Greene will work on this project along with the Fire Chief Loder. Councillor Greene volunteered to complete any paperwork required.
4. Information received from the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding Mental Health Week being held May 4-10, 2020. Declaration will be signed and a notice will be posted on our Facebook page.
5. Each councillor received a copy of the circular from the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment regarding the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000 concerning public hearings, registrations and appeals during the current COVID-19 public health emergency.
6. A copy of rates that CIBC would charge the Town to set up an electronic bill payment service. This information was received because of the public health emergency and the handling of cash. MNL and PMA are recommending that all Town Offices should be closed to the public. This service will allow residents to pay their taxes at their bank. Council did look at this before but decided against the service because of the cost. We have only heard from one bank. The cost is still the question. If we are paying a set-up fee and a monthly fee to different banks and then if very few residents use the service would that be worth the expense. Matter was deferred until our next meeting.

## **Correspondence continued:**

7. Each councillor received a copy of circular received from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding holding meetings during the current public health emergency. Town is adhering to the requirements.
8. Information received regarding the Qalipu Youth Summer Employment Program. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2020. Check will be made with Alison White regarding the application process.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated April 21, 2020 totaling \$105,982.71 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

### **Motion #021-2020 N. Blackwood/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated April 21, 2020 in the amount of \$105,982.71 for disbursement as presented.

#### **Vote:**

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. General discussion held.

### **Motion #022-2020 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$95.65 (general office expense)

#### **Vote:**

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. Discussion on the general clean-up of the community. It was agreed there will be a clean-up; however, it has to be postponed until restrictions are lifted for the current public health emergency. It was suggested we could mail a notice to residents advising them on the situation.
2. Councillor Young wanted to know who was responsible to upkeep of Earle Street because it is not in very good condition. Mayor Card explained that Jamar Transport Inc is the contractor and is responsible for the road until they have it paved.
3. Discussion on the appearance of #17 Main Street. This property is being handled by the property owner.
4. Discussion on this being "Volunteer Week" April 19-26, 2020. Councillor Greene will compose a message and forward it to the Town Clerk/Manager who will post it on the Town's Facebook page.
5. Councillor Greene suggested the flags at the Building be flown at half mast to honor the victims from the horrific crime in Nova Scotia this past weekend. All present agreed. Town Clerk/Manager will posted a message on Town's Facebook page to advised residents why the flags are at half mast.
6. Mayor Card explained that Coady Construction, the contractor that did the TCH project, is seeking damages from the Town for work incurred beyond the scope of the project. In their letter they are stating the cost to be \$268,000.00 Mayor Card has been in contact with Wilf Maloney from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding the matter. He has also spoken to lawyer, Greg Smith, regarding the matter. Mayor didn't have a cost for the lawyer's services. Exploits Engineering is doing a summary and the lawyer will do a non-bias opinion. Mayor will continue to work with those involved and will keep Council advised of any further developments.

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## **Adjournment:**

### **Motion #023-2020 M. Noseworthy/S. Greene**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30pm viva Zoom.

#### **Vote:**

**In favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**CARRIED MOTION.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager