

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

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

Absent: Councillor: Darren Bennett (illness)

Discussion:

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

-Scott advised that the water system is working good with 43lbs pressure. System will cut in when the pressure goes down to 32 lbs.

-The main lift station on Main Street is out of order. The two pumps have been taken out and shipped to Flotech. He has a temporary repair until the pumps have been returned. He is waiting on the quote to repair the pumps.

-All the other equipment is working good.

-The clean up will finish this Friday. There were still people bringing items to the depot. There was some confusion about the items we were taking at curbside. They have some vehicles they will be picking up on Friday, as well.

-Boil order is still in place due to the water service lateral work to be completed this Summer. Also, there is a main line leak on the TCH that requires repairs which would also require a boil order be put in place.

-With regards to the water line leak on the TCH it was agreed to see if we can get a contractor to complete that repair as soon as possible.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors of omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 and the special meeting held June 1, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #033-2015 N. Penton/R. Howell

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 and the special meeting of Council held June 1, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business Arising:

1. The evaluation report completed on the Stadium by Exploits Engineering has been received. There were no major structural problems with the Stadium. However, there are a number of repairs required that could be very costly. There was discussion on funding options that maybe able to assist with the repairs. Including repairs to the roof and interior of the Building . General discussion on what to do with the building because at the present time it is not generating any revenue. It was felt that a survey should be sent to the residents of the community to get their opinion on what should happen to the stadium. Discussion on the possibility for taking the building down and having an outdoor rink. It was agreed that councillors would do some research and have a special meeting to discuss the survey that would be sent to residents regarding the Stadium.
2. Deadline for applications for the student employment grants is June 19, 2015. Work will begin on June 29, 2015.
3. With regards to the new signs for the Town, Mayor Patey advised Councillor Bennett and himself looked at the sites for the new signs and they determined that the larger signs are need for the TCH. He also advised that we could purchase 2-8'X12' and 1-5'X10' for extra \$500 with the total cost of the signs would be 2,450 plus taxes.

Business Arising continued:

3. Discussion continued.

Motion #034-2015 R. Howell/B. Mercer

Resolved that we purchase two-8'X12' and one-5'X10' welcome signs for the Town at a cost of \$2,450.00 plus tax.

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

4. The Electoral Boundaries Committee has agreed to place Badger, Buchans Junction, Millertown and Buchans back in the District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans.

Correspondence:

1. Each councillor received a copy of the Dept of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs - Community Sustainability Partnership information. Discussion held.
2. Gander International Airport seeking letter of support in their efforts to secure a new air terminal building. Discussion held. All agreed that Mayor Patey would write letter of support.
3. Request was received to support the "Ride for Sight" by placing ad in the Advertiser. The sponsor ad is \$55 and \$10 of that will be donated to the "Ride for Sight". General discussion. All present agreed to support the request.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.

Items reviewed.

Motion #035-2015 B. Mercer/N. Penton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated June 9th, 2015 totaling \$52,381.77 for disbursement as presented.

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

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #036-2015 B. Mercer/N. Penton.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated June 9th, 2015 totaling \$174.71 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business

1. Request was received from resident of Maple Street to acquire crown land located near his Maple Street property. It was decided to contact Mr John Baird of Baird Planning Associates to confirm that it meets the requirements of the new Municipal Plan.
2. Southern Labrador/Strait of Belle isle Community Youth Network follow-up to presentation at the recent MNL Symposium in Gander regarding involving youth in municipal planning and governance. They are requesting the Town's support to enable a youth from our community to participate in the Building Communities For Tomorrow Youth Conference planned for Gander, November 5-7,2015 in conjunction with MNL Annual Convention. Discussion held. Matter was deferred until next year.
3. Discussion on comments made on Social Media by George Butt following a house fire in the community on May 22, 2015. His comments regarding no water pressure implied that the Town was at fault because the house was destroyed. We did contact our lawyer regarding the matter and she suggested Council may wish to demand a public retraction of the allegation as well as a public apology. Mayor Patey said that he spoke to our Fire Chief and they did not have any issue with water. The Fire Dept had nine lines running from one pumper plus our other pumper and a pumper from Grand Falls-Windsor. Discussion held. It was agreed to have our lawyer contact Mr Butt and demand

Other Business continued:

the retraction and a public apology to be printed in the Advertiser and on his Facebook Site for the comment he made regarding this matter.

4. Discussion on who would be attending the function at the stadium in Grand Falls-Windsor on Thursday of this week sponsored by Teck Resources.

5. General discussion on the paving contract. Council wants work completed as soon as possible.

6. Discussion on residential land development. It appears the contractor's lawyer was questioning an issue of agriculture permit that had been issued in that area.

7. Mr John Baird, who is completing our Municipal Plan, advises that he is waiting on written release of the Plan from the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs before the process can proceed.

8. Discussion on events planned for Badger Day. The celebrations will be held July 31 to August 2, 2015, with Saturday, August 1, 2015 being Badger Day. Councillor Mercer said that she would prefer not to be in charge of the events this year. Mayor Patey said that he would speak to Councillor Bennett about Chairing the Badger Day events this year. Councillor Bennett had earlier suggested getting the youth involved in the community. Mayor said he would speak to Fire Chief Young regarding the beer garden and the Badger Day dance. Councillor Paul volunteered to organize the pageants. Deputy Mayor Bridger will organize the Gospel Concert on Sunday afternoon. Council will serve a community breakfast on Saturday morning before the parade. It was agreed that we would have a Company do the events in the stadium for the children and this would include bouncy castles, face painting, cotton candy, animal balloons etc. it was agreed to charge each child a \$20 fee for the day. General discussion continued. It was suggested that it maybe better for Council to apply for funding to upgrade the ballfield rather than roof of the Stadium.

9. Mayor advised that our next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in August. There will be a special meeting on June 22, 2015 to select students for summer employment.

10. It was agreed that we would send a fruit basket and flowers to Susan Sullivan, our MHA.

Adjournment

Motion # 037-2015 B. Mercer/N. Penton

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Managerr