Town of Badger

Minutes of a special meeting of the Badger Town Council held Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:

Councillors:

Nicholas Blackwood

Jessica George

Also, present:

Town Clerk/

Manager:

Pansy Hurley

Discussion:

Mayor Butt, Deputy Mayor Noseworthy, Councillors Young, Eddy and Beaton are in conflict regarding the discussion of giving a token of appreciation to members of the Come Home Year Committee.

As per Section 7 (1) of the Municipal Conduct Act (Section attached) Councillors Blackwood and Councillor George are considered to constitute a quorum for the purpose of discussion and voting on the matter of token of appreciation for members of the Come Home Year Committee.

Discussion held. Going forward if people volunteer to help with events then they should not get paid and the only way to have events is with volunteers.

The Come Home Year Committee did have a social for members and their spouses.

It was agreed that taxpayers should not be responsible for tokens of appreciation for volunteers

#069-2023 N. Blackwood/J. George

Be it resolved that Council purchase \$100 Walmart gift cards for the ladies and \$100 Canadian Tire gift cards for the gentlemen on the Come Home Year Committee. The funds for these gift cards is to be taken form the funds raised by the Committee and presented to Council.

Vote:

In Favor 2: N. Blackwood; J. George

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED

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Adjournment:

#070-2023 N. Blackwood; J. George

Be it resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn.

Vote: In Favor 2: N. Blackwood; J. George Opposed 0; Abstained 0.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Councillor Nicholas Blackwood

Councillor Jessica George

Town Clerk/Manager

- "(3) A councillor referred to in subsection (1) shall not attempt, in any way, before, during or after the meeting, to influence
 - (a) the vote of other councillors; or
 - (b) any policy advice provided to council regarding the matter.
- (4) A declaration of conflict of interest under subsection (1) and the general nature of the conflict of interest shall be recorded in the minutes of council or a committee of council, where the declaration was made at a committee meeting.
- (5) Where a councillor is uncertain as to whether or not the councillor has a conflict of interest, the councillor shall disclose the nature of the possible conflict of interest to the council and the council may decide by a majority vote.
 - (6) A councillor whose possible conflict of interest is being voted on is not entitled to vote.
- (7) Where the vote referred to in subsection (5) is a tied vote, the councillor shall be considered to have a conflict of interest.
- (8) Where the council determines by a majority vote under subsection (5) that a councillor does not have a conflict of interest and a complaint is subsequently filed under this Act and it is determined that a councillor did have a conflict of interest, the council may invalidate the decision of council in which the councillor acted in a conflict of interest but shall not impose any other penalties under this Act against the councillor.

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Reduced quorum

- 7. (1) Where one or more councillors have declared a conflict of interest under subsection 6(1) and the number of councillors remaining at the meeting is not sufficient to constitute a quorum then, notwithstanding any other Act, regulations or a regulation of council, the number of councillors remaining, where not less than 2, shall be considered to constitute a quorum for purposes of discussion and voting on the matter being considered by the council.
- (2) Where in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1) there would be less than 2 councillors remaining at a meeting, council shall request direction from the minister and the minister may order that
 - (a) the one remaining councillor vote on the matter as if the councillor constituted a quorum; or
 - (b) the councillors are exempted from subsection 6(1) in the matter and allow the councillors to vote on the matter.
 - (3) The minister may impose terms and conditions on an order issued under subsection (2).

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Complaint of conflict of interest re: councillors and former councillors

8. (1) Where a person is of the opinion that a councillor or former councillor has acted in a conflict of interest, the person may file a complaint with the chief administrative officer within 6 months of the person becoming aware of the potential conflict of interest.