

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, February 14th, 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
	Maintenance Employee:	Harry Noel

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Harry Noel, Maintenance Employee to the meeting. Mr Noel gave his report.

-The pump for the lift station on the TCH is still in St. John's. The contractor that installed the pump advised that the work is covered under warranty and when the pump is returned they will reinstall the unit.

-The salter is good right now.

-They have the zamboni back in operation. They are working on the ice surface at the Stadium which will depend on weather conditions.

There being no further discussion Mr. Noel left the meeting at 6:37pm

2. Fire Chief Gordon White was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Adoption of Minutes:

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

Motion #007-2023 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;
 N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Discussion on the condition of the ice at the Stadium. Mayor Butt said that kids could skate on it now and hoping adults could use it later in the week. It is very difficult to get volunteers to help prepare the ice surface. There is also an issue with one of the hot water tanks. We will get the tank checked.

2. Town Clerk/Manager advised that she spoke to the Central Office of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding training for our Codes of Conduct for Municipal Officials and Councillors which were adopted on January 10, 2023. We can do this training ourselves by everyone sitting down and going through the contents of the Code of Conducts. We have to ensure that everyone is aware and understands what is expected of them in their rolls as councillors or municipal officials.

Councillor Jazmin Eddy arrived at the meeting at 6:45pm

Business arising continued:

3. Councillor George asked about the cleaning contract for the building. Ms Roberts stepped up to fill in when our former cleaning person was no long available and she has just continued in the position. General discussion held. We have a policy for complaints and if someone has an issue with this matter they can contact the Town Office. Complaints and concerns regarding Council must be submitted in writing to the Town Office.
4. Discussion held on Mark Griffin's presentation on Regional Economic Development for our area. Mayor still felt that the contributions for smaller town were disproportionate to the larger communities. General discussion held and it was agreed that the Town would not participate in the Project.

Correspondence:

1. Circular from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs reminder and Compliance Form for Municipal Code of Conduct legislation. Council and staff will have meetings to complete this training.
2. Letter received from Exploits Valley High School requesting a donation for their Safe Grad 2023. Normally we donate one hundred dollars. Discussion held.

Motion #008-2023 N. Beaton/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to Exploits Valley High School for their "Safe Grad 2023".

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

3. A Proclamation was received for Purple Day for Epilepsy on March 26th, 2023. Discussion held. Mayor Butt will sign the Proclamation and it will be posted on our Facebook page.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated February 14th, 2023 in the amount of \$257,986.81. Discussion held. Councillor George asked about pest control at the Stadium. She said that she was asked about it at work but she was not aware what was happening. It was explained that the pest control company was at the Stadium for an issue.

Motion #009-2023 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated February 14, 2023 in the amount of \$257,986.81 for disbursement 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

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #010-2023 N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$96.35 (general office supplies).

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:

3. Each councillor received a copy of the Financial Statements 2021; Annual Expenditure Report Gas Tax Funding 2021; Tax Recovery Plan; Tax Receivable Summary; as well as, the Representation Letter, Audit Planning Letter; Engagement Letter and Auditor Findings Management Letter prepared by Town's auditor, Lori Mercer, CA. General discussion held on these items. Ms Mercer is due to do our 2022 audit at the end of February. Discussion held on the financial documents received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, CA concluding with the following motions.

Motion #011-2023 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2021 Financial Statements as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #012-2023 J. Eddy/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Annual Expenditure Report Gas Tax Funding 2021 as presented by the our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

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:

3. Discussion on financial documents received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, CA continued.....

Motion #013-2023 N. Blackwood/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Tax Recovery Plan as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant .

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #014-2023 J. Eddy/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Tax Receivable Summary as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

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:

1. The annual donation will be given for Staff Appreciation week at Avoca Collegiate which is being held February 12 to 17, 2023. This year it will be lunch from our local Robin's Restaurant.

2. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy wondered about grants to help with our Come Home Year celebrations. She said she spoke to our Relief Clerk to see if she was aware of anything.

Other Business continued:

- 3. Councillor George asked if Marathon Gold job postings were posted at the Community Centre. Discussion held. It is not the Town’s responsibility to advertise jobs for Marathon Gold; however, we do post those sent to us on the Town’s Facebook page.
- 5. Mayor Butt explained that he had discussions with Marathon Gold for a financial donation for our Come Home Year 60th Anniversary Celebrations and he was advised that there is no funding available for our request. They suggest we use our annual Community Allotment. The towns of Bishop’s Falls and Badger were the only communities to receive funding outside the Community Allotment funding. Badger received \$5,000 to help repair the roof at the Stadium. Marathon Gold will renegotiate its community funding program in 2024/2025. We will complete some beatification projects this Spring with funding we have received from Marathon Gold.

Adjournment:

Motion #015-2023 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy.

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 14, 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 7:25pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager