

MARCH MINUTES 2015

Town of Badger

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

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

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

Absent:	Councillor:	Neil Penton (illness)
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Mayor Patey welcomed Councillor Howell back following his illness.

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.
 - Scott advised that the bearings are gone in the snowblower. They are having problems finding new bearings.
 - The pump house is working good now. We have issues when there is a power outage.
 - There are leaks on Maple Street and Badger Drive. The Badger Drive leak will have to wait until the water table goes down which maybe June. We did try repairing it earlier; however, were unable because the water table was to high. When we repair that leak water will have to be turned off for at least 12 hours.
 - They are monitoring the lift station on Badger Drive all the others are working good .
 - They are have a difficult time deal with potholes right now because they are unable to get material for filling them. They will continue to monition the situation.

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

Councillor Darren Bennett was excused to attend family service for the late Gerald McDonald.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10th, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #013-2015

C. Paul/P. Bridger

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 10th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Minutes from February 10th, 2015 back to October 14th, 2014 will now be posted to the Town Website.

Business Arising:

1. They are waiting for warmer temperatures before they can commission the new water tank.
2. Mayor said that he spoke to the person hoping to develop a new business on the TCH. They have approval from the Dept of Transportation and Works for access. Council is supporting this development and will assist where possible to get the project moving.

Correspondence:

1. Request received from Fire Chief Clarence Young requesting the purchase of two pagers for the Fire Department. Council approved the purchase of two pager during its meeting on January 20th, 2015. Councillor Paul asked if Council knew the financial position of our Fire Dept. Council does not have that information. She said that in her research with Fire and Emergency Services our Fire Department is responsible to submit monthly reports to Council regarding attendance, finances, training, etc. Councillor Howell said that they are volunteers and good luck with getting monthly reports. The Fire Chief indicates in his letter that the Fire Department is willing to cost share the purchase of the pagers. General discussion continued. It was felt that our Fire Department is responsible to Council and Council should be informed on its operation. Mayor Patey asked Councillor Paul, Chairperson of the Communication and Public Protecting Committee to have a meeting with the Fire Chief to request the information and she can then inform Council. Quarterly reports from our Fire Department would be satisfactory.

Motion #014-2015 R. Howell/C. Paul

Resolved that Council purchase two (2) pagers for our Fire Department on a 50/50 cost shared basis with our Fire Department. These pagers will be purchased from Hitech Communications Ltd.

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

2. Letter received from Exploits Valley Development Association regarding financial assistance for the operation of the Tourist Chalet in 2015. General discussion. Given that there is still some uncertainty on the operation it was agreed to defer this issue for the time being.

Correspondence continued:

3. Request received from the Professional Municipal Administrators seeking a donation for their annual convention being held in Corner Brook from April 15-17, 2015. Town Clerk/Manager will attend the convention.

Motion #015-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger.

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the Professional Municipal Administrators Annual Convention being held in Corner Brook April 15-17, 2015.

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

4. Letter received from the Town of Appleton expressing their deepest sympathies to council and the families on the recent tragic loss in our community.

Council expressed its condolences to Councillor Blanche Mercer at the loss of her son.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Items reviewed. Inspection of the Stadium will be completed in early May. We have to know if the Building is structural sound and the air quality meets regulations.

Motion #016-2015 C. Paul/R. Howell

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated March 10th, 2015 and totaling \$97,184.84 for disbursement as presented.

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

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #017-2015 C. Paul/R. Howell

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated March 10th, 2015 totaling \$317.55 for disbursement as presented.

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

3. Discussion on the 2013 Financial Statements prepared by our auditor, Lori K. Mercer, Chartered Accountant. Our 2014 audit will begin on April 7th, 2015.

Motion #018-2015 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that the 2013 Financial Statements prepared Lori K. Mercer, Chartered Accountant be adopted as presented.

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

4. Discussion on application to use our gas tax funding for our 10% share of paving Main Street, Church Road and Sunset Drive.

Motion #019-2015 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$62,124.00, the Municipal Contribution, for road upgrading and paving of Church Road, Main Street, and Sunset Drive. Tenders to be called in Spring of 2015.

**In Favor: Mayor Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger
Councillor Rodney Howell
Councillor Colleen Paul
Councillor Blanche Mercer**

Opposed: 0 Abstained 0.

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Other Business:

1. General discussion on the new regulations for garbage collection. The recycling and sorting of garbage will be fully enforced at the end of March.
2. Discussion on Badger Day activities for this year. It was felt we should make some changes for this year's activities. It was felt we should get away from the booths and have things such as bouncy castles, face painting, and other attractions for children. Deputy Mayor Bridger also suggested a Gospel Concert on Sunday afternoon. It was agreed this was a good idea.
3. Councillor Howell wondered about renumbering the even side of Maple Street because of the confusion caused by 12 A, B, C, D, and E and they are not in order. He was approached by a resident who is effected by the number/letter given to his property. Discussion held. This could cause problems with the new 911 emergency system. It was decided to contact Municipal Assessment Agency regrading getting the process started to renumber the even side of Maple Street.
4. Councillor Howell wondered about a complaint from a resident about his garbage not being collected. Clerk/Manager spoke to Mr Ed Evens regarding this issue and he is not sure why this resident's garbage is not being collected. The resident seems to think it's because of his earlier complaints. Clerk/Manager said any time garbage is missed and resident calls town's employees will pick it up.
5. Each councillor received a copy of the first draft of the Municipal Plan prepared by Mr John Baird, Baird Planning Associates. Mr Barid would like to meet with Council to discuss the Draft. It was agreed that we would have a meeting on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 at 7:00PM regarding the First Draft of the Municipal Plan.

Adjournment

Motion #020-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.