

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Nicholas Blackwood Michelle Noseworthy.
Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillors:	Stephanie Greene Gregory Hurley

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Discussion:

Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief, Gus Loder to the meeting.

Fire Chief Loder advise that their Wednesday night practices will begin tomorrow night and their meetings on Friday night will start this week.

Fire Chief advised that Thomas Coffey Technical Services will do the annual inspections on the pump trucks on Thursday of this week.

Fire Chief is working on delegates to attend the annual convention in Gander. He has three rooms booked.

An inspection was carried out on the Fire Dept Bar today everything was good.

Fire Chief said he would be picking up the bunker suits in a couple weeks.

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in the community centre. The community centre is booked on Monday, October 21, 2019 for the Federal Election so it will have to be cleaned on Sunday, October 20, 2019. General discussion on the meal.

Discussion continued:

Fire Chief said they were having trouble getting volunteers for traffic control for funerals. He said a lot of their members are working. Discussion on ways to get members involved. Suggestion on paying a flat rate for attending meetings and practices. It was agreed that practices are very important because of the required training. Councillor Young said that the Town of Deer Lake pays members of their Fire Department for meetings and practices. It is done through a clothing allowance. General discussion. Fire Chief Loder will do some research regarding the issue and report back to Council. He felt Council would have to set the terms for receiving payment.

Repairs to the truck received from NL Hydro have been placed on hold. The truck will be stored at Town Depot. Fire Chief Loder said that they have to look at their recycling depot because of the low revenue being received at the depot and the cost of operations. General discussion held.

Fire Chief Gus Loder left the meeting at 7:03pm

2. Discussion with Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

Mayor Card welcomed Mr Luscombe to the meeting.

Mr Luscombe gave his report:

The water system is working good. The back-up valve he order for well #1 has not been received. He may have to order the item again.

Lift stations are working good.

Backhoe is ready for the Winter.

Scott advised that he is working on repairs to the zamboni.

The paint work on machinery hasn't been done yet.

He has some minor repairs to the town pick up truck to complete as well.

Scott advised that they have a roller rented from United Rentals for Monday of next week. The patching this year is mostly smaller holes. There is also one on Sunset Drive that they will repair. Scott said they will do the asphalt as quickly as possible.

Discussion continued:

Deputy Mayor Butt asked Scott if he had a wish list this year for equipment. Scott said that the salt truck is in bad shape. Scott said the flyer works on speed and that is hard to operate around Town. It was suggested maybe a 5 ton truck would work for the salter. Our snow blower only works on the old Hough loader. Scott will work on winterizing the rest of the equipment.

Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:12pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 13, 2019 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #049-2019 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 13, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Jamar has all its equipment ready to begin the project now.
2. The tenders are out for the hydrant project now.
3. The computer has been purchased. Mayor said it is much easier to use.

Correspondence:

1. Mayor Card said that he had a call from the owners of #40 Main Street proposing that they pay a portion of the taxes owing on their property and Council would write off the remaining portion. Discussion held and it was agreed that Council will not write off taxes owing on properties in the community. This would be unfair to other residents of our community. There is also a machine hire bill when the water to the property froze earlier this year. Letter will be written advised that the request has been denied.
2. Letter received from Keith Antle, Director of Parks and Recreation with the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor regarding recreational facilities needs assessment study and a possible new regional recreational complex for our area. Mayor Card will speak to Mr Antle regarding the matter.
3. All councillors received a copy of correspondence from CUPW-STTP requesting that Council question all the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post during the Federal Government Election Campaign.
4. Notice received from MNL regarding the 69th annual general meeting nominations for the Board of Directors. Convention will be held in St. John's November 14 to 16, 2019. Rooms have been booked at the Delta for six councillors. The reservations can be cancelled up until November 11, 2019.
5. Letter of resignation received from Gregory Hurley resigning his position on the Badger Town Council. Mr Hurley acknowledged the incident from the meeting of July 9, 2019 being his reason for resigning. Mayor said it was unfortunate and he did apologize. Mayor wondered about sending letter thanking Mr Hurley for his service. Councillor Noseworthy said she was thrown under the bus by Council before and she did receive a letter.

Motion #050-2019 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council accept Gregory Hurley's resignation from the Badger Town Council effective immediately.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0.

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated September 10, 2019 totaling \$72,697.27 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #051-2019 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated September 10, 2019 in the amount of \$72,697.27 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #052-2019 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$89.40 (Badger Day expenses); \$79.90 (Badger Day expenses \$68.45; Shop \$11.45); \$94.45 (Badger Day expenses).

Vote:

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Deputy Mayor Butt said that he was approached by Brad Beaton for a donation for the Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Baseball team that is traveling to Amherst, Nova Scotia for a tournament this week. Mr Beaton's child and another child from Badger play with the Team. Deputy Mayor Butt said that he had a note put on the Town's Facebook Page congratulating the children. General discussion held.

Motion #053-2019 D. Butt/N. Blackwood

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Baseball Association toward their trip to the Atlantic Championship in Amherst, NS.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion on the quotes Mayor Card received for upgrades to the Playground. The best quotes for the work suggested were Lawn & Weed Experts \$24,842.22 for sodding playground and area outside the playground and Fundy Fencing \$7,864.85 to two (2) pieces of playground equipment. The total cost for the Project would be \$32,707.07 and we will apply for Gas Tax funding for the Project. The other Project Mayor Card was proposing was sodding the Ted Patey Heritage Park. General discussion held.

Other Business continued:

Motion #054-2019 E. Card/D. Butt

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$32,707.07 to install sods inside and outside the playground and install two (2) new pieces of equipment in the playground.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: Mayor Ed Card
 Deputy Mayor Dennis Butt
 Councillor Ann Marie Young
 Councillor Nicholas Blackwood
 Councillor Michelle Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #055-2019 E. Card/D. Butt

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$7,200 to install sods at the Ted Patey Heritage Park.

Vote:

**In Favor 5: Mayor Ed Card
 Deputy Mayor Dennis Butt
 Councillor Ann Marie Young
 Councillor Nicholas Blackwood
 Councillor Michelle Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Michelle Noseworthy was excused from the meeting at 8:15pm

Other Business continued:

3. Mayor Card said that he was looking at making improvements to the area coming into town as well. He contacted the Department of Transportation and Works regarding the issue and a permit from the Department will be required before any work can proceed.
4. General discussion on town Christmas events. Since there are only four council members present it was decided to defer the discussion to the next regular meeting.
5. Mayor Card said that he asked Deputy Mayor Butt and Councillor Stephanie Greene to serve on a committee to draft policies and procedures for town employees covering annual leave, etc. Mayor said he spoke to MNL and they suggest two member committee and the Mayor is ex-officio member of all committees.
6. Town Clerk/Manager advised that she would be attending PMA training, the Fall Forum, at the Quality Inn and Suites in Gander on September 19 and 20, 2019.
7. Discussion on By-election to fill vacant seat on Council. Nomination Day will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and the Election Day if required will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019. An Advance Poll will be included in the By-election process on Saturday, November 2, 2019.
8. Councillor Young wondered if we would be having anything for the volunteers that helped with Badger Day. Discussion deferred until the next regular meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion #056-2019 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will adjourn to meeting again on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 4: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager