

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, November 4th, 2014 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: Superintendent of Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

Absent: Councillor: Rodney Howell (illness)

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.
 - Scott advised that the pump house and the lift stations are all working good.
 - The transmission casing on the backhoe has to be replaced. Parts are ordered and we will have the machine floated to the shop in Grand Falls-Windsor for repairs.
 - They are working on keeping the potholes filled.
 - There is one water line leak that they are aware of and its on the TCH at a curbstop.
 - The tire for the cat loader should be repaired tomorrow.
 - The community bonfire is set for 7:00PM tomorrow evening.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 14th, 2014 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #062-2014 B. Mercer/D. Bennett

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 14th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business Arising:

1. Mr. John Baird is still working on the Municipal Plan process. He will keep Council informed on the progress.
2. Letter was written to property owner about conditions at his salvage yard. He will be given 30 days to comply with Council's request. Councillor Paul had a call from the complainant regarding the issue. Council also sent a letter to the complainant regarding the matter. Complainant told Councillor Paul that if the issue is not resolved he was calling the media and the Dept of Environment.

Committee Reports:

1. Councillor Paul advised that the website is ready and she will do presentation at the end of the meeting.
2. Councillor Penton advised that the Finance Committee had one meeting regarding the 2015 operating Budget. There will be another meeting next week. The Committee plans to present the proposed Budget for 2015 during the regular meeting scheduled for November 25th, 2014.

Committee Reports continued:

3. Councillor Bennett said that he had a presentation on branding our community; however, there was an issue with the projector. Councillor Bennett felt that involving the youth and the general public would be the best way to go. He said he wanted to have a public meeting to discuss the issue with residents. He was advised that Council has to approve the branding of the community. Getting ideas is fine; however, the final approval has to come from Council. He wondered about having a facebook page for tourism. Council felt that the new website would take care of that. Also, anything that goes on the website must be approved by Council first.

4. Councillor Mercer said that Recreation Committee is working on the Christmas events.

5. Mayor Patey read an email from the engineers regarding the asphalt patching and the new water tank. Mayor Patey will contact the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs regarding the matter tomorrow. Council is tired of the excuses and wants this work completed as soon as possible. Mayor will also speak to our MHA. Hon Susan Sullivan about the matter. It was agreed to give the contractors until this Friday to have the issues corrected.

Correspondence:

1. A Ballot for the position of Central Director has been received from the Municipal Assessment Agency. Discussion held. Council had earlier supported Robert Hobbs, Mayor of Bishop's Falls for the position. Mayor Hobbs is running again. All present agreed to vote for Mayor Robert Hobbs for the position of Central Director.

Correspondence continued:

Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger was excused from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

2. Letter received from Avoca Collegiate requesting a donation for their Breakfast Program. Discussion held.

Motion #063-2014 B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the Breakfast Program at Avoca Collegiate.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0: CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Bridger returned to the meeting.

3. A notice received from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs regarding public tendering procedures that must be followed for Gas Tax Projects. Discussion held.

4. Information received from the Dept of Environment regarding an application they received for a quarry permit. Discussion held. The quarry location is out side Town limits.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Motion #064-2014 P. Bridger/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated November 4, 2014 and totaling \$15,436.35.

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

Finances continued:

2. Motion #065-2014 P. Bridger/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated November 4, 2014 and totaling \$302.50 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. The Maintenance Crew has winterized the Stadium.
2. The Flue Shot Clinic will be held in the Community Centre on Nov 13 from 1pm to 7pm.
3. Each councillor received a copy of the menu for the Mount Peyton on November 19, 2014, they must be returned to the Town Office by Friday, November 14, 2104.
4. List of Christmas events attached.
5. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked if we could get an update from the developer on the status of the subdivision development. General discussion. The developer is working within the contract requirements.
6. Propane Services are working on the installation of the propane equipment in the Community Centre.
7. We have applied for funding under the Community Employment and Enhancement Program to extend the walking trail along the bank of Little Red Indian River. If we are approved notices will be placed around town for workers. Applicants must have a minimum of 20 hours work to qualify.
8. Councillor Mercer asked if veterans are invited into the Community Centre for the lunch served following the Remembrance Day Service. She said she was approached by a veteran who said he was never invited. It was explained that the MC for the Service makes the announcement following the Service because we are not aware of veterans that may be attending. Councillor Colleen Paul will do the Flander's Fields reading this year because Councillor Mercer is unable to attend the Service. Mayor will lay wreath for the Town and MP Scott Simms, Deputy Mayor will lay wreath for Hon Susan Sullivan and Councillor Paul will lay a wreath in memory of Cpl Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent. We will contact veteran Cyril Hurley to see if he is attending the Service.

Other Business continued:

9. Our auditor was here and did our audit; however, she cannot complete the audit until she has the books from the Fire Department. We are waiting for treasurer to return home.

10. The maintenance workers will be asked to put markers on the new guard rail on the side of Memorial Drive.

11. Mayor Patey said that he attended a meeting with Central Newfoundland Waste Management. There was a discussion on the curbside collections. Other towns are using garbage containers as well as placing it at the curb covered for pick-up. CNWM is increasing its fees for 2015 – tipping fees will go from \$117.00 to \$122.00 and the household fee will go from \$74 to \$77. The Budget Committee will consider these fees in the preparation of the 2015 Budget. Also, they are planning changing to transparent garbage bags and they will send notices to residents regarding this process.

12. Discussion on the boundaries for our Fire Department with the new 911 Service. All present agreed with the map presented. Communication/Public Protection Committee will work with the Fire Department in the new year to get their Assessment completed and sent to government.

13. Bio Maxx Wastewater Solutions Inc regarding the testing of effluent from the flow meter at the sewerage treatment plant. This is part of the Federal Wastewater Regulations. The testing will cost \$495 quarterly and must be done for one year. The cost quoted does not include taxes, shipping, etc. We are required to comply with these Regulations.

14. Councillor Paul did presentation of the new website for the Town of Badger developed by Yield Communication. All present were pleased with the site. The Site is set to go live on Friday of this week.

Adjournment:

Motion #066-2014 B. Mercer/N. Penton.

Resolve that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting closed at 9:45PM

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager