

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Natasha Beaton Stephanie Greene Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillor:	Nicholas Blackwood

Discussion:

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

-Fire Chief advised that K&D Pratt did the inspection on their breathing apparatus . All their equipment is working good.

-They had a meeting two weeks ago and there were 18 members in attendance. They do have a couple of new applications on file.

-Fire Chief said they have to determine where the incentive fees will come from now that a new company is running the operation. They set December 19, 2020 for people to collect the money from their recycling accounts. Fire Chief said they do not want to carry this balance forward to 2021. They have put out notices regarding this issue. We can include this to the Town's Facebook page.

-Discussion on the bunker suit that was ordered and charged to the Town which was being paid for by another company. Fire Chief was advised that anything that the Town is responsible to pay for must have a PO number when it is ordered.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:37pm.

Discussion continued:

2. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.

-The water system is working good.

-There has been no time frame from Paul Chafe on the delivery of the pumps for the lift station on Main Street. Horwoods have made one trip to the site.

-Scott advised that they are having trouble with the salt truck. He said they changed the plugs, installed a new fuel pump, replaced the filters and they have new plug wires which will be delivered on Friday.

-Scott said he was approached by residents of School Road wondering if the large rocks blocking the access lane to Church Road could be removed. General discussion held and it was agreed to remove the rocks.

-Scott advised that they have picked out the town Christmas Tree. They will cut it later this week.

-Councillor Greene asked Scott about the map for the water line valves. Scott advised that with the map he had made it difficult keeping the details separated.

-It was agreed that the Walking Trail looks much better now that the rails have been straightened.

-Scott advised that two picnic tables at the playground have been destroyed. General discussion on ways to increase security at the playground. Including more lighting and video surveillance. Mayor suggested maybe the RCMP could do a presentation at the school regarding the issue.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:49pm

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held October 13, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Councillor Greene asked that wording in #2 on page 7 be edited.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

Motion #068-2020 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held October 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated with the edit to page 7 #2.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

There was no business arising.

Correspondence:

1. Received from the Dept of Environment, Climate Change & Municipalities information with regards to Proposed Undertaking for Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan. Each councillor received a copy of the information. Discussion held.
2. Each councillor received a copy of the Municipal Assessment Agency Updated. Discussion held.
3. Received from Central Newfoundland Waste Management a copy of their operating budget for 2021 and tipping fees schedule. There are no increases for 2021. This information is at the Town Office. It is also available on their website at www.cnwmc.com Discussion held.
4. An email was received from Kathy Crawley regarding a book she was writing for Jody Jones. Ms Jones was a volunteer with the Canadian Red Cross during the flood in Badger back in 2003. Ms Crawley was looking for stories from residents that worked with Ms Jones. Councillor Greene will do some research on the request.

Correspondence continued:

5. Discussion on the Provincial Government announcement regarding the Safe Restart Funding for Municipalities. The Town will receive \$ 41,370.02 from the program. The funding is suppose to be received by the end on the year. It can be included in your budget for 2021 for dealing with COVID issues that we maybe faced with in 2021. General discussion held.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated November 10, 2020 in the amount of \$13,064.89.

Motion #069-2020 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated November 10, 2020 in the amount of \$13,064.89 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton
 S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #070-2020 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$81.95 (office expense \$74.05; garage \$7.90)

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
 S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business:

1. General discussion on annual Christmas events. Things will be different this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We can not have the Seniors Christmas Social and after some discussion it was agreed that we would not have the Breakfast with Santa. There will be restrictions around Lighting the Town Christmas Tree and the Santa Claus Parade as well. Councillor Beaton will get the judges for the 'Light up for Christmas' contest. Councillor Greene suggested Christmas cards be sent to the seniors with a note explaining why we are unable to have the Seniors Christmas Social this year. The following dates agreed upon:

--Lighting the Town Christmas Tree---Dec 1/20 at 7:00pm
--Santa Claus Parade ----Dec 5/20 at 7:00pm
--Council's Christmas Social —Dec 9/20 at 6:30pm
--Light-Up for Christmas Contest Judging –Dec 16/20
5:30pm to 7:00pm.

2. Deputy Mayor Butt asked Council for permission to begin construction on the two dressing rooms at the Stadium. They are estimating that the construction will cost \$10,000; however, they do not have a itemized quote. He explained that Badger Recreation & Sports has \$3,000 and he asked Council to cover the remaining \$7,000. Councillors Greene and Noseworthy wanted a quote for the work they were planning to complete so that we would know the exact cost of the project. All agreed that the stadium is important to the residents of the community but we need to know the cost before the work is started. The construction will require a permit from Service NL. It was suggested the renovations to the stadium maybe included in the budget for 2021.

3. Councillor Young said that she was approached regarding the work completed at #12 Church Road. The property owner was very pleased with the work and had no problem with the cost for doing the work. They also spoke to the Town Clerk/Manager to express their appreciation for the work completed.

Other Business continued:

4. Regarding our application for capital works there was a discussion with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions and it was suggested we should apply for funding to repair the sewer mains along with the camera inspection. This project could range in cost from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The Town Clerk/Manager spoke to BMO Bank of Montreal and they will give the Town a letter that it could borrow the \$75,000 at fixed rate of 2.7%. This letter would be required for the application as well as a financial evaluation showing the repayment schedule. General discussion held.

Motion #071-2020 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities under the ICIP Program for funding to carry out a Sanitary Sewer Clean-out, Camera Inspection, Assessment and Repairs. Total estimated cost of the project is \$742,088 (HST included) with \$74,208 being the Municipal Contribution.

Vote:

In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor
Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Stephanie Greene, Councillor
Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mayor advised that one resident of Badger Drive was having trouble with their sewer line following the installation of the new fire hydrant on that street.

Adjournment:

Motion #072-2020 D. Butt/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

