

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	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
	Fire Chief:	Gordon White
	Resident:	Robert Hewlett
Absent:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt

Meeting called to order and chaired by Deputy Mayor Noseworthy at 6:30pm

Discussion:

1. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy welcomed Mr Hewlett to the meeting.

Mr Hewlett was present to discuss the issue of very low water pressure at his property on Badger Drive. He said that the first couple of years living at the property there was no problem with the water but now it is very difficult to maintain his home on the present water pressure. The Town maintenance staff are unable to determine the location of any leaks that maybe occurring to the waterline to the property. Mr Hewlett was concerned about what Council planned to do to get water to his property. Mr Hewlett stated that he has paid for his water service and expect the Town to provide that service. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy explained that Council is looking at options to have this issue corrected. Discussion on an existing well on Mr Hewlett's property. Mr. Hewlett said that he was not aware of the well on the property. It was explained that the former owners used the well for a number of years and there was a period of time that we were not aware that they were using town water. Council did check with a company about having a water line installed under the TCH; however, the cost was quoted

Discussion continued:

1. Continued.....

between \$50,000 to \$200,00. We were advised by the company that it would be much cheaper to have a well drilled. General discussion continued and Mr Hewlett was advised that Council understands his frustration regarding the issue and that it would review the options to correct this matter and contact him once a course of action has been determined.

Mr Hewlett left the meeting at 6:50pm

2. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy welcomed Fire Chief Gordon White to the meeting.

Fire Chief White gave his report.

Fire Chief said that they have offered some of the fire fighting equipment should it be required to respond to issues from the forest fire currently burning on the Bay d'Espoir Highway. He has been in contact with the Bishops Falls Fire Department, NL Hydro, and the RCMP regard the issue

Fire Chief said that rescue unit #1 (white van.) will be used for highway calls beginning in the Fall.

It Fire Que system has not been working for the past three weeks. He said that Assistant Fire Chief Loder has been in contact with the Company; however, the problem has not been corrected. Fire Chief wondered if the Town could contact Fire Que to see what is causing the problem.

Discussion on a complaint that was sent to the Minister of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the use of the fire truck to greet James Topp who is traveling across our province promoting his cause. It was felt that using public equipment for this type of event was not appropriate. Fire Chief White said he did approve the use of the fire truck for the event but he was not aware of the people involved and what they were promoting.

Discussion was also held on members of the Fire Department using the fire truck for their own purposes including taking members of their families for a ride around the community. The fire trucks are emergency vehicles and are not insured for anyone's personal use. There have been other discussions with officials of the Fire Department regarding this issue. Fire Chief said he was not aware this would not be permitted.

Discussion continued:

2. Continued.....

Fire Chief asked if Council had given any consideration to the request for some type of incentive to encourage members of the Fire Department to show up for training and events. He said that members do show up for emergency calls. Fire Chief said that they have 39 active members the Fire Department presently. Council has not discussed the matter to date and some members will not be permitted to discuss the issue due to a conflict of interest. Fire Chief White left the meeting at 7:16pm

3. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy welcomed Harry Noel, Maintenance employee.

Discussion with Harry on how to deal with the low water pressure at Mr Hewlett's property. Discussion on the possibility of getting the existing well up and running again. If that doesn't work then other steps may have to be taken. Council did look at replacing the water and sewer lines on that side of Badger Drive similar to what was done on the other side of the street several years ago. If an application is submitted this year we are looking at 2 or 3 years before construction begins if the funding was to be approved.

Harry said the students are good; but, you have to tell them what to do all the time. He said that everything has been cleaned up from Badger Day. All present agreed that a great job was done with the cleanup.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 7:40pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held July 12, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

1. Continued.....

Motion #053-2022 N. Blackwood/N. Beaton.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held July 12, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Discussion on Badger day activities. Most people felt the music for the Badger Day dance was not good. Overall Badger Day celebrations went well; however, the lack of volunteers is a major problem. You cannot run these events with a hand full of people. Discussion on the 60th Anniversary Come Home Year Celebrations being considered for next year were discussed. It was agreed that you need 30 to 50 volunteers to run that type of event. Also, you need more security for beer garden and adult dance. A notice will be placed around Town and on FaceBook for volunteers for next year's proposed activities.

Correspondence:

1. The email sent to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the use of the Fire Truck to greet James Topp was discussed earlier in the meeting. Discussion was held and it was agreed that we should contact the complainant to get copies of the information she has regarding this matter.

Correspondence continued:

2. The “Kids Eat Smart Radiothon” will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 . Our annual donation is one hundred dollars (\$100). Discussion held.

Motion #054/2022 N. Blackwood/J. George.

Resolved that a one hundred dollar (\$100) donation be given to the “Kid Eat Smart Foundation”.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion on the quote received from TCM Contracting Ltd to construct a 12' X 12' gazebo on a cement pad. We did contact other contractors; however, they were all too busy to provide a quote. We are using funds received from Marathon Gold for the construction of the gazebo.

Motion #055-2022 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that Council accept the quote received from TCM Contracting Ltd for the construction of a 12' X 12' gazebo on a cement pad in the amount of \$11,040.00 HST included. The gazebo will be constructed adjacent to the Ted Patey Heritage Park.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated August 9, 2022 in the amount of \$16,384.66 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #056-2022 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated August 9, 2022 in the amount of \$16,384.66 for disbursement as presented:

Vote:

**In Favor 6: 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 #057-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$99.15 (Badger Day expenses) and \$99.60 (office expense \$36.45; Rec \$63.15)

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. An application has been submitted for funding under the Community Enhancement and Employment Program. This programs offers participants up to 400 hours to qualify for EI.
2. The deadline for application under the Job Creation Program is August 19, 2022. This program is a top-up of EI. Discussion held.
3. Discussion on quotes received for paving a section of Maple Street from #52 to #69. Discussion held.

Motion #058-2022 A. Young/J. Eddy

Resolved that Council accept the quote from J & J Paving Limited in the amount of \$43,320.00 to place leveling and recap approximately 178 m of Maple Street. Mill driveways and edges for tie-ins.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. General discussion on Mr. Robert Hewlett's concern with low water pressure at his property. It was agreed that Council will see if Mr Hewlett is willing to re-commission the existing well on his property. If that is not possible Council may have to have a well drilled to provide water to the property.
5. Discussion on the Project #17GI-22-00088, Partial Water and Sewer Replacement on Sunset Drive. This project is over budget by \$26,669.94 and if we want to proceed the Town will be responsible for that amount plus our earlier cost shared amount of \$15,803. Should there be any further overruns on the Project those would be Council's responsible as well. General discussion on the pros and cons of completing the Project.

Other Business continued:

5. Discussion on Project #17 GI-22-00088 continued...

**Motion #059-2022 Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor**

“Be it resolved that, we the Ultimate Recipient, Town of Badger, accepts the over-run cost in the amount of \$26,669.94 which is due to tender results for Project number: 17-GI-22-00088 Project Name: Partial Water and Sewer Replacement - Sunset Drive. This Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share vale of \$15,803 plus \$26,669.94 for a total of \$42,472.94 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor, Dennis Butt and the Town Clerk/Manager, Pansy Hurley to entre into funding arrangement with the Bank of Montreal on behalf of the Town of Badger.

**#In Favor 5: Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor
Jazmin Eddy, Councillor
Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor**

**#Opposed 1: Jessica George, Councillor
#Abstained or declared conflict of interest 0.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

Motion #060-2022 J. Eddy/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager