

Town of Badger

Minutes for the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present;	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Nicholas Blackwood Stephanie Greene Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Maintenance Man:	Harry Noel
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent;	Councillor:	Natasha Beaton
General Public:	Mr Roy Hobbs, Sr.	

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

Discussion:

Mayor Card welcome Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder presented his report.

-Fire Chief Loder said the Department was having some issues with pumper #2. It appears to be a problem with the carburetor on the unit. He will check with Mr Jason Hurley about the matter. There are problems with the rescue van as well. He advised that all units will need the commercial vehicle inspection completed.

-Fire Chief advised that motor vehicle incidents are down at present. He did speak to Marathon Gold regarding a financial contribution towards the purchase of a jaws-of-life unit. Fire Chief advised that he has submitted motor vehicle incidents reports in the amount of \$3,600. These were for the last year and a half. There are no report outstanding at this time.

-Fire Chief advised that practices are back on Wednesday nights.

Discussion continued:

-There has been no reply on the application for funding for SCAB's. Mayor Card said he would speak to Chris Tibbs regarding the matter.

-Fire Chief Loder wanted to thank Council for the good working relationship for the past four years of Council's term. Council also thanked Fire Chief Loder for his and the Department's work and support over its term.

-Discussion held on getting volunteers to assist with traffic control for funerals. Fire Chief said that 95% of the members are working and it is difficult to get people at times. He said they were considering seeking assistance from some honorary members. They have changed their meeting nights to Thursday so it doesn't affect members weekends.

-Fire School will be held in Gander in a couple of weeks. Fire Chief was not aware of anyone attending.

Deputy Mayor Butt again thanked Fire Chief Loder for the positive working relationship and mutual respect shown over the past four years.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:50pm

2. Maintenance Man, Harry Noel arrived at 6:50pm. Mr Noel gave his report.

-the equipment is running good

-they have the asphalt roller for Monday. Mr Noel felt it would take about a week to complete the asphalt work.

-General discussion.

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

3. Mr Roy Hobbs, Sr was there to speak about a safety concern he had about the location of a school bus stop near his property on Church Road. Discussion held. It was agreed that the bus shelter would be repositioned and barriers would be erected to allow pedestrian traffic only. Council thanked Mr Hobbs for bringing the issue forward. Mr Hobbs thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 7:05pm

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 on August 10, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #047-2021 A. Young/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of council held August 10, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

1. Information received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Amendment one time top up allocation in the amount of \$37,439.00. This amount is included in the town's 2021-2022 allocation. Discussion held.

Motion #048-2021 M. Noseworthy/N. Blackwood

Resolved that the Badger Town Council approve the funding amendment for the Federal-Provincial Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2019-2024 totaling \$277,526.00

Distribution: 2019-2020 - \$ 83,519.00
2020-2021 - \$ 37,440.00
2021-2022 - \$ 76,581.00
2022-2023 - \$ 39,143.00
2023-2024 - \$ 40,844.00
Total.....\$ 277,526.00

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

2. Notice received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advising that our MCW application for the Sanitary Sewer System Assessment and Repairs has been denied. Our application was determined to be ineligible given the maintenance nature of the scope. In discussion with the Central Regional Office it was suggested that the assessment of the sanitary sewer system should be considered for a project. This work would have to be done before repairs are considered. Discussion held.
3. Information received from Fire & Emergency Services on the Training School being held in Gander, October 2 to 8, 2021.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$43,547.68 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #049-2021 S. Greene/D. Butt

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$43,547.68 for disbursement as presented:

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #050-2021 D. Butt/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$89.65 (Garage \$34.50; Office Expense \$55.15)

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion on having the Softball plaques from Badger Day engraved. Adult is Nathan Mitchell; Intermediate - Ryder Hobbs and Youth is Kash Howell. Plaques will be taken to Stagg Signs for engraving.

2. Discussion on the \$10,000 community donation from Marathon Gold. Suggestions for its use included backdrop for the stage in the community centre, lighting the trestle; board walk around the playground; gazebo, improvements to the walking trail. It was decided to construct a gazebo.

Discussion on the location. It maybe to late for its construction this year. Mayor Card will contact Marathon Gold regarding the issue.

3. Councillor Blackwood wondering about a token of appreciation for the workers removing the doors from the school which will be used in the Stadium. Council had earlier agreed to give the School \$500 for the doors. General discussion held.

4. Mayor Card wondered about putting a streetlight on School Hill in the area where children slide during the Winter. The lighting would provide a safer environment for anyone in that area. He was also approached by a resident who wondered about a streetlight near the intersection of Route 370. Newfoundland Power was contacted about the School Hill area. We will have the two areas assessed when officials from Newfoundland Power are in the community.

Other Business continued:

5. Mayor Card gave Town Clerk/Manager her certificated for 35 years service issued by the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs. The 35 years was achieved April 9, 2020. Congratulations was extended from those present.

6. Mayor Card said that he had a call from Exploits Engineering regarding the Liftstation Rehabilitation Project. The Project has gone to tender. The earliest date for delivery of the chambers is December and given the scope of work they are recommending that work would be postponed until next year. All present were in agreement.

7. The Town will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Thursday, September 30, 2021. General discussion held.

8. Mayor Card thanked his fellow councillors for their support and work over the past four years of this Council's term. All present expressed their gratitude as well. Council will have a social on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Community Centre.

Adjournment:

Motion #051-2021 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;

N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager