

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council
held Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Terry Best Stephanie Greene Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillor:	Pat Paul (working)

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Gus Loder, Fire Chief.

-Fire Chief Loder advised that they have one member on a "leave of absence" so they will fill that position in the next two weeks.

-He advised that there was an issue with the service from Bell Alaint that was causing the problem with the system that connects to members cell phones. They will monitor the service and reissue a new invoice once they are sure the problem has been corrected.

-Fire Chief advised that the red van is out of service. He has been advised by local mechanic that the unit should be taken off the road. Fire Chief Loder spoke to officials with Newfoundland Hydro regarding a vehicle from their surplus equipment that would be going to auction. Fire Chief Loder will write letter requesting a vehicle and a copy of the letter will be sent to Council. Mayor Card said that Central Health had two decommissioned ambulances that would be sold this year and two more for next year.

-Fire Chief had quotes for three helmets, six pair gloves and four pair boots. General discussion. Council will decide later.

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

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

- Scott advised that the pump house was working good. Discussion on the quote for repairs to the pump from the main lift station on Main Street. Scott said the pump was being put together tonight and would be as good as a new pump when returned. Repairs cost \$8,634.00 plus tax. A new pump would cost \$14,731 plus freight and tax. The pumps in that lift station are larger pumps that are throttled back for operation in that lift station. The larger pumps were installed after the flood because it was planned to construct a lagoon sewer collection system. Mr Luscombe said it would be a lot of work to reduce the size of the pumps in the lift station. Discussion on the submersible level transducer required for the lift station as well. This must be replaced so the computer can work properly. The transducer will cost \$1,375.00 plus freight and taxes.

-Mr Luscombe advised that the equipment is working good. They did try to repair potholes near intersection of Memorial Drive and Maple Street. They did look into renting a asphalt roller in June; however, the provincial government have them booked. General discussion.

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 13th, 2018 and the special meeting held February 20th, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion 019-2018 M. Noseworthy/S. Greene

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held February 13th, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

Motion Carried.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

2. Motion #020-2018 M. Noseworthy/D. Butt

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held February 20th, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

**In favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Mayor Card said that he called Bell Aliant regarding the internet service in the community. They are suppose to get back to him.
2. Councillor Noseworthy said the Firettes would like a letter regarding their request to use the community centre. The letter has been written to the Badger Firettes regarding the matter.
3. The letter to residents on Maple Street regarding the offer for them to purchase land at the back of their properties are ready; however, have not been put in the mail to date.
4. Discussion on if the Town should continue to offer cemetery services for the local cemeteries. We are not able to offer the service in all sections of the cemetery and there is the liability issue if we damage surrounding grave sites.

Motion #021-2018 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that Town of Badger Tax Schedule for 2018 be revised to remove the Cemetery Service Fee of \$150.00 effective immediately this service will no longer be available. Copy of the Tax Schedule 2018 attached to the minutes.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

1. Request from Red Indian Lake Fishing Derby Planning Committee seeking a donation. General discussion. This request meets the town's donation policy.

Motion #022-2018 T. Best/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that a one hundred dollar (\$100) donation be given to the Red Indian Lake Fishing Derby being held June 16 & 17, 2018 in Millertown.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;
Abstained 0.**

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Information received from the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation regarding a program of making a donation to receive plaques for fallen soldiers. Matter tabled for more information.

3. Discussion on repairs to the pump from the lift station it was felt that since Scott advises that this pump has been repaired three times that this should be the last time it is repaired. General discussion held.

4. Discussion on the information received from the Fire Chief regarding the purchase of six pair gloves, three helmets and four pair boots. Quotes reviewed. We have received \$2,100 from the provincial government for our Fire Department responding to motor vehicle accidents. It was agreed that these funds would be used to purchase this equipment for our Fire Department.

Motion #023-2018 S. Greene/T. Best.

Resolved that we purchase six pair of gloves, three helmets, and four pair boots from First Response Supplies Inc for our Fire Department.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene,
M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;
Abstained 0.**

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

5. Information received on Youth Summer Employment Program from Qalipu First Nation. General discussion all present agreed with applying for funding. Mayor Card will draft a job description for the application. Application has to be submitted by April 6, 2018.

Councillor Terry Best was excused from the meeting at 7:25pm .

Discussion on the issue of Councillor Best living at his business located at #15 Main Street.

Town Clerk/Manager spoke to Mr John Baird of Baird Planning Associates regarding the matter. He advised that a residence would not be a permitted use so it would be non-compliant with the Municipal Plan as per Schedule C - page 26. Also, Schedule A - page 5 under Section DEVELOPMENT making a change in the use of the building. Badger Development Regulations - Page 10 #34 Stop Work Order and Prosecution, Mr Baird suggests Council could issue a "Stop Work Order" advising the person that they cannot live in the building because it is not a permitted use. Mr Baird suggested Council seek legal advise on the issue. General discussion held regarding the matter. It was agreed that we would call Stewart McKelvey Law Firm to get their advise on the matter.

Councillor Terry Best returned to the meeting at 7:35pm

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated March 13th, 2018 totaling \$98,421.89 For disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #024-2018 T. Best/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated March 13th, 2018 for disbursement as presented totaling \$98,421.89.

**In Favor 5: E. Card, D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #025-2018 M. Nosewothy/T. Best

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$90.50 (\$54.40 office expense/\$36.10 other general gov.)

**In favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Mayor Card and Deputy Mayor Butt attended the Joint Council meeting held March 8th, 2018 in Grand Falls-Windsor. The Mayor of Bishop's Fall is concerned with proposed recreational salmon fishing regulations. Would like communities to write a letter in support of conservation but to have a program in place rather than closing completely. Other topics discussed included waste management and the RCMP presence in our communities.

2. Councillor Best said that the west coast of the province will be part of the Central Newfoundland Waste Management program by July 1st of this year. They are anticipating that once the west coast is part of the program the cost will come down. Councillor Best said that Conne

Other Business continued:

River will be joining the program as well. MMSB will be hiring a Conversation Office who will be checking for illegal dumping sites.

3. Mayor Card asked about the planning for Badger Day. It was agreed to have a special meeting for planning Badger Day. Notice will be placed on Facebook looking for volunteers.

Adjournment:

Motion#026-2018 M. Noseworthy/T. Best

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at 6:30pm in council chambers.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;
M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

MUNICIPAL TAX STRUCTURE
MUNICIPALITY OF BADGER

TAXATION YEAR 2018

Type of Tax: Rate

Due date for the payment of all 2018 taxes is June 30, 2018.

Property Tax (minimum \$325.00) 8.5mills

Business Tax (minimum \$100)

Class of Businesses:

Restaurants/takes-outs 6 mills

Stores (grocery & convenience) 6 mills

Office space 7 mills

Beauty salons 7 mills

Garages & service stations 4 mills

Lounges 4 mills

Motels, hotels & bed & breakfast 6 mills

Taxi/courier services 7 mills

Utilities 20 mills

Utilities with no fixed place of business 2.5%

Water and Sewer Tax

Residential (\$30 per month) \$360 (annual)

Commercial (\$33 per month) \$396 (annual)

Tax Certificate \$25

Dog License

Male & spayed female \$ 5

Female not spayed \$ 25

Building Permits:

Commercial \$ 50

Residential \$ 30

Extension to existing building \$ 20

General repairs \$ 10