

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, February 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;	Fire Chief:	Gord White
	Superintendent of	
	Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/	
	Manager:	Pansy Hurley

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Dennis Butt at 6:30pm

## **Discussion:**

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief White to the meeting. Fire Chief White presented his report.
  - Fire Chief White advised that he contacted Rock Solid Diesel and they haven't been in a position to take pumper #2 into their garage for an inspection.
  - Fire Chief said the Fire Department will require six (6) new pagers, at a cost of \$375 to \$450 per pager. More pagers will be required going forward.
  - The Department is going ahead with training.
  - The vaccination information for all members of the Fire Department has been submitted to the Town Office.
  - Fire Chief said their only real issue is the pagers.
  - The Department responded to two calls last night. One was a tractor trailer fire, the truck was parked at a local business and the other was a chimney fire.

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.
  - Scott said there was some trouble with the loader on Saturday past when they had a hydraulic hose break. They did get the problem corrected.
  - They had the snow blower out today to widen town streets. Everyone agreed it was a great job done.
  - Scott said the salt truck was backfiring but he wasn't sure what was causing the problem. They are having some issues with this vehicle. General discussion held.
  - Water system and lift stations are working good.
  - Council thanked the maintenance workers for their help getting the ice surface ready at the Stadium.
  - General discussion on replacing the glass with steel in the windows of the doors that we received from a local school for the Stadium.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:50pm

## **Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the special Budget meeting of Council held Thursday, January 27, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #010-2022      N. Beaton/J. Eddy.**

Resolved that the minutes of the special budget meeting of Council held on Thursday, January 27, 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.**

## **Adoption of Minutes continued:**

2. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, January 11, 2022 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. (Typing error was corrected on page 2.)

**Motion #011-2022 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy.**

Resolved that the minutes for the regular public meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 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:**

1. The Summer Student Job application has been submitted. The confirmation number is 018458950.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Information received from PSD Citywide regarding the Municipal Grant Service. They would provide a weekly customized email alerts on new Federal, Provincial, Not for Profit and Indigenous grants. This service is a pilot project with MNL. The annual cost of the service is \$495.00; however, they are offering a 25% discount for the first year. Therefore, the first year membership will be \$371.25. General discussion held.

## **Correspondence continued:**

### **Motion #012-2022 A. Young/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that Town will participate in the PSD Citywide Municipal Grant Service at a cost of \$371.25, which includes the 25% discount for this year.

#### **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. Information received regarding Qalipu First Nation Youth Summer Employment Program. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022. Discussion held.

### **Motion #013-2022 J. Eddy/J. George**

Resolved that the Town apply for one (1) position under the Qalipu First Nation Youth Summer employment Program.

#### **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. News Release received from Municipal Assessment Agency advising that Deputy Mayor Mary Thorne-Gosse of Torbay has been elected Urban Director.

4. Payment of \$4,550.00 has been received from Government for our Fire Department's response to motor vehicle accidents. The request was submitted by former Fire Chief Gus Loder.

## **Correspondence continued:**

5. Letter of approval received from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure approving the Sunset Drive Project #17-G1-22-00088. General discussion held. Mr Rodney Mercer from the Premier's Central Office reached out to Deputy Mayor Noseworthy regarding the funding approval.

**Motion #014-2022**

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

“Be it resolved that, we the Ultimate Recipient, Town of Badger, accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022, Project number:17-G1-22-00088 Project name: Partial Water and Sewer Replacement - Sunset Drive,with a total project value of \$174,268.00. This Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$15,803 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor, Dennis Butt, and the Town Clerk/Manager, Pansy Hurley to entre into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Badger.

**#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 ADOPTED.**

6. Letter received from Barbara and Gordon Jacobs regarding replacing a street light near their property on Beothuck Street and the issue of senior's discount for payment of taxes. Discussion held. The town does not offer any discount on tax accounts. Check will be made regarding the street light matter after which a response will be sent to Mr & Mr Jacobs.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable dated February 8, 2022 in the amount of \$29,949.59 for disbursement as presented.

**Motion #015-2022 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated February 8, 2022 in the amount of \$25,949.59 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.

**Motion #016-2022 A. Young/J. Eddy.**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$95.20 (office expenses).

**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. Each Council member received a copy of the Financial Statements 2020 and the Tax Recovery Plan & Tax Receivable Summary prepared by Town's auditor, Lori Mercer, CA. General discussion held on these documents. Ms Mercer has not confirmed the date for 2021 audit. Discussion continued resulting in the following motions:

## **Finances continued:**

**Motion #017-2022                      N. Blackwood/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2020 Financial Statements 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.**

**Motion #018-2022                      A. Young/J. Eddy**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger Tax Recovery Plan and Tax Receivable Summary 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 the incident with the loader broken down on Saturday and the delay in snow clearing. It was agreed that going forward should these incidents arise a notice will be placed on social media advising residents of the situation.
2. General discussion on pagers for the Fire Department.
3. Deputy Mayor reminded Council that next week is "Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. Discussion held. It was agreed that we would do similar to other years and send sandwich tray and coffee from local coffee shop. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy will take care of this matter.
4. Discussion on doing something for our cleaning person who is experiencing a difficult situation. Some ideas were discussed and it was decided that what would be done will be left to the discretion of the Town Clerk/Manager.

## **Other Business continued:**

5. The Deputy Mayor asked if town employees would receive a raise equal to the raise in the minimum wage that comes into effect April 1, 2022. Discussion held. This is not a practice that the Town has adopted in the past.
6. Discussion on snow being piled at the end of a driveway at #2 Maple Street that is obstructing motorists vision of Buchans Highway. The resident directly behind this property is also piling snow in this location. Letters will be written to the residents involved regarding the issue.
7. Mayor Butt said he had discussion with Marathon Gold regarding their \$10,000 donation and how the Town plans to use the funds. It was agreed that a gazebo would be constructed with the funds from last year. Mayor Butt wondered about taking the funds from last year and this year and keep them to construct a splash pad for the children. He felt smaller projects are more manageable for the Town; however, \$40,000 to \$60,000 projects would be harder. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy and Councillor Young still wanted to see a gazebo constructed. Councillor Blackwood said that we could consider pagers for the Fire Department. Councillor George wondered about an automatic defibrillator unit for the Stadium. The unit costs approximately \$1,500. General discussion continued.
8. Discussion on booking the music for the Badger Day dance. The person that supplied the music last year is not available this year.
9. Email received from Christopher Hardy, Department of Industry, Energy and Technology regarding the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for the former Buchans mine site. Each Council member received a copy of the email.
10. Circular received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the Report and Recommendations for regional governance.
11. Mayor Butt asked about getting new Town apparel for Council and staff. Discussion held. Councillor Beaton volunteered to get some quotes to present to Council.
12. The Cst. William Moss Softball Field sign was destroyed by the wind during our last storm. It will have to be replaced.



## **Adjournment:**

**Motion #019-2022      M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 8, 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 7:50pm

---

Mayor

---

Town Clerk/Manager