

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council  
held Tuesday, February 12, 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
	President, Badger Sports and Recreation Committee:	Nicole Eddy
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillors:	Stephanie Greene Gregory 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.
  - All their equipment is working there are no issues.
  - Eight members completed an advance first aid course this past weekend.
  - Discussion on members of council staff using the fire department equipment when repairing a waterline leak. Fire Chief said that he had discussion with his department and advised them that they are not to call town employees regarding these issues and the Fire Chief is the point of contact.The hose in question was used on a waterline no sewer lines were involved. Town has hoses for dealing with sewer lines. Fire Chief said he had no problem just let him know so if there is a question from a member of the Fire Department then he has the information.
  - The oxygen tank was picked up by Vital Air delivery truck. There were some issues getting the pickup service organized but it should be fine going forward.

## **Discussion continued:**

-The truck from Hydro is ready, the paper work has been completed. Some weekend they can pick it up.

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

2. Mayor Card welcomed Nicole Eddy to the meeting. Ms Eddy presented her report.

She advised that she gave the Town Clerk/Manager \$1,567 door receipts from the Stadium. She has \$1,543 on hand today not counting tonight's door receipts.

Their Committee did some maintenance and they are trying to do their best to keep the heating bill down.

Badger Sports and Recreation will replace the lights on the out side of the Stadium. You can get a rebate from Newfoundland Power for those lights. It was explained that the invoice for the lights must be for the Town of Badger because the account belongs to the Town and the rebate will be credited to the electric bill for the Stadium. We can apply for these rebates for different light replacement projects providing the lights are part of the rebate program. Everything is running well. Council thanked Ms Eddy for her work with the Committee and asked that she pass along to the Committee members that they are doing an excellent job. It would not be possible to operate the Stadium with out the volunteers.

Ms Eddy said their cold plate sale this past weekend was a big success.

They are sponsoring a Winter Carnival March 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Discussion on the five hundred dollar grant received from the Community Foundation of NL for a community garden. Mr Eddy said this was a project of a former member of their committee. Ms Eddy will discussion the issue with them. The application was for two thousand dollars. It is a good idea. While the cheque for the funding went to the Badger Sports and Recreation Committee the Town of

**Discussion continued:**

Badger will be responsible for the reporting and accountability of these funds. Discussion on where to locate the garden and how it would operate. You have to include a sign indicating that Community Funding NL was part of your project.

Ms Eddy proposed that Badger Sports and Recreation and the Town share the cost of replacing the front doors at the Stadium. The quote to complete the work is approximately four thousand dollars.

Ms Eddy asked about the application to repair the roof at the Stadium. No reply to date. The deadline was January 31, 2019.

There being no further discussion Ms Eddy left the meeting at 6:50pm

Mr Harry Noel, Acting Superintendent of Works, arrived at 6:50pm

3. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Noel to the meeting.

Mr Noel presented his report.

Harry advised that there were no issues with the equipment. He also advised Council that the sewerage plant is not working and hasn't worked for some time. He wanted to make sure Council was aware of this issue so if there are any questions in the future the employees will not be held accountable. Mr Noel said that they assumed that when BioMaxx showed up then something was being done to correct the problem; however, BioMaxx is only monitoring the flows in the system. There are many communities dealing with the same issue. This issue was discussed with our MP Scott Simms. It is difficult for small communities to borrow funds to replace such large infrastructure projects.

Harry said that he has worked or been on call for a hundred days and he did agreed to do this rather than hiring a replacement for our Superintendent of Works while he is away for his position. Now he would like to have three days off with pay that does not affect his annual leave. He would just like to get away for a break. He was advised Council would discuss his request later in the meeting.



## **Business arising continued:**

3. Mayor advised that a letter has been sent to Roger Primmer of Crown Lands regarding the request from Tony and Donna Huxter to purchase land behind their property located a #25 Badger Drive. The Huxters will be responsible for all cost incurred with the purchase of this land.
4. The order for jackets, hoodies and toques was placed today.
5. Mayor advised that Warehams still feels they should be paid for the waterline repairs. They are saying Scott took the wrap to get welded. It was felt the Scott never had the authority in this situation. Warehams would like to have a meeting with those involved with the matter. It was agreed to wait until Scott returns to deal with the issue.
6. Exploits Engineering had until February 5, 2019 to submit a 'source of work' for Project #18-MCW-19-00020 to the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment. The Department then has to review the submission.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Letter received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding requirements for reporting wastewater treatment plant influent and effluent reporting. BioMaxx is providing this information to the Federal Government. They will forward the required information to the Provincial Government on the Town's behalf in order to keep our operating permit current. The cost for this service will be three hundred forty dollars (\$340) quarterly.
2. Notice received that the Badger Sports and Recreation Committee received a five hundred dollar (\$500) grant from Community Foundation of NL for a Community Garden Project. While the cheque was given to Nicole Eddy, President of the Badger Sports and Recreation Committee, the letter and requirements are addressed to the Town of Badger. There must be a sign indicating the Community Foundation of NL is part of the Project. The funds must be used for exactly what was described in the application and you must provide CFNL with a completed report by December 31, 2019. Discussion on a location, maybe behind the Town Centre Building, and materials required for the garden.

## Correspondence continued:

3. Notice received from Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Business Awards Excellence and Hall of Fame inductees Feb 19/19. Deadline for nominations is February 15/19. Discussion held and it was decided that Council would not get involved with making a nomination because it may appear that we are supporting one local business over another.

## Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated February 12, 2019 in the amount of \$45,655.71 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held. J & T Welding will be contacted for a breakdown of the costs for repairing a waterline leak at 40 Main Street.

**Motion #008-2019 N. Blackwood/A. Young**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated February 12, 2019 in the amount of \$45,655.71 for disbursement as presented.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

**Motion #009-2019 D. Butt/N. Blackwood.**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash disbursement journal dated February 12, 2019 in the amount of \$90.45 (general office expense).

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

**Opposed 0.**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

3. The Town of Badger 2017 Financial Statements were received from our auditor Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant. Each councillor received a copy of the Audit Finding Management Letter, Audit Planning Letter, Representation Letter and Engagement Letter as well. Discussion held.

### **Motion #010-2019 N. Blackwood/A. Young**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2017 Financial Statements as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional accountant.

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

**Opposed 0.**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. The Town of Badger 2017 Tax Recovery Plan was received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant. Discussion held.

### **Motion #011-2019 D. Butt/A. Young.**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2017 Tax Recovery Plan as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

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

**Opposed 0.**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Discussion on the councillor emails from Yield Communications. It was felt these emails are not working very well; therefore, it was decided to discontinue using this service.

6. Discussion on purchasing the 2020 Navara black/brown calendars. Council has been purchasing these for a number of years. Many residents are interested in obtaining the calendars.

## **Finances continued:**

**Motion #012-2019      A. Young/N. Blackwood**

Resolved that Council purchase 2020 Navara black/brown calendars from Myron Smarter Business Gifts at a cost of \$733.41.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. Discussion on upgrading the lights at the Stadium. Each councillor received a copy of quotes that Deputy Mayor Butt received regarding the replacement of the lighting at the Stadium. This would reduce the operation cost for the Stadium. This work can be completed sometime during the year.
2. Town Clerk/Manager said that she spoke to three communities in our area and they do not offer the email transfer payment for residents to pay taxes. She also spoke to our auditor, Lori Mercer and she advised against offering the option as well. There is the possibility of fraud. It was agreed that if our auditor is advising us not to offer the service then we will not offer the service.
3. Discussion on replacing the doors at the Stadium by splitting the cost with the Badger Sports & Recreation Committee. Councillor Blackwood said the doors can be repaired rather than replaced. He said he had the supplies required to repair the door and volunteered to do the repairs. He said that he had offer to repair the door before but he was advised that the doors were being replaced. Councillor Blackwood was given permission to repair the doors and he was advised by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor if he received any opposition to him repairing the doors to call one of them.



## **Other Business continued:**

4. Discussion on up coming MNL events Central Regional meeting is April 12 & 13/19 in Gander; Symposium is May 1 to 3/19 in Gander; Municipal Awareness Day May 8/19; Convention is November 14 to 16/19.
5. Discussion on having chickens on residential property. We will check with our Municipal Plan to see how this issue is addresses.
6. Discussion on a complaint from a resident on Fourth Avenue regarding their pet cat being caught in a trap used for trapping.
7. It was agreed to defer the request made earlier in the meeting by Acting Superintendent of Works, until other councillors are present.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion #013-2019      D. Butt/A. Young**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager

