

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday November 8th, 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
	Maintenance Employee:	Harry Noel
	General Public:	Ken Barrett

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr Ken Barrett to the meeting. Mr Barrett requested to attend the meeting to discuss the land at #26 Beothuck Street which is being leased to Qalipu First Nation for a Memorial Garden.

Mr Barrett said that since he lives next to the proposed development he was wondering the details of the proposed project. He was given pictures of the proposed Memorial Garden. He had concerns about what exactly would be happening at the site. It was explained that there were no building or structures being erected at the site. The development is a garden setting with seating space. The site will honor murdered and missing indigenous women and girls. Mr Barrett was concerned that this development would have an effect on his property value. It was suggested he could contact the Municipal Assessment Agency regarding his property value. He said that he is not anti-indigenous he just wanted to know what was being developed next to his property. Mr Barrentt said he is experiencing some issues with young people using the area as a gathering place. Mayor Butt said that the lease will address issues of concern and should problems arise and the

Discussion continued:

1. Continued.....

Town will work with Qalipu First Nations to have the issues corrected. Mr Barrett was concerned because he saw the surveyor working in front of his property . Mayor Butt explained that they are still working on the survey and the Lease has not been signed to date. General discussion held.

There being no further discussion Mr. Barrett thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 6:45pm

2. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr Harry Noel, Maintenance Employee, to the meeting. Mr Noel gave his report. Harry advised that the equipment is working good. They had to replace the batteries in the backhoe.

The sewer lines on the highway and Sunset Drive have not been cleaned Eugene Peddle is waiting on his equipment to be ready and they haven't heard from the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. Harry said he would contact Mr Peddle again.

Mayor Butt asked Harry if there was anything on his wish list and Harry wondered about a raise.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 6:55pm

3. Fire Chief Gordon White was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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 October 11th, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #079-2022 N. Beaton/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 11th, 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:

1. There has been no reply from Ms Huxter-Mercer regarding her concerns discussed at our last meeting.
2. There has been nothing further from our insurance company regarding claim by Joyce Wellman.
3. Mayor Butt said that we did have a virtual meeting with the Town of Channel-Port-Aux-Basques regarding issues our Town faced during the flood of 2003. The meeting went very well and they thanked everyone for taking the time to meet with them.
4. Mayor Butt questioned the prizes listed for the floats and vehicles for the Santa Claus Parade. They have always been these values. He questioned why the prize values were more for floats than vehicles. Discussion held.

Business Arising continued:

Motion #080-2022 D. Butt/N. Blackwood

Resolved that the prizes for the Santa Claus Parade to be changed to \$75.00 for 1st place Float; \$50.00 for second place Float; \$75.00 for 1st place vehicle and \$50.00 for 2nd place vehicle.

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:

1. Each councillor received a copy of the Lease between the Town of Badger and Qalipu Development Corporation regarding the land at #26 Beothuck Street. They are in the process of completing the survey. The survey must be completed and reviewed before the Lease can be signed. There was some discussion with Ms Kerpan regarding the legal fees; however, Qalipu Development Corp will be responsible for all legal fees regarding this matter.

2. Mayor Butt was excused from the meeting at 7:25pm due to conflict of interest regarding the selection of workers for the Project #17-CEEP-23-143. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor, Michelle Noseworthy.

We have received funding which included 1200 hours for labor plus materials. This Project is for people who need hours to qualify for EI. The maximum hours a person can receive is 400. Discussion held and vote was taken which results in the following people being hired:

Correspondence continued:

Woodrow Bridger, Supervisor
Andrew Howell
Tyson Butt
Reginald Loder
Harry White

As a result of a tie vote a draw was completed to select the final employee and Clayton Loder was selected.

The Project will start on Monday, November 14, 2022 once the employee reaches their required hours an ROE will be issued.

Mayor Butt returned to the meeting at 7:45pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

3. Discussion on the preparation of the 2023 Operating Budget. Our Budget Committee last year was Deputy Mayor Noseworthy, Councillor Young and Mayor Butt along with the Town Clerk/Manager. Councillor Beaton expressed an interest in serving on the Budget Committee. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy agreed to step back to allow Councillor Beaton to be apart of the Budget Committee. It was agreed that there would be a Budget Committee meeting next Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00pm

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated November 8th, 2022 in the amount of \$545,815.60 for distribution as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #081-2022 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated November 8th, 2022 in the amount of \$545,815.60 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; 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 #082-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$89.40 (supplies for the Senior's Christmas Social)

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. Received from Central Newfoundland Waste Management was a copy of their 2023 Operating Budget. The disposal fees will increase from \$136.00 per tonne to \$140.00 with sorted materials going from \$55.00 per tonne to \$60.00. General discussion held.
2. Discussion on the siding that is missing from the Building. It was decided to contact local contractor, Chris Maher to have the issue repaired. The contractor withdrew his bid to replace the shingles on the building. Discussion held. It was agreed to wait until the Spring to do shingle work.
3. Councillor Young explained that she is working with Nicole Eddy on the finances for the Come Home Year Committee. Ms Eddy is responsible for the finances of the Badger Sports and Recreation Committee and has been assisting the Come Home Year Committee with its finances. In discussions with representatives of the Millertown CHYC it was suggested you need two treasurers. It was agreed that you must have two people sign off when counting any funds collected. With regards to the two treasurers it was agreed by all present that Councillor Ann Marie Young would be the second treasurer for the CHYC. Mayor Butt said that they are working with Marathon Gold regarding sponsorship for the 2023 60th Anniversary Come Home Year Celebrations. Discussion was held regarding the CHYC hiring the Navigator's for a concert during the Celebrations. The cost would be \$8,000 plus extras required by the Band which may amount to approximately \$2,000. Concern was expressed that the Town would be left having to pay the shortfall if sufficient funds are not raised to cover the expenses for the event. It was felt the Committee is on track with its fund raising plans to cover all cost incurred for events planned. Discussion continued.

Other Business continued:

Motion #083-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that the Town sign the contract with the Navigator's for a concert to be held during the Come Home Year Celebrations in 2022.

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. General discussion on Badger Day financials.
5. Councillors Eddy and Beaton are not available for the Council Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 7th. It was agreed the event would be changed to Monday, December 5th, 2022.
6. It was agreed that our regular meeting for December will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

Motion #084-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 6th, 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 9:15pm