

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

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
Superintendent of Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/ Manager: Pansy Hurley

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder presented his report.
 - Fire Chief advised that there maybe a problem with the master switch and starter on Rescue Van #2. There has been no reply on the quote to repair the clutch on Pump #2.
 - there has been no reply from government on the application for funding.
 - Fire Chief advised that he submitted the information for the 8 or 9 road accidents and they will receive \$350 for each of the accidents.
 - Fire Chief advised that the Department will be working on its Summer schedule .
 - Discussion on having nurses attend medical calls with the Fire Department. It was felt that these people would have to be added to the roster of the Fire Department. Fire Chief Loder will speak to the Fire Commissioners Office to see how to move forward with this issue. Matter will be discussed again during next regular meeting.
 - Fire Chief Loder advised that Fire School will be held October 2 to 8th this year. He doesn't have the detail yet.

Discussion continued:

-Fire Chief Loder advised that the Fire Department has contacted Marathon Gold seeking a donation towards the purchase of the "jaws of life". This issue was brought up because of the large volume of motor vehicle accident calls.

-Fire Chief Loder was asked if the Fire Department could provide an escort from the parking lot of this building to the Ted Patey Heritage Park on Monday, June 21, 2021 for the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations. The Fire Department will be available for this event.

-Fire Chief advised that the Fire Truck will be used for the Avoca Kindergarten Graduation on Friday June 11, 2021. There are six students involved.

-Fire Chief was asked about using sirens and lights when responding to an emergency. It was felt that it may draw a larger crowd of people to the emergency site. Fire Chief said that lights and sirens are part of the requirements when responding to an emergency. He said that sometimes late at night they may opt not to use the sirens.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:45pm.

2. Mayor Card welcomed Mr. Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.

-The water system and the lift stations are working good.

-Machinery is working good.

-Scott advised that they are working on the general clean-up. They are down to two dumpster now.

-Scott said that he is working with Paul Chafe on the gage for the chlorination system.

-Scott advised that he made a trailer for moving the ride-on lawnmower. This will reduce the wear and tear on the machine.

-The basketball nets were returned because they were all plastic.

Discussion continued:

- Discussion on the John Deere Loader. Scott said that work has been done on the bottom half of the machine and he will continue the work on the remainder of the machine.
- Scott advised that they have an asphalt roller booked for after the clean-up to repair asphalt.
- Scott has made a rake for cleaning up the weeds at the ballfield.
- All agreed that a good job was done on the entrance to the community and the general clean-up.
- Discussion on the "Stop Sign" coming from the Robin's Drive-Through to Earle Street. The property owner didn't want the sign on his property. The sign is on the shoulder of the road.
- The Highland Crescent street sign has been ordered and the "Stop Sign" and post have to be replaced as well.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:00pm.

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 11, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion # 029-2021 S. Greene/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held May 11, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Voted:

**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. Mayor Card said that he made some calls to parents regarding the use of dirt bikes in the community. The RCMP are also doing patrols. General discussion on the issue.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising that our application for the COVID-19 Stimulus Program will not be approved at this time.
2. Letter received from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising that our application for special assistance funding for sewer main on Sunset Drive has been denied. They suggest the Town consider applying for Municipal Capital Works or Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program during the next call for applications.
3. Letter received from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advising that the Town has been awarded a grant of \$750 for the Community Garden. This money can be used for soil, tools, etc.
4. Letter received from Badger Brook First Nation asking the Town to make land acknowledgments at all public events and prior to council meetings as well as flying the Mi'Kmaq flag. General discussion held. Councillor Greene said that she attended an event in Nova Scotia where this was done. It was suggested that maybe we could have the group do a presentation to Council on their request.
5. Discussion on the issue of taxes on #125 Buchans Highway and the year the taxes were issued. It was agreed that Town cannot give tax breaks for property taxes. Similar requests have been received in the past and were denied. It was agreed that all taxes on the account will have to be paid. A payment plan can be given to assist in getting this matter resolved.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated June 8, 2021 in the amount of \$52,251.09 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #030-2021 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated June 8, 2021 in the amount of \$52,251.09 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 #031-2021 S. Greene/N. Blackwood.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$63.55 (mail out notice for annual clean-up) and \$85.40 (supplies for equipment).

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 on Summer student employment. The Federal funding has been approved for two positions and we are waiting on the announcement of the Provincial government funding.

2. Deputy Mayor Butt wondered about Badger Day this year. Mayor said that he did have a discussion with our MHA and public health restrictions would still apply. General discussion on things you may be able to have

Other Business continued:

including youth softball, softball tournament, community breakfast; something for the children and for the seniors. It was agreed that this issue would be discuss again next week when we meet to select student workers.

3. Discussion on the Trailway through the community and it being graded and calcium apply to cut down on the dust problem. The Trailway Council has provided calcium in the past.

4. Councillor Greene advised that on National Indigenous Peoples Day Monday, June 21, 2021 there will be a Vigil and a Memorial Walk honoring the 215 children found buried at Kamloops Residential School. The event will begin here on the parking lot and following that the Walk will proceed to the Ted Patey Heritage Park. Our MHA, Chris Tibbs and MP, Scott Simms will in attendance. Mayor Card is unable to attend due to work commitments. Councillor Michelle Noseworthy will represent the Town at the event. June 21, 2021 is a provincial government holiday and the building will be closed; however, Scott Luscombe will set up the PA system and chairs for the events.

5. Resident at #77 Maple Street is requesting a permit to erect a steel garage on his property to replace an existing garage. General discussion held. It was agreed that we need to determine if this request is permitted under the Town's Municipal Plan. This construction may also require a permit from the Department of Environment, Water Resource Division because the property is located in the flood plain.

Adjournment:

Motion #032-2021 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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 7:55pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager