

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 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:	Councillor:	Colleen Paul (working)
Leave of Absence:	Councillor:	Rodney Howell

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Superintendent of Works, Scott Luscombe.

-Scott advised that the pump house is working good at 34lbs pressure. He said it would go to 42/43 lbs when the tank is in service. The contractor has to install a 40ft fill pipe in the new tank before they can start filling it with water. The water will be continually moving in the new tank. Contractor has concerns about filling the tank in cold weather. Mayor said this would be discussed later in the meeting.

-They repaired a waterline leak on Fourth Avenue. There are still several leaks to repair but they have to wait until the water comes through the ground. They tried to repair a leak on Badger Drive but they were unable to reach it and they were concerned that a section of the TCH may founder. They have to wait for the water table to go down before repairs can be completed on that line.

-Scott advised that he will be giving members of the Fire Department a tour of the pump house tomorrow night during their weekly practice. This will make them aware of the layout of the pump house. Mayor wondered about doing same at the Sewerage Treatment Plant. Scott said the Fire Department is familiar with that facility.

-Scott advised that they were doing their best to keep the potholes filled.

There being no further discussion Mr. Luscombe left the meeting at 7:45PM

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 24, 2014 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #001-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 24th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence:

1. A.---Letter received from Fire Chief Clarence Young advising that they had purchased oxygen system bag for the Fire Dept. They are not asking for any help with this matter. They felt the town could claim taxes on the purchase.

1. B.---Letter from Fire Chief Clarence Young advised that they purchased a battery for the defibrillator. It was agreed that is a regular maintenance issue.

1. C.—Letter from Fire Chief Clarence Young regarding the purchase of two spare pagers for the Fire Department. The pagers have been purchased and they are asking Council to consider paying for the pagers or cost sharing the purchase with the Fire Dept. Discussion held.

Motion #002-2015 N. Penton/B. Mercer

Resolved that we cover the payment of the two new pagers for our Fire Dept at a cost of \$1,141.30 purchased from Hitech Communications Ltd.

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

Correspondence continued:

2. Information received from Newfoundland Hydro regarding their TakeCharge of Your Town Program. General discussion. Deadline for the application is Jan 30, 2015. It was felt there may not be time to complete a proposal to meet the deadline. Councillor Bennett will look into the program. He will meet with Scott Luscombe this Thursday or Friday to tour town buildings to determine the number of lights to be replaced and the cost of replacing them with LED lighting.
3. Information received from Fire and Emergency Services on the application process for Fire Protection Vehicles and Firefighting Equipment Program. The Fire Department is interested in applying for some equipment. They will get the quotes required and Council will make the application. This funding is on the 90/10 basis.
4. Memo received from Municipal Assessment Agency updating their activities. Mayor Robert Hobbs of Bishop's Falls is now the Central Director for the Agency.
5. Letter received from a developer inquiring about purchasing land for a business venture in Badger. The land they are interested in is west of #43 Badger Drive. Discussion held on the ownership of the land and if the town would be able to provide water/sewer services to the land. Mayor said he would speak to our engineer, Mario McDonald, regarding the matter.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented a summary for the following reports:
AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.

Discussion on the electric bill for the Stadium, we will check to see if something is still running at the Stadium.

Motion #003-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council approve accounts payable journal, dated January 20, 2015 and totaling \$345,165.99.

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

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #004-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated January 20, 2015 and totaling \$763.08.

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

Other Business:

1. Discussion on an email from Rob Kearley of Exploits Engineering regrading filling the new water tank during cold temperatures. The earliest the tank can be filled is the second week in February. They are suggesting we delaying filling the tank until the middle of March to the end of March when temperatures are warmer. Mr. Kearley suggests waiting but it's entirely up to the town and Greatario has indicated that they will abide by the town's decision. General discussion. Some felt that it was not our fault that the contractor took so long to complete the work and felt that the water would not freeze. There was also concern that the contractor would not come back when scheduled and would delay the project even longer. Others expressed concern for liability should the water freeze and damage the tank. Our engineer is suggesting we wait so should we go against their recommendations. Mayor felt we should get a second opinion. Mayor said he would contact Dan Hynes of the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Mario McDonald tomorrow regarding the matter. He felt that we shouldn't have to wait any longer on the completion of this project.

It was agreed this matter will be discussed again at our February meeting because the tank will not be ready to start filling until the middle of February.

2. Information was received from the Federal Government regarding the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Flag on February 15th, 2015. General discussion held. It was agreed that since this will be a long weekend for school children it may be difficult to get people to attend an event given that February 15th is on a Sunday.

Other Business continued:

3. Councillor Bennett presented a copy of a design for the new community signs. He contacted Yield Communications and they assisted him with the design. All present agreed with the sign design. The Tree in the design represents our community very well. There will be three signs two for TCH and one for Buchans Highway as well as signs for our 20 streets.

4. Councillor Bennett proposed changing the name of Buchans Highway to Badger Highway, on section in the community until you get to town limits on Buchans Highway. He was concerned that it is very difficult to find his and several other properties located on Buchans Highway. Council has agreed to have a sign constructed to indicate where #58 to #64 Buchans Highway are located. The TCH is call Badger Drive so there maybe some confusion caused. Matter deferred to our February meeting.

5. Mayor Patey said that he had a meeting with our MHA, Hon Susan Sullivan. She is working on our request for funding for Phase 2, service line replacement. Other issues discussed included the up coming provincial budget and reducing the number of seats in the House of Assembly. 6. Mayor Patey said that he was approached by residents regarding having ice put in the Stadium. He explained that given the cost of operation it is not feasible to put ice in the Stadium. There were some questions about the condition of the building and air quality. It was decided that we will have inspections carried out on the building to determine if there are any issues that need to be addressed. Mayor Patey will speak to our engineer, Mario McDonald, regarding this matter. It was felt that we could flood part of the multi court or the ballfield to provide an area for skating. This will depend on weather conditions and volunteer help.

7. Discussion on our CEEP grant funding. There are still hours available; however, no workers are available.

8. Our Christmas events all went very good. Our maintenance man, Harry Noel, suggested that we consider having the judging of the Light Up for Christmas Contest when we have the Santa Claus Parade. That way the houses will have their lights on during the parade. It was agreed this was a good idea.

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Adjournment:

Motion #005-2015 N. Penton/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager