

The Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Monday, November 24th, 2104 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present: Mayor: Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor: Paula Bridger
Councillors: Neil Penton
Darren Bennett
Blanche Mercer

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

Absent: Councillors: Rodney Howell (illness)
Colleen Paul (working)

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

-Scott advised that the pump house and lift stations are all working good.

-all the equipment is ready to go for the Winter. The backhoe only needs the back casing for the transmission so the price for repairs will be less than expected..

-we have a waterline leak on Badger Drive and Wareham's will be here next Wednesday or Thursday to do the repair work. We don't have the equipment to do a leak in this area of town.

-The Christmas Tree is up and Scott will see Perry Paul regarding his truck and trailer for the Santa Claus Parade.

-Discussion on the water supply at a property on Maple Street. The pressure is very low at this property. Scott said the water line was new from the mainline to the curb stop. He will check the pressure on the house and compare it with the pump house.

-Scott advised that there has been no work on the new water tank.

-working with supplier to get the lights and the Badger Monument working properly.

There being no further discussion Mr. Luscombe left he meeting at 7:50p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 4th, 2014 and the special meeting held November 17th, 2014 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Councillor Bennett wanted the following changes to minutes of November 4th page 3 #3 change public meeting to forum to discuss community involvement in creating volunteering and promote our Town.

Motion: #068-2014 B. Mercer/N. Penton.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4th, 2014 and the special meeting of November 17th, 2014 be adopted, as circulated and corrected.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. The propane company will be here next Thursday and Friday to install the propane equipment in community centre.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from Councillor Rodney Howell asking for a leave of absences from Council due to illness. Discussion held.

Motion #069-2014 N. Penton/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Councillor Rodney Howell be granted a three (3) month leave of absence from Council.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented a summary for the following reports:

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.

Motion #070-2014 P. Bridger/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approval the accounts payable journal, dated November 24, 2014 and totaling \$25,492.49.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #071-2014 P. Bridger/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated November 24, 2014 and totaling \$633.39.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

3. Councillor Neil Penton, Chairperson of the Finance Committee presented the proposed Operating Budget for 2015.

There are no proposed tax increases.

The following expenditures changes are proposed:

-Council remuneration will be increased by \$3,500 bringing annual remuneration for councillors to \$1,500 annually.

-6% wage increase for employees. Also, permanent employees will be given \$600 (six hundred dollars) over 2 (two) years for safety clothing/boots.

-\$5,000 will be added to the operation of the Fire Department to be used for training.

-\$2,000 as part of our Emergency Preparedness Plan for flat screen TV an laptop computer for the Emergency Operation Centre.

Finances continued:

-\$10,000 increase to vehicle and fleet maintenance to allow for the purchase of a pick up truck and the cost of maintaining aging equipment.

-\$3,550 increase in Garbage and Waste Collection and Disposal to offset fee increases made by Central Newfoundland Waste Management.

-\$2,000 in Tourism and Marketing to cover cost that may occur in the promotion of our community.

-\$5,000 in Recreation and Community Centres to cover the cost of equipment for the skateboard park.

General discussion held.

Motion #072-2014 N. Pentom/P. Bridger.

Resolved that the 2015 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented by the Finance Committee, with revenues and Expenditures totaling \$572,399.00.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. General discussion on preparations for Christmas events. We are working on the entertainment for the Senior's Christmas Social on Dec 5/14. It was agreed to hire mascots for one hour during the Breakfast with Santa on Dec 6/14.

2. Councillor Bennett said that he was in contact with Yield Communications regarding street signs and signage for the community.

3. Councillor Bennett proposed that the cemetery on Earle Street be designated an historical site. Discussion held.

Motion #073-2014 D. Bennett/B. Mercer.

Resolved that the Badger Town Council does hereby designate the cemetery on Earle Street as an historical site.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

4. Request received for a donation to the Christmas food hampers for families in need. Discussion held.

Motion #074-2014 N. Pention/B. Mercer.

Resolved that a donation of fifty dollars (\$50) be given to the Christmas Food Hampers Program in our community.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

5. Mayor advised that the Badger Riot will be designated as a Historical Event by the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 in St. Lawrence. The committee members have been invited to attend the event. Mayor and Town Manager will be leaving to attend the event tomorrow and returning on Thursday.

6. Our application to use Gas Tax Funding for Phase 2 of replacing water service laterals and to purchase Town Suite Municipal Software has been approved.

7. Request received from the Kinsmen of Bridgeport seeking a donation towards the purchase of a van for a lady confined to a wheelchair. Discussion held.

Motion #075-2015 D. Bennett/B. Mercer

Resolved that we make a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Kinsmen Club of Bridgeport for their van project.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

8. Discussion of issues regarding property owner on Main Street. Mayor said he had discussions with the property owner and advised that they write a letter to Council regarding the paving issue and the business plan for the property which states the exact plan for the property.

9. The proposal for the Community Investment Program with Teck Resources has not been completed to date.

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Other Business continued:

Mayor Patey advised that tonight's meeting was actually our December meeting; therefore, our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20th, 2015.

Adjournment:

Motion #076-2014 B. Mercer/N. Penton.

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager