

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
	Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Natasha Beaton
		Ann Marie Young
Virtual Attendance:		Jessica George
Absent:		Natasha Beaton
Also, present:	Acting Clerk	Carol Ann Roberts
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	General Public:	Harvey Day

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

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.
  - The water system is working good.
  - Scott reported that there was an issue with the ground pump. They had to reset the pump. Alarm came back on and all is working good again.
  - Scott gave an update on the clean-up. He stated that they have filled seven units to date with town clean-up debris and they have one unit filled with asphalt shingles . The asphalt shingles were in the process of being delivered to the transfer station in Buchans Jct but they encountered mechanical issues with the town dump truck and therefore had to dispose of them in town clean up dumpster. They are working on mechanical issues with the truck.
  - Scott informed council that they are hoping to start asphalt work next week.

There being no other business Scott left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

## **Discussion continued:**

2. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr. Harvey Day to the meeting.

The purpose of Mr. Day's attendance at tonight's meeting was to discuss his property located at 8 Main Street, Badger, NL

- Mr. Day stated that the purpose of his wanting to meet with Council was to see if there was any way that Council would look at exempting him from paying property tax on the property located at 8 Main Street. Mr. Day stated that the building which is on that property is used for storage only. He informed council that he has no water or sewer being used at this property and would therefore hope that council would not bill him for town taxes, either property or water/sewer. Mayor Butt informed Mr. Day that the process of assessing values on property is done by the Municipal Assessment Agency and the town only sets the mill rate for property tax. Mayor Butt informed Mr. Day that if the town provides water and sewer service to a property then the property owner is responsible for the yearly water and sewer tax. Just because a property owner decides not to use those services they are still required to pay water/sewer tax annually because the town has provided them with that service.

- Deputy Mayor Noseworthy suggested that Mr. Day review his annual municipal assessment notice which is currently in the mail and suggested that he look at submitting an appeal to the Municipal Assessment Agency stating why he believes the value on his property should be decreased. If Mr. Day appealed the assessment notice he would have 30 days to submit his appeal.

- Mr. Day thanked Council for allowing him to attend tonight's meeting.

- Mr. Day left the meeting at 7:20 pm

## **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 Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting

**Resolution #030-2023      A. Young/J.Eddy**

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 be adopted as circulated and corrected.

**Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business Arising:**

1. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy noted that in the minutes it stated that a \$100.00 gift card will be given to members of the Badger Fire Department who are retiring. She stated that it should be a One Hundred (\$100.00) dollar check to retiring members and not gift cards.
2. Mayor Butt stated that he contacted Marathon Gold and Brooke's Construction to thank them for the excellent job which they done for the town by completing the roofing project at the Town Community Building. This project was truly a benefit to the community.
3. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy suggested that we acknowledge Marathon Gold and Brooke Construction's great contribution to our Town. It was suggested that the town could do a newsletter informing residents of Marathon Gold and Brooke Construction's generosity to our Town.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Environmental and Climate Change- Proposed Undertaking for Badger Sand and Gravel Quarry: Discussion took place regarding the application for a Proposed Undertaking for a Badger Sand and Gravel Quarry application which was received by the Department of Environment. The Town of Badger has no issues or concerns regarding the approval of the application.
2. The town received a letter of thank you from the Queen Street Dinner Theatre thanking them for their generous donation. Included in the letter was two complimentary tickets. Discussion took place.
3. An invitation to attend National Indigenous Peoples Day was extended to all members of Council and staff by Badger Brook First Nation. This event will take place on June 21, 2023 at 11:00 am.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$46,087.74. Discussion held - there was discussion on the problem of people from cabin areas outside our community having their garbage collected with friends and family members in town.

### **Resolution #031-2023      A. Young /M. Noseworthy**

Be it resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$30,251.38 for distribution as presented:

#### **Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

### **Resolution #032-2023 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy**

Be it resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$84.04 (roofing project expense) , \$97.15 (general office expense \$42.30 Roofing Expense \$54.85).

#### **Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. General discussion on the recently approved construction of a Gazebo took place. It was discussed whether to construct one large gazebo or two smaller ones. Discussion continued.
2. Councillor Young mentioned that she was approached by the youth of the community to see if Council would replace the basketball net at the Multi-Court. Discussion on types of netting to be used was discussed and it was determined that the same netting would be used for safety reasons. Mayor Butt will check on pricing for the new equipment.
3. Mayor Butt presented an invitation for Council members to attend the National Indigenous Peoples Day which will be held on June 21, 2023. Council has approved Badger Brook First Nations' request to use the stadium for this event if needed.
4. Council has approved a request for the local school, Avoca Collegiate, to use the sports field on June 19-20th, 2023. Any equipment which the town has on hand will be made accessible for use by the school.

**Other Business continued:**

5. Discussion regarding the development of land in the new subdivision was discussed. Council would like to see this land developed so that individuals wishing to locate to our town would have an option to build new homes in our community. The construction of new homes would mean a new source of growth for our town. Discussion continued on this matter and this matter will be revisited at the next council meeting. Mayor Butt will check with the land developer to see what their plans are for development of the land located in the new subdivision

6. Councillor Young asked if it would be possible to reach out to residents in the community who have left remnants of sawed wood chips laying next to the sides of the roads by their properties. She stated that some of these wood particles have been laying there for a couple of years and need to be removed. Discussion held.

7. Discussion took place with regard to paving a section of road on School Road. Discussion was held.

8. Mayor Butt informed council that we have received quotes from construction companies to complete the work on the beautification project which is located at the base of school hill and adjacent to the Exploits River/Red Indian River area. Discussion took place .

**Resolution #033-2023     A. Young/M. Noseworthy**

Be it resolved that Council will complete the beautification project located on River Road at the base of school hill and adjacent to the Exploits River/Red Indian River. The funding for this project will be completed from the Community Allotment funding which they have received from Marathon Gold. The contract will be awarded to JAMAR at the total project cost of \$12,069.25 (HST included)

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

**Opposed 0;**  
**Abstained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

**Resolution #034-2023     A. Young/M. Noseworthy**

Be it resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, July 11 , 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

**Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager