

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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
Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
Fire Chief:	Gord White
Manager of Culture & Community Outreach Qalipu First Nation	Kellie Kerpan

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief Gord White to the meeting. Fire Chief White presented his report.
-Fire Chief advised that they are still waiting on Rock Solid Diesel to do the inspection on Pumper #2.
-The Fire Department has been fund raising to purchase pagers. Fire Chief advised that they received two donations one was \$3,500 and the other was \$1,000 and they had a block draw which took in \$4,080. He said the Department estimates they have enough funds to purchase eight pagers. They have forty pagers but six of those are not repairable. The new pagers are compatible with our system. He had a quote from HiTech Communication. They look after maintenance on our system. The pagers are \$550 plus \$100 charger plus \$25. Total cost is \$6,008.75.

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 presented his report.

-Scott advised that the water system and lift stations are working good.

-The salt truck is working good again. Scott wasn't sure what happens with the truck.

-Discussion on putting cold-patch in potholes on School Road and Maple Street. Scott advised that it is difficult keeping potholes filled when it's wet.

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

3. Mayor Butt welcomed Ms Kellie Kerpan, Manager of Culture and Community Outreach, Qalipu First Nation. Ms Kerpan made her presentation.

Ms Kerpan explained that they have been working on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commemoration Garden which she first approached Council with about a year and a half ago. Their Project is similar to the one in Corner Brook but on a smaller scale. Kellie is seeking the area known as Pope's Point for the Commemoration Garden in Badger. This area is connected with the history of indigenous people in our community. Ms Kerpan explained the significance of this area for their Project. She explained that this Project has to be completed in the 2023 construction season. Ms Kerpan would like to have this land donated to her group. She said the Garden could be used by everyone. Ms Kerpan required a letter of support from Council for her project. General discussion held. Ms Kerpan said that there is a group that follows Commemoration Gardens and it was felt this would attract tourist to our community.

There being no further discussion Ms Kerpan left the meeting at 7:00pm.

Discussion continued:

Council continued the discussion on Ms Kerpan's presentation. Mayor Butt read the letter of support which Ms Kerpan provided for him to sign. Discussion on the options of leasing or donating the land. It was felt that leasing would still give the Town control of any possible changes to the use of the land and ownership going forward. This land is in the flood plain any development would have to meet the flood plain regulations. It was agreed that Council is in full support of the project and would make a provision for land.

Motion #020-2022 **M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that Council provide a "Letter of Support" for the Qalipu First Nation Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commemoration Garden. Furthermore, Council will provide the land known as "Pope's Point" for the location of the Commemoration Garden.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adoption of Minutes.

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Tuesday, February 8, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

Motion #021-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising.

No business arising.

Correspondence:

1. Thank you card received from Lori Noseworthy thanking Council for its kindness.
2. The Town Clerk/Manager submitted application for a grant from MMSB for our Come Home year Community Clean-up project. We received one thousand dollars (\$1,000) this is the maximum amount we could received because funding is based on population.
3. Information received on Active NL Fund for upgrades to walking trails, outdoor recreation spaces, etc deadline is March 14, 2022. Discussion held.

Correspondence continued:

3. Continued....

Motion #022-2022 J. Eddy/N. Beaton

Resolved that we submit an application under the Active NL Funding program to make upgrades to the “Loggers’ Way Walking Trail”.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Information received regarding the takeCHARGE Town Challenge Program. The deadline to submit an application is April 8, 2022. Discussion held. Mayor asked Council members to think about a project we could apply for under this program before the deadline date.

5. Email received from the Exploits Chambers of Commerce regarding an ad in their 70th Anniversary publication. Discussion held.

Motion #023-2022 A. Young/N. Blackwood.

Resolved that Town sponsor a one quarter (1/4) page ad in the Exploits Chamber of Commerce 70th anniversary publication. It will be the one quarter (1/4) page ad in black and white.

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:

6. Information received from Glenn McCarthy of Modern Business regarding upgrading the photo copier. There are some issues with the present copier. The new lease payment would be \$282.00 plus HST per month. Copy cost are less black would be \$0.008 down from \$0.013 and color cost would be \$0.065 down from \$0.10 Discussion held.

Motion #024-2022 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton.

Resolved that the Town entre a lease with Modern Business Equipment to lease a Sharp MX-3071 copier at a cost of \$282.00 plus HST per month.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable dated March 8, 2022 in the amount of \$24,614.80 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #025-2022 N. Beaton/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated March 8, 2022 in the amount of \$24,614.80 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

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

Opposed;

Abstained0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #026-2022 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$79.65 (Avoca Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch).

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Received the remaining financial documents from our auditor, Lori Mercer CA including the Auditor's Report Gas Tax Agreement and copies of the Audit Planning Letter, Engagement Letter, Representation Letter and the Audit Findings Management Letter. A motion is required to adopt the Auditor's Report Gas Tax Agreement. Discussion held on information provided.

Motion #027-2022 J. Eddy/A. Young.

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Auditor's Report Gas Tax Agreement 2020 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. Discussion on applying for Summer student employment funding. Applications for Post-secondary students is April 5, 2022 and High School students April 7, 2022. Discussion held and it was agreed to apply the same as last year.
2. There is also an Enhanced Job Creation Partnerships funding available but it is exclusively for Come Home Year 2022 projects. Discussion held. Councillors were asked to think about possible projects that we could submit.
3. The Town received the \$2,500 Come Home Year Grant to construct picnic tables to be placed along the Walking Trail.
4. The Streetlight is out in the area of Buchans Highway near #60 to #64. Check will be made.
5. Councillor Beaton is still working on quotes for hoodies and jackets. She hopes to have samples for the next meeting.
6. Discussion on next year 2023 being the Town's 60th anniversary of incorporation.
7. Discussion on ordering supplies for the games of chance for Badger Day. The supplier suggested we order early before there is a shortage of products available. It was agreed that Mayor Butt could go ahead and order supplies for the games of chance for Badger Day similar to last year's \$2,500.00. Discussion continued on music for the adult dance and planning for Badger Day 2022.
8. Discussion was held on having Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltd provide engineering services for the partial water and sewer replacement project on Sunset Drive and costs involved.

Other Business continued:

**Motion #028-2022 Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor**

“Be it resolved that the Town of Badger wishes to engage “Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltd” to provide a Level of Effort price and breakdown for the scope of work required to complete the engineering design work associated with the project:

“Partial Water and Sewer Replacement - Sunset Drive-17-Gl-22-00088”.

Formal Engagement of “Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltd.” through a Prime Consultant Agreement will only occur if the pricing obtained for this service is considered fair and reasonable by The Department. Council will provide documentation as required by PPA and have this available to PPA representatives if required in the future.”

Vote:

**In Favor 7: Dennis Butt, Mayor
Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor
Jazmin Eddy, Councillor
Jessica George, Councillor
Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor**

Opposed 0:

Abstained or declared conflict of interest 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr Scott Dawe of ACOA called wondering if any work had been done on the Town Centre Building Project. Nothing has been done to date. The Project was for doors for the front of the building, heat pumps for the community centre and shingling the roof of the Building. They are trying to disburse their funding before the end on March. Our project is set to be completed by June 30, 2022. Councillor Blackwood will check on quotes for heat pumps. General discussion held.

Adjournment:

Motion #029-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy.

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 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 8:00pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager