

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 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
	Superintendent of	
	Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/	
	Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Discussion:

Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder presented his report.

Fire Chief advised that the Department responded to five calls including a couple of motor vehicle accidents and a couple of backyard fire pit fires.

Fire Chief wondered about regulations for backyard fire-pits. They received two calls to the same property when the neighbor made the call for assistance. He suggested that when the 'Fire Index' is high if Council could ban open fires. Then the Fire Department would have authority when responding to these types of complaints. Two brush fires on the THC were caused by backyard fire-pits.

Bunker suits have been ordered and the invoice left at the Town Office. Fire Chief wondered if a check could be made to see when we can apply for more funding.

Fire Chief advised that the Fire Department received an "either sex" moose licence. He thanked the Town Clerk/Manager for her assistance with the application.

There are two (2) openings in the Department at present. Fire Chief asked if we could place a notice on the Town Website regarding this matter.

Discussion continued:

The annual Firefighters Convention will be held in Clarendville Sept 27 to 29. He advised the his work is covering the cost for him to attend the convention. One member of the Fire Dept has confirmed attendance. Issue will be discussed during their next meeting.

Fire Chief Loder advised Council on the annual inspection carried out on pumper #1 and pumper #2. He is waiting on quotes for the repairs required. The cost of the inspections was \$1,805.48. Fire Chief will forward this invoice to the Town Office. The service on the compressor should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Fire Chief said that regrading gear replacement if there is any funds remaining in their budget they need two (2) lengths of 2 ½ inch hose.

The new lever lock with code has been installed on the bay door to the Fire Hall.

Fire Chief advised that we have been approved for a pick-up truck from NL Hydro; however, the letter has not been received to date.

Discussion on Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13, 2018. The theme this year is "Look Listen Learn". Fire Chief said they normally have an open house with safety demonstrations, coloring contest for the children and they visit the local school. Discussion on purchasing Fire Prevention Kit materials.

Fire Chief said there would be a public education session at the Fire Dept in Grand Falls-Windsor on Sept 25, 2018 from 7 to 10pm at a cost of \$20.00 per person if anyone was interested. Mayor Card said he would attend.

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

2. Mayor Card welcomed Mr. Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Scott advised that the pump house is working good but they may need to do another purge on the system. Both wells are working but sometimes you do get a smell from the water. Scott said well #1 cannot provide enough water for the town on its own. The filters are working good now. Pollett's Electrical is working on the motor at the sewerage treatment plant.

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe continued....

They did asphalt repairs on Third Avenue today. They have the asphalt roller from Exploits Valley Paving. There are only small asphalt repairs left to be completed.

Scott has been repairing the plow on the loader.

Scott said the main lift station is still working on one motor. He will check with Paul Chafe regarding the motor sent for repairs.

Mayor asked Scott about the easement of land owned by the Town located between #33 and #35 Maple Street. A request to purchase this land has been received. Scott advised that they use this land to clear snow and keep water off Maple Street in that area. Mr Luscombe recommended not selling the land. Requests in the past to purchase the land have been denied. Land will not be sold.

There being no further discussion Mr. Luscombe left the meeting at 7:05pm

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 August 14, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #071-2018 M. Noseworthy/N. Blackwood

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 14, 2018 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. The certificate is ready for local resident who is celebrating their 100th birthday day. Mayor will represent the town at the celebration.
2. The MNL annual convention will be held in Gander October 4th to 6th, 2018. Discussion on delegates attending. Mayor Card booked time off work to attend. Councillor Noseworthy indicated at our last meeting that she wanted to attend. Deputy Mayor Butt and Councillor Greene were considering attending as well. Since the convention is in Gander MNL will only provide accommodations for two delegates. General discussion on spouses attending the convention.
3. Discussion on the complaint about wood trucks parking on private land and blocking the view of traffic entering from the TCH. Mayor spoke to Chris Hiscock of Transportation and Works and “No Parking” signs can be placed on private property. Mayor Card spoke to the owner and has permission to put up the signs. The other issue tractor trailers parking on both sides of the TCH to go to the local coffee shop and you have residents of Badger entering the coffee shop from the wrong way. This may be an issue for Traffic Enforcement. Councillor Hurley will contact Mr Hiscock regarding the issue.

Correspondence:

1. Information received on the call for nominations for delegates to attend the Premier’s Forum on Local Government being held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.
2. Information received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding up coming budget training as well as the 2019 operating budget forms. The 2019 Operating Budget must be submitted by December 31, 2018.
3. The Town received the \$8,000 grant from Telus. The application for this grant was completed by Badger Sports and Recreation. The funds will be used to do improvements to the Stadium. Since the funds were given to the municipality of Badger then the town is responsible for its distribution. Badger Sports and Recreation Committee will be advised that these funds will be disbursed by the town and they will have to obtain a purchase order before making any purchases.

Correspondence continued:

4. Request received from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador for a donation toward their "Central Night" activities during the annual convention in Gander October 4 to 6, 2018. Discussion held.

Motion #072-2018 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador for the Central Night activities.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Letter received from the Bank of Montreal approving Council's request to borrow \$93,181.00 for Council's share of Project No 17-CWWF-17-00054. Discussion held on the two options given by the bank for borrowing the funds.

Motion #073-2018 M. Noseworthy/N. Blackwood

Resolved that the Badger Town Council borrow ninety-three thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$93,181.00) from the Bank of Montreal on a Fixed Rate Term Loan at a fixed rate of 4.75% for a 5 year term, 10 year amortization with blended monthly payments of \$976.98 per month including interest for 10 years. These funds are to be used for Council's share of Project #17-CWWF-17-00054

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated September 11, 2018 totaling \$169,962.03 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #074-2018 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated September 11, 2018 in the amount of \$169,962.03 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.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion # 075-2018 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash disbursement date September 11, 2018 in the amount of \$94.95 (general office expense).

**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. Councillor Young asked about resident parking a tractor trailer on shoulder of Main Street with the refrigeration unit running all night. There was also concern expressed about damage to the asphalt on Main Street being caused by this tractor trailer. The Town has Noise Bylaws which would prohibit this type of action. A letter will be written to the resident regarding this issue.

Other Business continued:

2. Councillor Hurley asked about people coming in from the Park dumping the holding tanks on their travel trailers at the town's RV park dumping station on Beothuck Street. Discussion held and it was agreed the RV site will be closed. Over the Winter plans need to be made to better use this area next Summer.
3. Councillor Greene asked about the town signage. The signs for the TCH are 8' X 12' and our town employees do not have the equipment to erect these signs. Maybe better to have a contractor put up the signs. Brush has to be cut in the areas where the signs are located. The sign for Buchans Highway is 5' X 10'. Discussion on purchasing two more 5' x 10' signs and where to use the bricks that were purchased to go with the signs. Mayor will check on the matter.
4. Councillor Greene asked if asphalt could be repaired at # 74 Maple Street and # 10 River Road. These areas were damaged when the water laterals were replaced; however, the repairs were not completed. Check will be made into the matter.
5. Councillor Greene said that the Namahumtauq Drum Group was wondering if they could be part of the Remembrance Day service with their drumming and singing. They have been laying a wreath at the service in the past. All present were in agreement with the Namahumtauq Drum Band taking part in the Remembrance Day Service.
6. Councillor Greene said that she had a discussion with Stan Card from the Recycle Depot concerning people leaving garbage at the site and having signs posted warning that this is not permitted. The signs have been erected.
7. Deputy Mayor Butt was approached by a resident regarding a donation for three young people picked to travel to sporting event. The lady did call the Town Office and it was explained that our donation policy does not permit this type of donation.

Other Business continued:

8. Mayor Card gave a report of the TCH Project. The pressure test on the pipes passed; however, the chlorine test failed. They will test again later this week. There was a manhole that never got replaced because of the changes to the scope of work. This will have to be done under another project. With the new Public Procurement Act everything needs three quotes for the cost of service. Mayor said that he did write the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment requesting Exploits Engineering be the town's engineers on the project. The Dept has some concerns on how the town is being billed by Exploits Engineering. They are sending the scope of work for the 12 hydrants and waterline extension project to different engineering firms to see what if any difference there would be in the costs quoted. General discussion.

9. It was agreed to have a "Volunteer Appreciation Social" for the volunteers that helped with cleaning out the Stadium and Badger Day. It will be held Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00pm. Councillors will give a list of the volunteers that worked with them so the invitations can be sent.

10. Discussion on purchasing the Fire Prevention Week Kit from Public Safety Resource Centre.

Motion #076-2018 A. Young/S. Greene

Resolved that Council purchase a Fire Prevention Week Kit at the costs of \$425.00 plus shipping and handling from the Public Safety Resource Centre. This material will be distributed during the Open House being held October 10, 2018.

**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 continued:

11. Exploits Valley Paving will bring their backhoe with the brush attachment to sweep the town streets. They charge \$90.00 per hour and they estimate one hour for travel and five hours to do the work. All present were in agreement with this work being completed.

Adjournment:

Motion #077-2018 G. Hurley/D. Butt

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 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 8:40pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager