

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present: Mayor: Dennis Butt
Deputy Mayor: Michelle Noseworthy
Councillors: Jessica George
Nicholas Blackwood
Ann Marie Young

Also, present: Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley
Superintendent of
Works: Scott Luscombe
Fire Chief: Gord White
President of Badger
Sports & Recreation: Nicole Eddy

Absent: Councillors: Jazmin Eddy
Natasha Beaton

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief, Gord White to the meeting. Fire Chief White gave his report.
 - The truck from the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has been received. Fire Chief said they are waiting for the new decals for the doors of the unit.
 - The old fire truck will be placed on tender for sale (as is where is).
 - Fire Chief wondered if Council could consider some sort of incentive to get firefighters interested in participating in the Fire Department. There are 40 members registered in the Fire Department. This is something Council could consider over the Summer.
 - The Fire Department will have its last meeting for the Summer this week.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White left the meeting at 6:40pm

Discussion continued:

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

-Water system is working good as well as the lift stations. They flushed the waterline for four weeks and they are taking a break now for a month. The extra fire hydrants are a great help in the flushing process.

-Scott advised that they are on their six dumpster for the community clean-up. There is a little less garbage this year. The clean-up will finish on Friday of this week.

-The ride on lawn mower is working good.

-Scott said they are waiting to hear from United Rentals regarding renting a asphalt roller to repair asphalt. Sections of Maple Street and School Road are in bad condition.

-Scott said he is still doing maintenance on the loader and will complete the painting required on the unit.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:45pm

3. Mayor Butt welcomed Ms Nicole Eddy, President of Badger Sports and Recreation to the meeting.

-Ms Eddy said that she wanted to know what was going to happen with the repairs to the roof of the Stadium. We have not heard anything from our application for funding to complete the repairs. Ms Eddy said that Marathon Gold gave \$5,000 for the Stadium and her group has \$3,000 she wondered if they could borrow the rest from the funds allocated for the construction of dressing rooms at the Stadium. We also have to get permits before the dressing room project can proceed. Discussion on the fact the Stadium operates on natural ice and the income for the operation depends on weather conditions. Mayor Butt felt that you are not going to break even with the Stadium operation but you still have to do upgrades. It was felt that you have to repair the roof first. Nicole will check with the Company and get a new quote for the repairs. Town Clerk/Manager will check on the grant request.

Discussion continued:

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-Ms Eddy wondered about the doors for the Stadium which we received from the School. Check will be made with Scott regarding the installation of the doors.

-Discussion on things the students workers could do with youth programs.

- Discussion on Badger Day plans. Recreation will do canteen for the Bingo, and barbeque on the field on Badger Day and kiddies dance. Next year is our 60th Anniversary and we will be looking for volunteers to help with that celebration.

-Ms Eddy said she hasn't had a meeting with her committee in the last few month. She will schedule a meeting in the near future.

There being no further discussion Ms Eddy left the meeting at 7:05pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omission to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held May 10, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. (Error correction on page 7 should read Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor).

Motion #040-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 be adopted as circulated and corrected.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. With regards to leasing land to Qalipu First Nation the lawyer suggested the lease be for periods of ten (10) years. That is the way most leases are written now. We also have to get permission from the Minister of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to enter the lease. We have to amend motion #033-2022 for April 28, 2022 to change the lease period. Discussion held.

Motion#041-2022 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that Motion #033-2022 dated April 28, 2022 be amended to read:

Resolved that the Town of Badger lease land at Pope's Point to Qalipu First Nation for the purpose of a memorial garden for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. Qalipu First Nation would be totally responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the land as well as any permits and government approvals required for the development. The terms of the Lease will be in periods of ten (10) years. At the end of each the ten (10) year period the Lease will be renewed providing the land is still being used for the memorial garden and has not fallen into disrepair. Should these circumstances occur the Lease will be revoked by the Town of Badger. The Badger Town Council authorizes Mayor, Dennis Butt and Town Clerk/Manager, Pansy Hurley to sign the Lease on behalf of the Town of Badger.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising continued:

2. The 600w speaker system has been purchase from Costco as well as two door prizes for Senior's Christmas Social.
3. Two students did pick up garbage and they will go again on Thursday of this week.
4. General discussion on Badger Day. We have one registered for the Little Miss and three for the Junior Miss. There was an inquiry about a Little Mister Pageant. This was tried in the past; however, it is very difficult getting the supplies required. General discussion on if the pageants should go ahead.
5. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 to select the student workers.
6. Mayor asked about donation for the grad party for the Grade 12 Badger students. It is being held next Monday night. Discussion held. It was agreed to supply a cake, and a case of water and a case of pop.
7. Discussion on the quote received from our insurance company to repair the damage to the siding on the Town Centre Building which occurred during a wind storm back in March. Because there is two colors siding on the building the insurance company will not change all of the siding. The quote received was \$5,256.80. Discussion was held and it was decided that we will not use the insurance claim to repair the damage.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated June 14, 2022 in the amount of \$50,954.94 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #042-2022 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated June 14, 2022 in the amount of \$50,954.94 for disbursement as presented:**Vote:**

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;
N. Blackwood; A. Young**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion # 043-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$64.65
(Cleanup schedule mailed to residents).

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;
N. Blackwood; A. Young.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Funding has been approved from the provincial government for two (2) high school students for five (5) weeks for twenty (20) hours per week. General discussion on hiring students and some issues experienced in the past such as bullying. Discussion on having some different activities with the student summer program this year.
2. Letter received advising that we were not successful in obtaining funding under the provincial government program to hire post-secondary students.
3. Approval Letter received to call Public Tender for Project #17-GI-22-00088-Partial Water & Sewer Replacement - Sunset Drive. Exploits Engineering Consultants will complete this process on behalf of the Town of Badger.
4. A Change Order has been added to Project #17-GI-21-00011 Liftstation Rehabilitation - 3 Stations, Badger to provide surge protection design for three liftstations in this Project.
5. Information received from Chris Stuckless regarding Land on Buchans Highway. Check will be made with Service NL regarding this request.

Other Business continued:

6. Canada Day celebrations will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 11:00am at the War Memorial. Ms Verley Roberts will officiate. There will be a barbeque lunch and cake following the Service.

7. Discussion on a letter sent to Darren Eddy regarding dumping ashes in the ditch behind his house, which blocked the water from draining freely. It was felt that if the Town had a compose area where people could dump that may help with the situation. Matter was deferred to our next meeting.

8. Discussion on plans for Badger Day. It was agreed that another meeting will be required.

9. Discussion on resident paying with electronic transfer payment. We have been advised by our auditors not to offer this option.

10. Mayor had information sent to him on JCP funding and the deadline for applications is Aug 19/22. These workers would have to be EI eligible under their program. There is also the Community Enhancement Employment Program (CEEP) but details have not been released to date.

11. There is an issue with dumping back of the Town Centre Building. It was supposed to be included in the community general cleanup. Check will be made with the maintenance department regarding the issue.

12. There is a leak in the water line servicing #36 Badger Drive, Badger. This property only has water service which was installed when the Town's water & sewer system was installed back in the 1960's. This line is at the end on the street and actually is connected to the main line back by #26 Badger Drive. There are issues with how this line runs across properties from #26 to #36 Badger Drive. General discussion held.

13. Town Clerk/Manager advised that she has been working with Tract Consulting regarding the process of developing an Asset Management Plan and applying for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding to complete the Asset Management Plan.

Discussion held and the following motions were made to continue the Asset Management Plan process.

Other Business continued:

Motion #044-2022 M. Noseworthy/ A. Young

Be it resolved that Council direct staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Plan for the Asset Management Initiative: Asset Register, Asset Prioritization, and Strategy.

Be it therefore resolved that the Town of Badger commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

Phase 1: Asset Register

Phase 2: Asset Prioritization

Phase 3: Capital and Operation Strategies and Policy

Be it further resolved the Town of Badger commits a maximum of \$5,600.00 plus projects HST from its Gas Tax Fund toward the costs of this initiative.

Vote:

In Favor 5: Dennis Butt, Mayor

Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor

Jessica George, Councillor

Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor

Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Opposed 0.

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

Motion #045-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Canada Community Building Fund Secretariat Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for funding in the amount of five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5,600.00) plus projects HST. This amount being the Town's share of application for a grant opportunity for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program and Strategy. This project would be funded on a 90/10 cost shared bases with FCM 90% and the Town of Badger 10%. Total cost of the project is \$55,600.00.

Vote:

In Favor 5: Dennis Butt, Mayor

Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor

Jessica George, Councillor

Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor

Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion #046-2022 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Vote:

In Favor 5: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. George;

N. Blackwood; A. Young

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm