

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

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

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 gave his report.
  - All their equipment is working fine. A battery had to be replaced in the rescue van.
  - Town's Maintenance Department used a couple lengths of hose when they had a plugged sewer line. Fire Chief spoke to Harry Noel regarding the matter. That hose will not be put back on the fire truck. Fire Chief said they will assess their hoses to determine if replacement hose is required. This is part of regular maintenance on the fire truck.
  - One of their firefighters is off on a six month "leave of absences". They will wait a see if the member plans to return after the leave before considering filling the position.
  - The Fire Dept will be hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Dart Tournament April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is the second time they have hosted the tournament. They were wondering if the community centre wasn't booked could they go in a couple days before the tournament to get things set up. They also wanted to use the Council Chambers to set up prizes as well as a walk through to the meeting room rather than having to go outside the building. Fire Chief said they understand that they would be responsible to put things back in place in Council Chambers when the tournament is over.

## **Discussion continued:**

Fire Chief said that the Firettes would be selling food during the tournament and they would like to borrow the commercial fryer in the kitchen and the coffee pots. They will need the PA system as well. The Fire Chief said the fund raiser last year in King's Point made approximately fifteen thousand dollars. This tournament will be open to the public.

-The pick up truck from NL Hydro is ready to be picked up. Fire Chief felt that maybe next month would be good time to get the truck.

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

2. Mayor Card welcome Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, back to work after being away for three months. Mr Luscombe gave his report.

-The chlorine readings are good.

-There was a blocked sewer main line on Sunset Drive again. They will have Horwood's come up and clean that line when weather conditions improve.

-Scott said the new loader was good.

-The lift stations are working good.

-Discussion on ice build up on the sides of town streets and narrow intersections. Scott said he has been working to improve these conditions as well as dealing with water build up on town streets. Discussion on people ploughing snow from their driveways out onto town streets. It was felt that in the Fall a letter should be sent to residents regarding the matter.

- Discussion on #1 from tonight's correspondence from Greatario Services regarding the inspection on our water tank which was constructed in 2014. Mayor Card said that he spoke to the Company and the tank should last a life time if you look after it. Scott suggested that we do the complete ROV inspection and the exterior roof and wall drone inspection. Council will discuss later in the meeting.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:50pm.

## **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 12, 2019 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #014-2019 M. Noseworthy/N. Blackwood**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held February 12, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business arising:**

1. Councillor Greene asked about the email transfer. The town's auditor was contacted and she advised the town not to get involved with email transfers because there is no proper paper trail to document transactions. A resident can pay their taxes at the bank similar to paying their light bill and the bank would charge the town ninety cents for each transaction.
2. Councillor Noseworthy asked about the matter with Warehams and the outstanding invoice. Mayor Card advised that he spoke to Scott Luscombe our Superintendent of Works and a meeting will be arranged with the parties involved to have a discussion.
3. Councillor Noseworthy asked if the doors at the Stadium had been repaired. Councillor Blackwood said that he was waiting for the weather to improve before completing the work.
4. With regards to the issue of keeping chickens on residential properties in the community - this is not a permitted use under the Town of Badger Municipal Plan. There has been an issue with rodents in the community. A local pest control company has installed bait boxes on Maple Street near the Trailway because of a problem in that area. The area will be monitored for three months.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Information from Greatario Services regarding inspection of the water storage tank. This issue was discussed earlier with Scott Luscombe. Discussion continued.

### **Motion #015-2019 N. Blackwood/D. Butt**

Resolved that Greatario Services be hired to complete option #3 ROV inspection (Submersible Submarine) + Report - \$4475.00 plus Travel Costs - \$680.00 + Taxes and option #4 Exterior Roof and Wall Drone Inspection - \$489.00 + Taxes on the town's water storage tank.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Invitation received from Municipal Assessment Agency to attend a Meet and Greet Breakfast meeting on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 8:30am. Deadline to reply is April 3, 2019.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated March 12, 2019 in the amount of \$34,460.80 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

### **Motion #016-2019 N. Blackwood/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated March 12, 2019 in the amount of \$34,460.80 for disbursement as presented.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

### **Motion #017-2019 M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash disbursement journal dated March 12, 2019 in the amount of \$85.35 (\$57.50 food tray for staff at Avoca Collegiate ; \$27.85 cleaning supplies for community centre).

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. Discussion on Badger Day planning. Deputy Mayor Butt asked about music for the dance and having a band or DJ music. Everyone liked the DJ from last year. Deputy Mayor is also looking into a comedian act for Friday night before Badger Day. It was suggested that there be an informal meeting to make plans for Badger Day.

2. Discussion on the Acting Superintendent of Works request for three days off with pay because of time spent filling in while the Superintendent of Works was away. General discussion was held and different points were considered. There are times when employees have gone beyond their required duties. Mayor and Deputy Mayor did have a meeting with the employee before he assumed the acting position. The employee did receive a pay increase and was paid overtime during the period in question. It was felt that by granting this request Council would be setting a precedent for all employees going forward. Mayor called for a motion to grant the request. No motion was made. Letter will be written explaining Council's position on the matter.

**Other Business continue:**

3. Information received for the funding allocation for the Federal-Provincial Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2019-2024 which has been finalized. The Town will receive \$194,782.00 during that period. Discussion held. Mayor Card has signed the letter and returned it to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

**Motion #018-2019 M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that the Badger Town Council approve the funding for the Federal-Provincial Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax fund for 2019-2014 totaling \$194,782. Distribution:

2019-2020	–	\$38,214.00
2020-2021	–	\$37,440.00
2021-2022	–	\$39,142.00
2022-2023	–	\$39,142.00
2023-2024	–	\$40,844.00
Total.....		\$194,782.00

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Discussion on Council pictures for the Town website. Mayor Card will check with photographer to set time to do pictures. Mayor in is the process of completing the business card order as well.

5. Discussion on Fire Chief Loder’s request to use the fryer, coffee pots and pa-system for their dart tournament. All present were in agreement to let them use the equipment. They will be required to sign out the equipment and if the equipment is broken or damaged they will have to replace the equipment. They will also be responsible for cleaning the community centre and all parts of the building that they use during the dart tournament. The building was left in a mess following the Firemen’s Ball and their annual Christmas Party.

**Other Business continued:**

6. An email was received from Troy's Carnival Supplies with items that have been marked down. This is part of the planning for Badger Day.
7. Councillor Greene said that Kaylee Hurley wanted to thank Council for the message and flowers sent to her during the National Hockey Tournament she participated in Red Deer, Alberta. She really appreciated Council support.
8. Thank you card received from Avoca Collegiate for the food tray sent during Staff Appreciation Week
9. Thank you letter received from VOCM Cares Foundation for the Town's donation to the "Happy Tree Campaign".
10. Each councillor completed their disclosure statements for 2019.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #019-2019 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council would now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager