

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 at 7:30PM in Council Chambers.

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

Also, present: Maintenance Man : Harry Noel
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

MP Scott Simms

Leave of Absence: Councillor: Rodney Howell.

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr. Harry Noel, Maintenance Man. Harry advised that there is trouble at the pump house again. Every time we have a power outage there is a problem with the pumps. They are hoping to have the system back up tomorrow. They have provisions in place if they have to deal with a fire in the community.
-the equipment is all up and running,
-water levels in the river were up today then dropped off again. He said that he drove down to the RV Park area around 5pm this evening which he couldn't do earlier today. General discussion on the families in the area and who are home or away.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 7:40PM

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Fire Chief, Clarence Young.

Fire Chief Young advised that they have volunteers in place for tonight and tomorrow night to do the river watch. They will work in shifts from midnight to 8:00am. Water levels have been rising and the Water Resources Division of the Dept of Environment wants a River Watch to monitor the situation. Councillor Paul wondered about blocking access to River Road and Beothuck Street for public safety. Fire Chief Young said that if we put up barricades he will need more volunteers to control them. He said they would monitor the area and keep people out.

Mayor Patey explained the situation at the pump house to the Fire Chief and the process to follow should we have to deal with a fire emergency in the community.

Fire Chief Young presented Council with a list of equipment the Teck Resources-Duck Pond Operation may be disposing of when their operation closes later this year. List reviewed and discussion held. Fire Chief Young said the Fire Dept is interested in the jaws of life, cold water rescue equipment, lifting bags, and the Jordair-compressor for filling their air tanks. He is not sure what cost would be involved in acquiring this equipment. Councillor Paul said that the Committee could work with the Fire Chief to complete the application. Councillor Bennett suggested Council would meet on February 24, 2015 to review the application before it is submitted.

Fire Chief Young said that the Fire Dept would also like to apply for funding from Fire and Emergency Services for new pagers. This would be done on 90/10 cost shared with the Provincial Government. Fire Chief will get the quote and complete the application for this funding for Council to submit.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 20th, 2015 and the special meeting held January 29th, 2015 with were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #008-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 20th, 2015 and the special meeting held January 29th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. The fill pipe has been installed in the new water tank. The contractor and our engineer are recommending that the tank not be filled with water until temperatures get warmer. Discussion held and it was agreed to follow the recommendation.

2. Mayor Patey said that he spoke to developer regarding request for crown land on TCH to construct a business. This business could create 12 to 14 jobs. Our engineer was unable to confirm the grade for the sewer in that area which would be required to service the land. Also, an application has to be made for the Crown Land. It was agreed to let the developer apply for the land with Council's support.

3. There has not been any further correspondence regarding the groomer. They will lease the land for the building from the Town for one dollar (\$1.00) per year. If the building were to be disposed of the Town would be given the first opportunity to acquire. If the Town decided not the purchase the building it would have to be removed from site.

Business Arising continued:

4. Councillor Bennett asked about changing the name of the section of Buchans Highway in the community to Badger Highway. Some houses are hard to find by emergency responders. Councillor Paul didn't understanding making the change given that all the residents on the street would have to change their addresses on all their identification and personal matters, which could be costly. Council had earlier agreed to erect a sign showing where numbers 58 to 64 Buchans Highway are located. Discussion held. It was agreed to leave the street name as is and have the sign printed and erected in the area.

Correspondence:

1. Quote received from Mario MacDonald, Exploits Engineering to inspect the steel beam structure of the Stadium. It will cost one thousand dollars (\$1,000) if completed by May 15, 2015. General discussion. It was agreed this work will be completed by May 15, 2015. Also, there will be an air quality test completed on the building as well. It was suggest that if the structure has to be taken down we could keep the ice surface for an outdoor rink.

Motion #009-2015 D. Bennett/B. Mercer

Resolved that Exploits Engineering Consultants be hired to do inspection of the steel beam structure of the stadium at a cost of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus tax.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

2. Information received from Central Newfoundland Waste Management regarding their new recycling and garbage collection program. They will mail information to residents regarding the program.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Motion #010-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated February 10th, 2015 and totaling \$20,298.72 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #011-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated February 10th, 2015 and totaling \$191.00 for disbursement as presented

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. The River Watch notice was placed on the Town Website. Councillor Paul said that we need the 2014 and 2015 Budgets and the minutes for the Website as well.
2. Letter was received from the Town of Buchans regarding our zamboni. Discussion held. It was agreed that we will keep the zamboni for now if we should decide to dispose of it will advise the Town of Buchans at that time. Letter will be acknowledged advising of Council's decision.
3. The propane equipment has been installed in the Community Centre and is ready for operation.
4. If there are any developments with the river water levels Council will be notified. General discussion held.

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Adjournment:

Motion #012-2015 B. Mercer/C. Paul.

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 at 7:30pm.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager