

Town of Badger

Minutes for the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held Tuesday,
October 11, 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		
Also, present:	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Ann Marie Young
		Pansy Hurley
	Superintendent of Works	Scott Luscombe
		Gordon White
	Fire Chief	
	General Public	Dianne Huxter-Mercer

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Ms Huxter-Mercer to the meeting.

Ms Huxter-Mercer explained that she requested to attend tonight's meeting due to safety concerns with the access to Old Badger Road from the TCH and access from the TCH to her property at #35 Badger Drive (TCH). She explained that she spoke to Mr Chris Hiscock with the Dept of Transportation and Works regarding her driveway. She said the driveway was shared with the neighbor and it appears that it is smaller since work was done in that area. Mr Luscombe said the driveways were not involved with the work carried out there several years ago. That work only involved the lawns in the area. Ms Huxter-Mercer was wondering about having a culvert installed to widen her driveway. The TCH is the responsibility of the Dept of Transportation and Works. Ms Huxter-Mercer will discuss this matter with Mr Hiscock.

With regards to Old Badger Road she wondered if the Town could put up signs or a streetlight to improve safety in the area. This area is outside Town boundaries and is also the responsibility of the Dept of Transportation and Works.

Discussion continued:

1. Discussion continued regarding Ms Huxter-Mercer's concerns. She will contact the Dept of Transportation and Works again regarding the issues. She thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 6:40pm.

2. Mayor Butt welcomed Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report. The water system is working well. They are having some issues with clogs in the lift stations that were updated this past Summer. Scott explained that the intake reduces from a six inch to a four inch pipe which is causing the clogging problem. He said they would be checking them weekly so they can detect potential problems.

The Contractor is still working on the Sunset Drive Project. Scott advised that there were two residential sewer lines that were clogged and were below the main line. It appears they were installed that way. General discussion. There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:50pm

3. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief Gordon White to the meeting. Fire Chief White presented his report. Fire Chief advised that due to low member turn out they have changed their meeting night to once per month. The Department's meeting will be held the third Wednesday of each month.

The Department will be using Van #1 for responding to emergencies on the TCH and Van #2 for responding to emergencies in Town .

Discussion on the two pagers donated to the Fire Department by Peter Robbins. This was to show his appreciation to the Fire Department for its response to an accident involving Mr Robbins father.

The Firemen's Ball will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022. General discussion.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White left the meeting at 7:00pm

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 September 13, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #071-2022 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, September 13th, 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.

2. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of Council held September 21st, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Correction was made to error on page 1.

Motion #072-2022 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held Tuesday, September 21st, 2022 be adopted as circulated and corrected.

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. Discussion on the lease with Qalipu First Nation. Check will be made with the Department due to the change in the time line for the lease.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Diane Huxter-Mercer regarding safety concerns on the TCH was discussed earlier in the meeting.
2. Discussion on the Proclamation regarding October being Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was agreed Mayor Butt would sign the Proclamation and it would be posted on our Face book page.
3. Letter received from Peter Robbins regarding two pagers which he donated to our Fire Department in appreciation for the response of our Fire Department to an accident involving his father. Matter discussed earlier in the meeting with Fire Chief White.
4. Notice received from Municipal Assessment Agency regarding the 2023 Assessment Service Fee. The fee is \$26.00 per parcel and per tenant. The Town's assessment fee for 2023 is \$11,388 and will be billed quarterly.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated October 11th, 2022 in the amount of \$44,029.78 for distribution as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #073-2022 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated October 11th, 2022 in the amount of \$44,029.78 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.

Finances continued:

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash.

Motion #074-2022 A. Young/J. Eddy.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$64.65 (office expense for notice to residents regarding donation to the Town of Channel Port-Aux-Basques).

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 our Remembrance Day Service which will be held on Friday, November 11th, 2022 at 10:55am. Verley Roberts will be asked to lead the Service. Mayor will be working and Deputy Mayor will be out of Town. Councillors Beaton and Eddy agreed to be Council's representatives. Councillor Young will recite the Flander's Fields poem. Lunch will be served for veterans and special guest following the Service.

2. Councillor Young said that on Dec 7th, 2022 Avoca Collegiate will be taking part in National Cotton Candy Day. The School was wondering if we would make them 70 bags of cotton candy with our cotton candy machine. Discussion held. All present were in agreement with the request.

3. Discussion on our Christmas events. We will do the six shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Check will be made with Women's Ministries regarding the Love Tree which they have during the Community Breakfast with Santa. The Town events will be as follows:

Lighting Town Christmas Tree - Tuesday, Nov 29th at 7:00pm;

First Senior's Social - Wednesday, Nov 30th at 6:00pm;

Second Senior's Social - Friday, Dec 2nd at 6:00pm;

Community Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, Dec 3rd, at 10am;

Santa Claus Parade - Saturday, Dec 3rd at 7:00pm;

Other Business continued:

Council Christmas Social - Wednesday, Dec 7th at 6:30pm;
Judging of the Lighting up for Christmas will be Dec 19th,
5:30pm to 7:00pm. Prizes same as in past years.

The prizes for the Parade will be first Float \$75; second Float \$50; First Vehicle \$50 and Second Vehicle \$25. Floats are any vehicles with trailer attached. ATV's with no trailers are considered vehicles. Councillor Beaton agreed to get judges for the Parade and Light Up Contest.

4. Mayor Butt advised that the John Deere loader needs it annual inspection. Brandt will be contacted to complete the inspection.

5. It was agreed that Councillor Young will represent the Town at the Firemen's Ball.

6. Letter from Joyce Wellman regarding damage to her house which she thinks is a result of work that is being completed on our water and sewer line on Sunset Drive. The matter has been sent to our insurance company.

7. Discussion on the Town's donation to the Town of Channel-Port Aux Basques following the devastation caused by Hurricane Fiona.

Motion #075-2022 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that a donation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be given to the Town of Channel-Port aux Basques for the Hurricane Fiona Disaster Relief.

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 continued:

8. Mayor Butt said there would be a virtual meeting with the Town of Channel Port aux Basques and some local residents who were involved with the flood in Badger back in 2003.

9. Discussion on the Come Home Year Committee. They are looking at booking music for next year's events. Mayor and Deputy Mayor signed a contract for one band at a cost of \$3,500 plus their hotel expenses. Councillor George questioned Mayor and Deputy Mayor signing contracts without Council being informed. The issue being that if the Committee doesn't make sufficient funds to pay for the events they are planning the Town will have to pay any shortfalls. Mayor said he would like to see bigger acts as long as it doesn't fall back on the Town. The Committee is working on getting sponsors for their events. Council will have to be advised of events where there is a chance the Town may have to pay part of that expense. Mayor asked Councillors what they felt would be a reasonable loss for the Town to cover. Discussion held but no decision made.

10. Friday is the deadline for the collection of donations for the Town of Channel Port aux Basques

11. Discussion on application for municipal capital works funding. The deadline for applications is October 28th, 2022. In discussion with the Department it was suggested we reapply for the funding for the Wastewater Feasibility Study. Discussion continued.

Motion #076-2022 N. Beaton/J. Eddy

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs under the MCW Program for funding to carry out a Wastewater Feasibility Study. Total estimated cost of the project is \$80,500 (HST included) with \$8,050.00 being the Municipal Contribution.

Vote:

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Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

Motion #077-2022 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to revise Project #7-2020-7241 from the Canada Community-Building Fund in the amount of \$8,050.00 for the Municipal Contribution to carry out a Wastewater Feasibility Study.

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Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

Motion #078-2022 J. George/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 8th, 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 8:15pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager