

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

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

Absent: Councillor: Blanche Mercer (working)

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Harry Noel, Maintenance Man.

-Harry advised that the town pick up truck needs to be replaced. They have been looking but haven't found anything.

-Equipment is working good.

-The new computer has been installed at the pump house. There is no surge protector on the system. Harry explained that we are not getting power surges but the problem occurs when there is a power outage. It was agreed that we should contact Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland Hydro to see if there is anything they can do to help the town with this matter. We maybe able to use our gas tax funds to purchase surge protection equipment. General discussion continued. All the contractors regarding the new tank and pump house will be here next week and we need to get this issue corrected.

-The lift stations are working good.

-They have several waterline leaks to repair. The one on Badger Drive will have to wait until the water table goes down. It maybe July or August before they can do that leak. Local business man offered his excavator to do the repair. It was agreed we could rent the machine when we are ready to do the work.

Discussion continued:

-It is difficult but they are working on filling potholes with asphalt. Councillor Bennett suggested removing the asphalt on some sections of the street. Mr Noel said that would cause more mud and you have to deal with the frost in the ground as well. Maintenance crew will work to keep the situation under control.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 7:55PM

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 10th, 2015 and the special meeting held March 24th, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #021-2015 N. Penton/P. Bridger

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 10th, 2015 and the special meeting of Council held March 24th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business Arising:

- the new water tank will be commissioned beginning next week.
- Councillor Paul spoke to Fire Chief Clarence Young and they will have a meeting to discuss reports that Council should be receiving regarding our Fire Dept's operations.
- The inspection of the Stadium will take place early in May. We will have to look at activities for Badger Day if we are unable to use the Stadium.
- the tending for paving Main Street, Sunset Drive and Church Road is being handled by our engineers and the Dept of Municipal Affairs.
- The developer wanting to open a coffee shop on the TCH may have to apply for the block of crown land. They have been unsuccessful in obtaining another property to date.

Correspondence:

1. Correspondence received from the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs approving our Capital Investment Plan for paving project - Church Road \$21,156.94; Sunset Drive \$21,093.00 and Main Street \$19,874.06 this represents Council's 10% share of the project.
2. MNL Municipal Awareness Day will be held Wednesday, May 6th, 2015. Discussion held. Deputy Mayor Bridger, Councillors Penton and Bennett will be available. It was agreed we will do lunch for students at Avoca Collegiate and "Open House" for the general public on Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We will ask our Fire Department to joint us for the "Open House."
3. Information received from MMSB regarding funding for community waste diversion projects. General discussion held. It was agreed that Councillor Paul would contact MMSB regarding this issue.

Finances:

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

Ap Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.

Items reviewed.

Motion #022-2015

D. Bennett/N. Penton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated April 14th, 2015 totaling \$178,843.22 for disbursement as presented.

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

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #023-2015 D. Bennett/N. Penton.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, date April 14th, 2015 totaling \$451.38 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. Councillor Bennett wondered about having youth involved with Badger Day activities. The same people are doing it every year and it would be nice to get the youth involved and he felt that would get their parents involved as well. General discussion. Councillor Bennett will work with Councillor Mercer, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee on this issue.
2. Councillor Bennett suggested we get the youth involved with a community garden to grow vegetables and they can sell them in the Fall. He suggested contacting the Roman Catholic Church regarding a piece of land for the garden. General discussion held.
3. Councillor Bennett presented the graphics for the new town signs. There will be three large signs for the highway entrances and forty street signs. He is working on quotes for these signs. Once the quotes are received Council will make a decision on the matter.
4. Mayor Patey advised the Exploits Chamber of Commerce is having a dinner honoring Larry Bartlett of Teck Resources. The dinner will be held on Thursday, April 16th, 2015 at 6pm at the Legion in Grand Falls-Windsor. The tickets are \$30 each. Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Bennett and Paul will attend. Spouse can attend as well.

5. Discussion on the new provincial electoral boundary changes. The new proposal puts Badger, Buchans Junction, Millertown, and Buchans in the district of Exploits and this district is located on both sides of the district of Grand Falls-Windsor. General discussion. It was agreed that we want to stay with the district of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans. Mayor Patey has a meeting with the mayors of the other communities involved regarding the matter. Mayor Derm Corbertt of Buchans has agreed to make the presentation on behalf of the communities at the upcoming public hearings on the issue.

Adjournment:

Motion #024-2015 N. Penton/C. Paul

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager