

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in Fire Dept Training Room.

Members present:

Mayor:	Ed Card
Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
Councillors:	Ann Marie Young
	Natasha Beaton
	Nicholas Blackwood
	Stephanie Greene
	Michelle Noseworthy

Also, present:

Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder presented his report.

Fire Chief advised that two batteries had to be replaced in rescue van #1.

The unit that was out for annual inspection is now back in operation.

SCBAs will be tested when the company doing those inspections is ready to begin that work.

Fire Chief said that he spoke to our MHA Chris Tibbs regarding our fire trucks and he said it would be another two years before they look at replacing a truck. Pumper #2 is a 1987 unit.

There have been no calls for service since his last report.

The Department is down three (3) members. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions those positions are not being filled at this time.

Fire Chief advised that they will start some training in the next few weeks.

Discussion on having a link on town website to the provincial fire index which would help if they get calls regarding backyard campfires.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Councillor Young said there was an error in name on page 3. Will be corrected.

Motion #029-2020 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held May 12, 2020 be adopted as circulated and corrected.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Councillor Greene contacted our MHA's office regarding signage for Buchans Highway.

Discussion continued:

2. Ms Nicole Eddy, President of Badger Sports & Recreation arrived at 6:45pm
Mayor Card welcomed Ms Eddy to the meeting.
Ms Eddy was invited to tonight's meeting to discussion operation of the Stadium and the deficit of \$5,451.69 in operations for this year. It was felt that there were some expenses incurred this year that we would not have next year. Ms Eddy felt that electrical cost could be improved if the garage door at the back of the building was installed properly. She felt that a lot of heat was being lost in that area.

Discussion continued:

She felt it was not the volunteers responsibility to fix the door. This is an issue for town employees to repair. Last years electrical cost were \$5,331.11 and this year it was \$5,027.27. Ms Eddy was asked what Recreation's plans were. She explained that they wanted to replace toilets and do some much needed plumbing work as well as hot water tank in kitchen. Councillor Noseworthy asked Ms Eddy how much money the Recreation & Sports Committee had? Ms Eddy question if she had to answer that since they are not affiliated with the town. Town Clerk/Manager explained that they are using a Town asset to raise money and their financial records were included with the Town's audit for 2019. Ms Eddy advised that they have approximately \$5,200.00 in their account. Their funds are raised from the canteen at the Stadium; canteen at events; fund raisers they have including winter carnival, cold plate sales, etc. They have to purchase supplies for their events as well. Councillor Noseworthy said she supports the Stadium but felt that a \$5,000 or \$6,000 deficit for the Town to operate the Stadium is to much. Deputy Mayor Butt didn't think it was realistic for the Recreation Committee to be responsible for cost to operate the Stadium. He felt Council should be prepared to pick up the deficit. Councillor Greene wondered if the Recreation Committee can help with some of the operation cost maybe with some sort of an agreement. This would help reduce the deficit for the Town. Deputy Mayor Butt didn't think it was fair for other Recreation activities if we ask the Committee to put all their funds into just the Stadium. He wanted to know Council's thoughts on running a \$4,000 to \$7,000 deficit if we budget for it. Income for the Stadium in 2019 was \$5,031.00 and in 2020 it was \$2,852.00. The Stadium received funds for 42 days in 2019 and 30 days in 2020. Ms Eddy said they will loose approximately \$2,000 if we can't have Badger Day due to COVID-19.

Ms Eddy said we didn't get the funding to repair the roof at the Stadium. We can reapply again this year. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2021.

Discussion continued:

General discussion continued. Mayor felt that it was un reasonable to expect an answer from Ms Eddy tonight regarding money. She will have to go back to her Committee to discuss the issue. All present appreciated the work being done by Ms Eddy and the Badger Recreation & Sports Committee.

There being no further discussion Ms Eddy left the meeting at 7:10pm

Mr. Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works arrived at 7:10pm

3. Mayor Card welcomed Mr. Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting.

Mr Luscombe advised that the water system and lift stations are working good.

The machinery is working good.

They have collected 8 dumpsters of waste on the annual clean-up so far.

Scott advised that the asphalt roller has been rented from United Rentals and will be here on Monday. He hopes to have the asphalt work completed in a week.

Discussion on body work required on the loader. Scott said that he will complete the work required.

Deputy Mayor Butt asked Scott if he had a wish list for equipment they might require. Scott said the only thing would be a second hand asphalt roller.

Scott advised that our dumping station for travel trailers at the RV parking area is not permitted to be used because it doesn't meet government regulations.

Discussion on selling the Hough loader including the plough; the salter and old truck which was used with the salter. It was agreed that we would advertise the disposal of these pieces of equipment.

Scott advised that there were several leaks in the water tank which have now been repaired.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:25pm

Business Arising continued:

2. Mayor Card advised that he spoke to Rob Kearley and Wilf Maloney and Rob is in the process of researching his emails regarding Coady's Construction claim.
3. The letter was written to Coady Construction regarding his claim for compensation.
4. Letter was written to Harvey Day regarding his request for temporary power hook-up.

Correspondence:

1. Each Councillor received a copy of letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability Measures and Exemptions. Discussion held.
2. Information received from Office of the Chief Procurement Officer regarding amendments to the Public Procurement Framework. Discussion held.
3. Documents received from the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment Project approval 17-GI-21-00011- Liftstation Rehabilitation - 3 Stations. Discussion held.

Motion #030-2020

Moved by Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor and seconded by Natasha Beaton, Councillor

BE IT RESOLVED to accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Municipal Affairs and Environment project approval letter dated May 19, 2020 to complete Liftstation Rehabilitation - 3 Stations 17-GI-21-00011 for \$796,583.00. The Town of Badger agrees to provide \$72,237.00 in funding for this project and authorizes Ed Card, Mayor and Pansy Hurley, Town Clerk/Manager to enter into funding agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment on behalf of the Town of Badger.

Motion Adopted.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young, N. Beaton
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0;

Abstained or declared conflict of interest 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated June 9, 2020 in the amount of \$51,058.14 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #031-2020 S. Greene/ A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated June 9, 2020 in the amount of \$51,058.14 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #032-2020 N. Beaton/N. Blackwood.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$97.45 (Clean-up letter \$67.25 and Office supplies \$30.20).

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion held on running a deficit to operate the Stadium. Mayor felt it would have to be a reasonable amount. All present agreed. It was agreed that the garage door at the back of the Stadium would be repaired properly to prevent heat loss.

Other Business continued:

2. Councillor Greene said she was asked about having a streetlight installed on Highland Crescent. Discussion held. Councillor Greene will speak to the developer regarding the issue. The Town will be responsible for the light once it is installed.

Motion #033-2020 S. Greene/D. Butt

Resolved that Newfoundland Power install a streetlight on Highland Crescent.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION C CARRIED

3. Councillor Greene said she was approached about the conditions of an old shed on the property at #16 Beothuck Street. Discussion held. It was agreed a letter would be written to the property owner advising that the shed must be removed and the property cleaned up.

Discussion on other areas in Town. It was agreed that a letter will be written to the property owner at #2 Earle Street regarding cleaning up their property and constructing building without using proper building material.

4. Discussion on Badger Day 2020. Badger Day 2020 has to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Canada Day celebrations are cancelled as well.

Other Business continued:

5. Discussion on the Community Cooperation Agreement with Marathon Gold. Some things that Council would expect included:

- employment opportunities for residents of Badger;
- opportunities for local businesses to provide services ;
- equal share in community funding partnerships.

Mayor did text the request to purchase chrome books for Avoca Collegiate to Mary Hatherly of Marathon Gold.

Discussion held on how to spend the \$10,000 donation that Marathon Gold will give the Town of Badger. Suggestions included:

- lighting for the trestle
- painting liftstations
- back drop for the stage in the Community Centre
- board walk around the playground area
- gazebo - Ted Patey Heritage Park
- small splash pad
- structure for beer garden area
- extend walking trail

2. Discussion on new swing seats for the playground. We require six belt seats and two tot seats. Price list from Fundy Fence - belt seats are \$61.00 each and the tot seats are \$151.00each.

Motion #034-2020

D. Butt/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council purchased six (6) belt seats at a cost of \$61.00 each and two (2) tot seats at a cost of \$151.00 each from Fundy Fence for the playground.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

3. Discussion on the student funding received which included:
Federal High School - 2 positions for 8 weeks at 35 hrs per week;
Provincial High School-2 positions for 5 weeks at 15 hrs per week;
Qalipu Youth Funding - 1 position 7 weeks at 35 hrs per week; and,
Provincial University - 1 position 6 weeks at 30 hrs per week.

There was only one university applicant; therefore; Madison Foley will be offered the position.

There was four other applicants for the other five positions. A vote was held which resulted in the following:

Federal Funding students will be: Jacob Eveleigh; and,
Dylan Foley.

Provincial Funding student was: Parker Loder

Qalipu Funding student was: Preston Patey

Since there were no other applicants check will be made to see if the provincial student can be 1 position for 30 hours per week.

Start dated for these positions is June 29, 2020.

Discussion on work the students will be required to complete included:

- cleaning up litter
- mowing grass
- painting
- pick up litter on walking trail and cut brush
- fix the rail on the walking trail
- clean up entrance to town

Adjournment:

Motion #035-2020

D. Butt/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Fire Department meeting room.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager