

The Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

One vacant seat.

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Discussion:

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

Fire Chief Loder advised that they will need to replace some of the hoses for the fire truck. An application will be submitted to the Firefighters Equipment Program for funding to purchase 1.5" and 2.5" hose and piercing nozzle. Fire Chief spoke to Tom Coffey regarding parts needed to bring both pumper trucks up to full working capability. The cost for this work is \$741.11.

Fire Chief advised that he has the 10 bunker suits donated to the Fire Department. He advised that he had to order one dress uniform for one of their members.

Firefighters Gary Roberts and Gordon White attended the annual Firefighter's Convention in Gander. Fire Chief felt it was very important to attend these events because you get to meet people and the presentations are educational.

The Firefighter's Ball will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019 in the Community Centre. Council, Staff and spouses are invited to attend. Happy hour is 5pm to 6pm with supper starting at 6pm. Mr Mike Patey is the MC for the evening and Mr Rod Bennett is the guest speaker.

Discussion continued:

Fire Chief said they would be sponsoring an open house tomorrow night beginning a 7:00pm as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Chief advised that they have submitted an application for Chase the Ace fund raiser. They would like to use the Community Centre on Monday nights for this event. It was agreed they could use the Community Centre; however, if there was a rental for the Centre they would have to use their meeting room.

The recycle depot is up and running again. Gordon Loder Jr is working at the depot now. Copy of the schedule for operation will be placed around town.

Discussion on the Fire Dept Facebook Page. Carol Ann Roberts is the administrator for the Page. Fire Chief will work on this issue.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:50pm

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

Mr Luscombe gave his report.

The water system pump house is working good as well as the lift stations.

They have been working on asphalt patching.

He has been doing some repairs to the loader. Work on the pick-up truck is completed. He has the work done on the zamboni waiting for the water tank to be returned. We have made contact with a gentlemen for Bishop's Falls who is doing all the zamboni emissions testing at no charge. Scott said that our zamboni should be ready for testing.

Discussion on moving the two hot water tanks at the stadium to the back of the building. Scott suggested using the 8'X8' building at the Depot for the hot water tanks.

Discussion continued:

Discussion on complaint from a resident of Maple Street regarding the condition of town streets. Scott said that the area of the manhole in question has been repaired a couple of times; however, it keeps sinking. Scott said they are working on Maple Street now and the issue discussed is part of what they will repair.

Deputy Mayor Butt said that he has been made aware that the Town of Baie Verte may have parts for the loader we purchased from them. He was wondering if we would need the parts. He wasn't sure about the type of parts. General discussion.

Scott said that he hasn't gotten the back water valve for well #1 yet. He will re-order tomorrow. Discussion on the sewer lines on the TCH. Scott said all town lines were good. There was a piece of wood which was removed from the line. There is a clog sewer line at #3 Earle Street. Apparently the contractor is suppose to dig up the line tomorrow to determine the problem.

Scott advised that they never had to touch the main water line on Third Avenue when they were in stalling the sanitary sewer line.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe 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 meeting of Council held September 10, 2019 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #061-2019 M. Noseworthy/A. Young.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held September 10, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;

N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adoption of minutes continued:

2. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of a special meeting of Council held September 30, 2019 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #062-2019 N. Blackwood/S. Greene

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held September 30, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

There was none.

Correspondence:

1. Approval received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment that the Capital Investment Plan for the Ted Patey Heritage Park Upgrade and Playground Upgrade were approved.

7-2019-6863 Ted Patey Heritage Park upgrade \$6,530.00

7-2019-6864 Playground Upgrade \$29,660.00.

2. Request received from the person providing cleaning services for the Town Centre Building for a raise in pay. Discussion held. Town employees received .50 per hour raise this year. This person is not considered a town employee. Hours for this position is 5 or 6 hours per week depending on the activity in the building. Discussion held.

Motion #063-2019 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that the cleaning person for the Town Centre Building will receive a fifty cent (.50) per hour raise in pay effective immediately.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

3. Kids Eat Smart annual donation of one hundred dollars (\$100). Councillor Young said she would step out of the meeting because she coordinates the program at our local school where the funds will go. Other councillors felt that since the money is not going directly to her there is no conflict of interest.

Motion 064-2019 N. Blackwood/D. Butt

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the Kids Eat Smart Program and Avoca Collegiate of Badger, NL will receive this donation.

Vote:

In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;

N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Tentative agenda for the MNL Convention in St. John's November 14 to 17, 2019. It will cost \$475 per councillor and \$225.00 per spouse to attend. Mayor and spouse, Deputy Mayor and spouse, Councillor Young and spouse; Councillor Greene; and Councillor Noseworthy and spouse confirmed attendance. Discussion on the voting delegates. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Noseworthy expressed interest in being voting delegates. Mayor felt that the Mayor should be a voting delegate. Discussion on how to determine the other voting delegate. Deputy Mayor said it didn't matter to him. Mayor felt that it should be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor because of the positions. Councillor Noseworthy said if that's what was wanted she was okay with the decision. No further discussion.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated October 8, 2019 totaling \$69,007.39 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #065-2019 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated October 8, 2019 in the amount of \$69,007.39 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion # 066-2019 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$94.05 general office expense.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Councillor Greene advised Council that the Town of Bishop's Falls is selling a street sweeper. General discussion held on the issue.

2. Councillor Greene asked about the street sign and a stop sign for Highland Crescent. Check will be made to make sure the signs are put in place.

3. Mayor Card asked Councillor Greene if she would bring greetings on behalf of Council at the Firemen's Ball. Mayor is a member of the Fire Department and would prefer another member of Council bring greeting. Councillor Greene agreed to Mayor's request.

Other Business continued:

Councillor S. Greene was excused from the meeting at 7:35pm.

4. The Community Bonfire will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30pm behind the Stadium. This is our Fire Department practice night and they will monitor the site.

5. Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 10:55am at the Cenotaph. Mayor Card spoke to Ms Verley Roberts and she will MC the Service.

6. Discussion on Christmas events.

Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00pm. The Grand Falls-Windsor Salvation Army Band will be invited again this year.

Councillor Ann Marie Young will make the cookies and fudge for the event this year.

The Senior's Christmas Social will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6pm. Town Clerk/Manager advised Council that she would not be cooking or carving the meat or making gravy for the event this year. Discussion was held on the preparation of the meal and volunteers to help with the event. Town Clerk/Manager said she spoke to the Town of Appleton and their Recreation Committee does their meal. That town also changed the age to attend to 65 because of the number of people involved.

The Community Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10am. Councillors will run this event.

The Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00pm. Councillors will run this event. Councillor Michelle Noseworthy will get judges for the event.

Council's Christmas supper will be held in the community centre this year. It was agreed that a local cater will prepare the meal. Deputy Mayor Dennis Butt will make the necessary arrangements. The tentative date is Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7pm.

The Judging of the "Light Up for Christmas Contest" will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Councillor Michelle Noseworthy will get the judges for this event.

Other Business continued:

Deputy Mayor Butt was excused from the meeting at 8:10pm.

7. Discussion on opening a bank account of the capital works project for the Third Avenue Extension Sewer Line Extension and the Water Service and Lateral replacement on Earle Street.

Motion #067-2019 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that a bank account be open at the Bank of Montreal, High Street, Grand Falls-Windsor for the capital works account DMAE #17-MCW-18-00014. Mayor - Ed Card, Deputy Mayor - Dennis Butt, Town Clerk/Manager - Pansy Hurley will be the signing officers on the account.

Vote:

In Favor 4: E. Card, A. Young, N. Blackwood, M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Butt returned to the meeting at 8:15pm

8. Discussion on the condition of the asphalt on Earle Street where the contractor was doing work on the water laterals. Mayor said that he spoke to Exploits Engineering regarding the matter. The contractor is looking at waiting until Spring to repair the asphalt. Check will be made to make sure this work will be permitted to wait until Spring because of funding requirements.

9. Discussion held on the working being completed at the Playground and Ted Patey Heritage Park.

10. VOCM Cares Happy Tree will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019. No one present could attend because of the MNL Convention and other commitments.

Adjournment:

Motion #068-2019 D. Butt/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager