

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillor:	Neil Penton

## Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

1. Scott advised that the equipment was working good. He asked about a pick up truck. Mayor said this matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

2. Scott advised that #1 well has been turned off because it is contaminated with iron sludge. Mayor spoke to our engineers and the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs regarding the problem. We can't use the well because this sludge would ruin our system. Mayor advised that we are working on only one well making this an emergency situation. He has our engineers working on a submission to government for the new well. There is an existing well that can be re-drilled from 6" to 8" at an estimated cost of between \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

3. Scott advised that the main lift station is still down. They are waiting for the pumps to be repaired. They had to have Horwood's come from Grand Falls-Windsor with their aquatic truck to take a number of loads of sewer from the lift station to keep it operational.

4. They have been trying to keep the potholes filled until the paving contractor arrives. It takes one and a half hours to melt a load of asphalt.

### **Discussion continued:**

5. One of the leaks on the TCH has been repaired. Scott advised that they were working with a hole 45 feet wide and 13 feet deep. He said they started at 8am and finished at 4pm. Discussion on the other leak on TCH which involves a light pole and having trees removed. Scott advised that the water table is high in the area again so we have to wait until conditions improve.
6. Councillor Paul commended Scott for his work with Badger Day and the challenges of working with the summer student employees. All present agreed.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:50pm.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9<sup>th</sup>, and the special meetings of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting

**Motion #043-2015          B. Mercer/C. Paul**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the special meetings of Council held June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

### **Business arising:**

1. Letter was written to resident of Maple Street advising that his request to acquire crown land for a hobby farm did not meet the requirements of the Town's Municipal Plan. Resident did not reply to the correspondence.

## **Business continued:**

2. Councillor Bennett wondered why Council decided not to send a youth to the youth section of the MNL Annual Convention in Gander in November. Mayor explained that there were a limited number of seats and after a discussion it was decided to review the issue again next year.
3. Our lawyer did contact Mr George Butt and he did publish the apology in the Advertiser and on his Facebook page. Copy has also been posted at Cashin's Foodtown and at the Town Office.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Approval received from the Dept of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs to award Project #17-MCW-15-00058 Road Upgrading & Paving to Exploits Valley Paving Ltd in the amount of \$453,591.04.
2. Notice received from the Dept of Justice and Public Safety for the approval of a Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant in the amount of \$7,119.00 on a 90/10 provincial/municipal cost shared basis.
3. Notice received from Central Newfoundland Waste Management that effective September 1, 2015 they will be imposing a tipping fee increase to \$180.00 a tonne for any unsorted waste coming to any of the CNWM sites. CNWM have a band on accepting black bags at any of its sites.
4. Discussion on MNL Convention registration which is being held in Gander November 5-7, 2015. The deadline for registration is October 9, 2015. Allocation of 2 rooms per registered municipality.
5. Letter received from a resident expressing their concerns about the appearance of some areas and properties in the community. Discussion held regrading some disparaging remarks in the correspondence. Councillor Paul had drafted a response which she read to Council. All present were in agreement with the reply drafted by Councillor Paul and it will be forwarded to the resident.

## **Correspondence continued:**

6. Information received from the Premier's Office regarding Government's Growth Strategy. This information is also available on the Government Web Site.

## **Finances:**

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.

Items Reviewed.

**Motion #044-2015      B. Mercer/C. Paul**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, totaling \$95,735.08 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

**Motion #045-2105      B. Mercer/C. Paul.**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 totaling \$175.83 for disbursement as presented.

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

## **Other Business:**

1. Letter received from Carol Ann Roberts, Relief Clerk with the Town of Badger regarding an incident with Councillor Bennett during the Badger Day activities on Sunday August 2/15. Discussion held and Council had no objection to Councillor Paul staying for the discussion. Ms Roberts states in her letter that Councillor Bennett approached her and informed her that he had made the decision to have Brady Bennett and Jacob May clean up

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the ballfield area and he would give them a day off for that work. It was explained that he does not have the authority to designate work to the students or give them time off. Councillor Paul said this was the same as when she approached the school board on an issue before it was discussed by Council. Councillor Bennett said that the field was in a mess and he didn't have contact numbers for the other students so he picked those students. Councillor Bennett said that last year Badger Day there was a mess around the field. Normally the students work the booths and play ball and the clean-up is done when they return to work after Badger Day. It was explained that if you wanted students to do something on Badger Day that should have been done through the Town Office before Badger Day. Councillor Bennett said he didn't tell the students they would have the day off. Town Manager advised that the student said they were given the Friday after Badger Day off and they did not report for work. Jacob May did come to the Town Office that morning at 9:15 am and advised that Uncle Darren told him he could pick up his cheque any time that day. Councillor Bennett said that the YC Group who did the food concession on the field was told by Carol Ann to do it only on Saturday. Councillor Paul asked Councillor Bennett if he had advised Pastor Young that the food concession on Badger Day would be given to the YC Group. Pastor Young was a little upset because they had to paid the \$50 fee for the concession. This has been the policy for dealing with concessions and others have paid it in the past. Discussion continued.

2. Councillor Mercer thanked the Town for what they did on Badger Day to remember her son, the late Harold May, Jr. The Softball Tournament was renamed in his honor and plaque will be presented annually. Councillor Mercer and family is very appreciative of the Town's efforts.
3. Letter received from resident regarding their recently purchasing a property for family member; however, the property is legally in their name and if it would be possible for family member to pay the property/water/sewer taxes

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instead of the poll tax. Regulations require that registered property owners are responsible for the property/water/sewer taxes and non-property owners pay poll tax. General discussion.

Letter will be acknowledged advised there is nothing Council can do regarding this matter.

4. Deputy Mayor Bridger suggested that the Town Depot be cleaned up. Mayor agreed that there was a mess there and the Maintenance Crew will be asked to clean up the Depot. Mayor said he and the Fire Chief were looking at an area next to the Town Depot to construct a training pad for the Fire Department.

5. The pump track has been installed in the Skateboard Park. Mayor Patey had information on having ramps made for the Skate Board Park at a local correctional facility. He will check into the matter.

6. Mayor and Town Clerk/Manager signed the final documents for the Town of Badger Municipal Plan 2015-2025 and the Town of Badger Development Regulation 2015-2025 which were adopted by Council during a meeting held June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

7. The water service lateral replacement project is set to begin the first week of September.

8. The guide rail on Memorial Drive needs to be repaired and painted. Also, check to ensure there are reflectors on the rail near the Ted Patey Heritage Park.

9 Councillor Bennett advised that he is working on a couple of projects under the Canadian Heros Program. General discussion.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #046-2015      B. Mercer/P. Bridger**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30PM

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm