

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
	Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy
		Jessica George
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Natasha Beaton
		Ann Marie Young

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

Meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Butt at 6:30pm

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief White and Assist. Fire Chief Loder to the meeting.

Fire Chief and Assist. Fire Chief gave a demonstration of the new thermal imaging camera which was purchased for the Fire Department. This camera will greatly improve the Fire Departments abilities when dealing with structure fires. Fire Chief White presented his report.

The Fire Department responded to 2- motor vehicle accidents, 1- house fire and 1- medical call.

Fire Chief advised that the Fire Departments requires a new laptop computer to operate their paging system.

The Fire Department would like to have the room that was used for the Cap Site. Their plan is to have a kitchenette, which would include a stove and a sink, in that area. They feel that this would help with the social aspect of operating the Fire Department. The recruitment and retention of members is difficult and it would help that if they could offer more social activities then that may encourage members to be more active in the Department.

Discussion continued:

1. Discussion with Fire Chief and Assist Fire Chief continued:

The Fire Department will stand to all cost incurred to have the room converted for their use. Fire Chief and Assist Fire Chief said that any renovations done to the building will require the proper government required permits and approvals. No work can be started until these permits are received by Council. There was a discussion on where to put the things currently in the Cap Site belonging to Recreation and the Town. General discussion held. Fire Chief said that the funds received from their motor vehicle responses will go toward the purchase of the thermal imaging camera.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White and Assist Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:55pm

2. Mayor welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report. Scott advised that our water system is working good. They are still having an issue with the lift station on Beothuck Street.

Our salt truck has been taken out of service it is no longer operational. Scott was looking at a truck that the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has that they no longer require. Mayor spoke to the Town of Grand Falls Windsor and he is still waiting to hear back from them. The trucks that the Department of Transportation had were not suitable. Scott has the Town Christmas Tree put in place for the lighting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Discussion on the issue with sewer pipe at #12 Badger Drive. They put a camera in the line and there was a clog and also tree roots. Scott said they did flush the line at the property. Sewer lines are the responsibility of the home owner from their house to the Town's main line. This issue of replacing water and sewer lines on the north side of Badger Drive has been discussed and there is an issue with soil conditions and the depth of the lines in that area. This matter will be discussed again with our engineers.

Discussion continued:

2. Continued.....

Scott said there was no big issue about getting a dump truck right now.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:30pm

3. Nicole Eddy, President of Badger Recreation and Sports and members of the Committee arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Butt welcomed Ms Eddy to the meeting.

Ms Eddy said she wanted to discuss the cost to repair the roof at the Stadium which is \$23,149.50. Right now they have the \$8,000 grant; \$5,000 from Marathon Gold and they have \$4,000 so they need \$6,149.50 to cover the entire cost. She said the Company can do some of the work now and complete the rest later. Ms Eddy said that they collected \$3,400 in 12 weeks on the logger's run fund raiser. They average \$1,000 per month on that fund raiser. She advised that they have \$9,996.85 in their bank account which includes the \$4,000 they are budgeting for the roof repairs. The Company will honor the quote they provided until the Spring of 2024. General discussion. They felt that given the Company is willing to do part of the work and the Committee is raising funds monthly then the Committee should be able to cover the remaining cost for the roof repairs. Discussion held on the material being used and what warranty was being offered. Ms Eddy will check on these issues.

Ms Eddy asked if their Committee would have any access to the Town's recreation funds. She was advised no. She also wondered if they could have copies of the light bill for the Stadium because maybe going forward they could pay that expense.

Ms Eddy said that the Committee's aim is to open the Stadium for social events including birthday parties, sporting events, etc. She said they want to be open and transparent to the residents of Badger with the operation of the Stadium. General discussion.

Discussion continued:

3. Continued.....

Ms Eddy stressed that the roof repairs are the most important issue now. Mayor advised that the Town has funding to construct two storage rooms at the Stadium; however, this is not in the area where the roof needs repairs.

It was explained that funding for the Stadium is very limited and equipment is expensive. Government will not give funding for a project that cannot maintain its operations going forward. General discussion held.

Mayor Butt thanked Ms Eddy and the Badger Sports and recreation Committee for the wonderful job they are doing.

There being no further discussion Ms Eddy left the meeting at 7:50pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors of omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held October 10th, 2023 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Resolution #059-2023 A. Young/N. Beaton

Be it resolved the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J, George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Verley Roberts did a wonderful job with the Remembrance Day Service. There was a great turnout for the Service.
2. Councillor George said she did a hour long zoom meeting regarding those radon kits and why our community should receive the kits. She said the meeting was successful and the Town should receive some kits.
3. The Community Bonfire was changed to tomorrow night due to weather conditions last week.
4. The Firemen's Ball went well.
5. Council's Christmas Social is changed to Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

Correspondence:

1. CEEP approval project 17-CEEP-24-028 in the amount of \$30,000 for storage space expansion at the stadium revised application. Special meeting will be held to select workers.
2. All present received a copy of Central Waste Management 2024 operating budget. Curbside collection increased from \$90 to \$95 per household and disposal fee increased from \$140 per tonne to \$145. General discussion held.
3. Letter received from Dustin Hutchinson regarding issues with his sewer line and the time frame for water and sewer line upgrades on the North side of the TCH.
4. Request received from Epilepsy NL requesting a donation. Discussion held.

Resolution #060-2023 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to Epilepsy NL.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained;

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

5. Letter for the RCMP Wish Tree with Make-A-Wish Canada are seeking a donation for their 38th Annual wish Trees event on December 1st, 2023. Discussion held.

Resolution #061-2023 J. Eddy/A. Young

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the Make-A-Wish Canada - NL Chapter.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton, A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated November 14th, 2023 in the amount of \$20,508.96 for distribution as presented. Discussion held.

Resolution #062-2023 N. Beaton/A. Young

Be it resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated November 14th, 2023 in the amount of \$20,508.96 for distribution as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Resolution #063-2023 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Be it resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$97.70 (office expense \$42.30; Bonfire \$55.40).

Vote:

**In favor 7; D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. The 2024 Operating Budget forms have been received. Our balanced budget must be submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs by December 31, 2023. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy, Councillor A. Young, Mayor D. Butt and Town Clerk/Manager remain the budget committee.

Other Business:

1. The turkeys for members of the Fire Department, Council and Staff have been ordered from J & E Groceteria and scheduled to be delivered on November 27, 2023.
2. Food required for our Christmas events will be ordered from Central Meats in Grand Falls-Windsor.
3. Mayor Butt said he would like to apologize for the misunderstanding regarding the social held after the Friday night Senior's Christmas Social last year. He wanted to let all council members know that the social would go ahead again this year and hope that everyone would be able to attend.
4. Discussion on taking down the Come Home Year sign on Main Street that is attached to wires above the street. Everyone agreed that the sign needs to come down.

Other Business continued:

5. Discussion on the purchase of a laptop for the Fire Department.

Resolution #064-2023 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy

Be it resolved that Council purchase a new laptop for our Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Discussion on the Fire Department taking the Cap Site room for the Fire Department. Discussion held. It was felt that we could clean out the room off the stage where audio equipment is stored and put in shelves to store things. Also, the Fire Department would have to give up the fireettes room which the Town will use for storage. Fire Department must get all the permits necessary for this renovations and the Fire Department would be responsible for renovation costs.

Resolution #065-2023 N. Beaton/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that the Cap Site room will be used to extend the Fire Department training room to allow for a kitchenette area providing the Fire Department is willing to give up the room presently used by the Firettes, obtain all the necessary permits and approvals for the renovation; are responsible for all cost incurred in this renovations and the Fire Department is solely responsible for keeping this area clean.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

7. Councillor A. Young present Council with a cheque for \$36,012.97 which was the profit made from the Come Home Year celebrations held during the Summer. These funds will be deposited into our Recreation account. Council congratulated the Committee on the excellent work during the Come Home Year celebrations. Councillor Young said they are being audited because of some of the songs performed during the Kellie Loder concert. There are fees involved when you perform music belonging to others. If there is a fee Council will have to pay since the Come Home Year account has been closed.
8. Discussion on hoodies and jackets for Council and staff. Town Clerk/Manager will check on prices.
9. Discussion on a Company delivering a hot tub to a property on School Road that damaged one of our fire hydrants with their vehicle. The company will be contacted regarding this matter.
10. Town Clerk/Manager advised Council that she and Scott Luscombe have been attending zoom meeting with Tract Consulting regarding the completion of our asset Management Plan. They require a meeting with Council for the final approval of the Plan. They would like to have a zoom meeting sometime between January 15 to 26, 2024. It was agreed that Council would be available for the meeting on January 16, 2024.
11. Discussion on the Site Specific Health & Safety Plan to be used when picking up ice control material from the Department of Transportation.

Resolution #066-2023

M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Be it resolved that Council adopt the Site Specific Health & Safety Plan to be used when receiving ice control materials from the Department of Transportation and Works.

Vote:

**In Favor 7; D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

12. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy attend the MNL annual convention in St. John's. She said the convention when very well and was very informative.
13. Councillor Eddy and Councillor George did a site visit to Marathon Gold operations. They said it was very enjoyable and the people were very welcoming.

Adjournment:

Resolution #067-2023 J. George/N. Blackwood.

Be it resolved that there being no further business Council will now adjourn to meet agin on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 7; D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager