

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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
	Superintendent of	
	Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/	
	Manager:	Pansy Hurley

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Luscombe to the meeting.

Mr Luscombe gave his report.

The water supply system is working well. There was an issue with the lift station on Memorial Drive which has been repaired.

The machinery is working good. The vibration system for the salter has not been received yet. The new salt truck is good; however, the salter needs second refill to complete town streets.

Discussion on the condition of town streets. Residents are upset by the narrow streets. Scott said that some residents are ploughing snow out on the street and across the street which makes the streets narrow. Scott advised that the snow blower will required some work to be fitted to the loader. Scott said he could do the work if he had the supplies. It was agreed to get the material to get the snow blower up and running.

Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:40pm

## **Discussion continued:**

2. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting.

Fire Chief gave his report.

The annual commercial equipment inspection has to be done on the fire trucks. Equipment is working good.

They are down three (3) members and have six (6) applications on file. These positions will be filled in the near future.

Fire Chief said that he had submitted some invoices for payment. These items are included on the accounts payable for tonight.

Check will be made on funding available for fire fighting equipment. They have to replace some of the SCBA units.

Fire Chief advised that they responded to a chimney fire and two motor vehicle accidents.

Mayor Card advised Fire Chief that we are watching the river. Presently levels are rising and falling similar to other years. We have two people that are available for river watch. If required, they will check river every two (2) hours between midnight and 8:00am.

Fire Chief asked about responding to fire calls outside town limits. This issue came up because of a fire in Michael's Harbour. The Town's policy has been established and it does not respond to cabin areas. General discussion on the issue. (Response boundaries were established by Council on April 24, 2017).

Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:55pm

## **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 January 14, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

## **Adoption of Minutes continued:**

**Motion #007-2020 D. Butt/M. Noseworthy.**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held January 14, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton  
N. Blackwood: M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business Arising:**

No Business Arising.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Exploits Chamber of Commerce 21<sup>st</sup> annual business excellence awards and hall of fame inductions will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Royal Canadian Legion. Last year it was decided Council would not get involved with these nominations because it didn't want to favor one business over another.
2. Juvenile Diabetes Research - Sun Life Walk to cure diabetes request donation. This request does not meet the requirements of Town Policy.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated February 11, 2020 totaling \$54,234.52 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

## **Finances continued:**

### **Motion #008-2020 A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated February 11, 2020 in the amount of \$54,234.52 for disbursement as presented.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

### **Motion #009-2020 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy.**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimburse by \$90.90 (office expense \$35.00; Misc expense \$55.90 sandwich tray & coffee for teachers and staff at Avoca Collegiate for staff appreciation week.)

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Each councillor received a copy of the Financial Statements 2018; Annual Expenditure Report Gas Tax Funding 2018; Tax Recovery Plan & Tax Receivable Summary; as well as, the Representation Letter, Audit Planning letter, Engagement Letter and Audit Findings Management Letter prepared by Town's auditor, Lori Mercer, CA. General discussion held on these items. Ms Mercer is scheduled to do the 2019 audit on March 13, 2020.

**Finances continued:**

3. Discussion on the financial documents received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, CA continued.

**Motion #010-2020 M. Noseworthy/A. Young.**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2018 Financial Statements as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion #011-2020 N. Blackwood/A. Young.**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Annual Expenditure Report Gas Tax Funding 2018 as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion #012-2020 N. Blackwood/N. Beaton.**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Tax Recovery Plan and Tax Receivable Summary as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

**Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood/ M. Noseworthy**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

4. The Bank of Montreal required a motion of Council for the extension of the overdraft on the general account.

### **Motion #013-2020 A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Council approval 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, 2020.

#### **Vote:**

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;  
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. Applications have been submitted for student employment funding. One application went to Service Canada and the other two went to the Provincial Government for high school students and post secondary students.

Councillor S. Greene arrive at the meeting at 7:10pm

2. Discussion on applying to the NL English School District for a set of doors that they removed from a building in Grand Falls-Windsor to be used at our stadium. Request will be submitted.

3. The Marathon Gold group held an information session at the Community Centre last week. There was about seventy people in attendance.

4. Councillor Greene asked about responding to fire calls outside the community following the situation in Michael's Harbour. This issue was discussed earlier with the Fire Chief Loder. General discussion.

## **Other Business continued:**

5. General discussion on a local group raising funds for youth of the community involved with sporting events. This group is not associated with the Town.
6. Harold Noseworthy and Gerald Mercer submitted their names to work on the River Watch.

## **Adjournment:**

### **Motion #014-2020 N. Beaton/A. Young**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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 7:30pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager