

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young
		Gregory Hurley
		Nicholas Blackwood
		Stephanie Greene
		Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.  
Mayor Card welcomed everyone and wished them a “Happy New Year”.

## 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 December 11, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

**Motion #001-2019                      S. Greene/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held December 11, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## Business arising:

1. Councillor Young said she spoke to local pest control representative and was advised that regarding the issue of rats maybe Council could publish information to residents on how to deal with the issue. Mayor said that he also spoke to the same person and they didn’t think Badger had an issue with rats. Property owners experiencing problems with rodents are responsible to treat the problem.

### **Business arising continued:**

2. Councillor Greene said she contacted Superintendent of Transportation and Works, and was referred to Highway Enforcement then to the RCMP regarding the issue of tractor trailers parking on the TCH when patronizing a local business. This is not something Highways would deal with because it is a parking issue. While not wanting to have a negative effect on a local business this is a safety concern. The RCMP will make an effort to do more patrols in the area.
3. Discussion on establishing email transfer payment for residents. Councillor Greene contacted several banks regarding this issue. When the Clerk/Manager spoke to the Bank we couldn't use a separate email address for e-transfers we had to use the same email for our regular banking. Deferred for further discussion.

### **Discussion:**

1. Mayor welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting . New Year's greetings were exchanged. (6:35pm)

Fire Chief Loder gave his report.

They had two calls for service. Good response by members to the calls.

The vehicle from Hydro is being processed and should be here next week. Fire Chief will need Town's insurance information for that vehicle.

Fire Chief said things have been quiet with the Fire Department over the past month.

Discussion on responding to medical calls. Fire Chief said they will not respond to medical calls until an ambulance is called. During their last call the Fire Dept called the ambulance for the resident.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:46pm

### **Discussion continued:**

2. Mr Harry Noel, Acting Superintendent of Works, arrived at 6:46pm

Mayor Card welcomed Mr Noel to the meeting.

Harry gave his report:

All our equipment is working at this time.

Discussion on the issues with H. Wareham & Sons Ltd.

It was agreed that the Contractor was aware of the actions taken and it was only a temporary fix to turn the water back on for the local business. Contractor had to dig in the same area for the next service and was suppose to replace the temporary fix. It was not suppose to be a permanent fix.

Harry said that the front end loader we are purchasing from Town of Baie Verte will need two new batteries. We don't have any batteries that would work in that loader.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 6:55pm

### **Business Arising continued:**

4. The loan papers for the front end loader purchase were signed at the Bank of Montreal today. The purchase price was \$65,000 plus taxes.

5. Discussion on the request from Tony & Donna Huxter to purchase crown land. Mayor Card said he would check into the matter. The Mr & Mrs Huxter will have to get a survey completed for the land they wish to purchase.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Letter received from Unifund Insurance regarding a claim for damages at #13 Badger Drive, Badger stating that the Town maybe liable for water damage from a kitchen sink due to work on water and sewer line being carried on Badger Driver. Mayor Card said he tried to reach the insurance company because he knew about the issue. He also spoke to our engineering firm and they didn't see how the work being done in the area would be responsible for the damage incurred. Mayor will follow up with the insurance company.

## **Correspondence continued:**

2. Complaint received from 44 Maple Street stating that about a month ago when we had first big snowfall their back fence was damaged by the snow plow. Maintenance Department will assess the damage in the Spring.
3. Letter received from Janice Boone offering services such as Assessment Review Commissioner. Bryan Blackmore is the Town's Assessment Review Commissioner.
4. Thank you note received from Bill & Joan Foley thanking everyone for the time and effort put into making the Seniors Dinner such a lovely evening.

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/ Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated January 8, 2019 in the amount of \$95,423.06 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

### **Motion #002-2019 A. Young/N. Blackwood.**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated January 8, 2019 in the amount of \$95,423.06 for disbursement as presented.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

### **Motion #003-2019 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash disbursement dated January 8, 2019 in the amount of \$81.20 (office expense \$52.50 & Garage \$28.70) and \$92.34 (office expense).

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

3. Discussion on the purchase of the John Deere 544 front end loader for the Town of Baie Verte for \$65,000.00 plus taxes of \$9,750.00.

**Motion #004-2019                      N. Blackwood/A. Young**

Resolved that Council approve the \$74,750.00 expenditure to the Town of Baie Verte for the purchase of 544 John Deere front end loader.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. There was discussion on the issue of a problem with a pump in a lift station on Christmas Day. Mayor said that Harry contacted him because he was concerned that sewer was backing up and he couldn't get a local company to answer their phone. Deputy Mayor Butt was contacted to see if he had contact numbers for the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. Councillor Noseworthy felt all council should be made aware of these issue, not just the mayor and deputy mayor, so councillors are informed should they be asked questions by residents. Suggested sending a text message to councillors would keep them informed.

2. The deadline for the applications for Canada Summer Jobs funding is January 25, 2019. This funding is 50% from the Federal Government and 50% form the Municipality. It was agreed to applied similar to last year.

3. Discussion on ice rental rates at the Stadium. Recreation Hockey is minimum of \$50 per hour or \$5 per player; General Skating \$2 for children and \$3 for adults; Hourly rental for groups such as schools, churches, etc is \$75 per hour. The funds from the door are to be submitted to the Town Office on a monthly basis. Discussion held. It was agreed that the funds from the door should be submitted on a bi-weekly basis. Councillor Noseworthy will speak to Nicole Eddy, who is looking after the door receipts, regarding this issue. The doors at the Stadium were damaged and they are waiting in quotes for the repairs.

## **Other Business continued:**

4. Councillor Greene asked about the process for residents to get an invitation to the Senior's Christmas Social. They have to call the Town Office to register. This is on the public notice we post regarding the Christmas events.

A five minute recess was held 7:38pm to 7:43pm

5. Discussion on the outstanding invoice from Wareham's. Mayor said that Wareham's is willing to split the bill 50/50 with the town. The Town had to replace the asphalt in the area following the repairs. We will review the cost for the asphalt. It was agreed that Town should not pay this invoice. Mayor has been working with Exploits Engineering regarding this matter.

6. Discussion on the procurement of engineering services if the town wishes to engage a single consultant under the limited call for bids as identified in the new PPA regulations.

### **Motion #005-2019      S. Greene/N. Blackwood**

Be it resolved that the Town of Badger wishes to engage the Engineering Consultants Services/Architectural Services of Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltd to provide a Level of Effort price breakdown for the scope of work required to complete the engineering design work associated with the Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 18-MCW-19-00020. Formal Engineering Engagement of Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltd through a Prime Consultants Agreement will only occur if the pricing obtained for this service is considered fair and reasonable by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. Council will provide documentation as required by PPA and have this available to PPA representatives if required in the future.

**In favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; G. Hurley;  
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other Business continued:**

7. Sizing for the purchase of jackets for council and staff was completed.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #006-2019 N. Blackwood/A. Young.**

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

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

**Opposed 0.**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager