

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at 7:25pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:

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

Also, present;

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

Discussion:

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

-Scott advised that the new water tank has been filled with water. They have been doing chlorine testing around town and will forward the readings to Service NL. After that Service NL will do their testing. General discussion held.

-Scott advised that they are still melting asphalt to fill in potholes around town.

-All town equipment is working good.

-Scott reminded Council that the sewerage treatment plant needs to be cleaned and the lift station on the Badger Drive is not working on automatic.

-Mayor asked if there were any streetlights not working. Mr Luscombe said that he was not aware of any.

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 April 14th, 2015 and the special meeting of Council held April 22nd, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #025-2015 D. Bennett/N. Penton.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 14th, 2015 and the special meeting of Council held April 22nd, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

In Favor 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Councillor Bennett had the quotes for new town signs to be erected on the TCH and Buchans Highway. We need three signs. The 5' X 10' signs are a total of \$1,950 and the 8' X 12' signs will cost a total of \$3,600 plus tax. Landscaping the sites for the signs will cost extra. Councillor Bennett felt we should go with the bigger signs because they would be easier to see. A lengthy discussion was held on which size of signs to purchase. Mayor asked each councillors to vote on their choice which resulted in Councillors Bennett and Howell voting for the 8' X 12' signs and Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Paul, Penton and Mercer voting for the 5' X 10' signs. The 5' X 10' signs will be purchased. Councillor Bennett was asked to drop of the quotes to the Town Office and a purchase order must be issued before the signs are ordered.
2. Councillor Paul asked about the inspection on the Stadium. Our maintenance crew advised that there is still ice in the areas that need to be inspected. The inspection is now scheduled for the week of May 25th, 2015.
3. Councillor Paul advised that she has not had an opportunity to have a meeting with Fire Chief Young regarding the reports required by Council as discussed in an earlier meeting.

Business arising:

4. Mayor Patey advised that he had a meeting with Mr Glenn Fisher of Newfoundland Power regarding the issues at the pump house when there is a power outage. They will send their technicians to inspect the site to see if there is anything wrong with the power supply. Pennecon advised our maintenance crew that they changed files in the computer setup system so that when the pump kicks in after a power outage it does not go to maximum power immediately.

5. Mayor Patey said that the report on the electoral boundaries changes will be given to Government on June 9th, 2015.

6. Mayor Patey said that regarding the Special Meeting of April 22nd, 2015 and councillors dealing with issues before they are discussed by Council. Each Councillor was given a copy of the roles and responsibilities section of a presentation prepared by the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs. Town Clerk/Manager spoke to the Dept's Regional Manager, Mr Edison Goodyear in Gander and he advised to give Council this information. The full presentation is on the Government website. Councillor Paul advised that she spoke to a lady in the Dept and she advised her that she could sign the letter with "councillor". Town Clerk/Manager will forward Mr Goodyear's contact information to Councillor Paul in the morning. With regarding to the issue of parking at Avoca Collegiate when students are being picked up it was felt there were several options that could help correct the problem. Mr Mathson of the School Borad did a site review of the parking lot and repairs are required they also looked at painted parking spots and a backing in policy. Then the Town could address repairs to School Road, maybe turn School Road into a one way street. Mayor Patey was not sure about changing the street to one way. In discussion on the one way issue it was felt that you would have to enter at the entrance nearest to the RC Church because the fire truck would not be able to make the turn to go up School Road from the other entrance. After further discussion it was agreed that a letter would be written to the

Business Arising continued:

School Board and the Principal of Avoca Collegiate advised that Council would repair the potholes on School Road, install speed bumps on the street and consider changing School Road to a “one way” street with a decision on this issue being made in the Fall of this year. Council will also suggest that the School have monitors on the parking lot to ensure student safety. Letters will be written to the residents of School Road advising that Council will be considering changing School Road to a “one way” street and the reason for doing so.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from Mayor Derm Corbett of Buchans regarding sharing emergency services following a major fire that destroyed a home in Buchans Junction. Our town get not get a call for this fire. Our fire department will assist neighboring when possible.
2. Information received from the Department of Environment regarding a proposed undertaking for Badger Area Adventure Tourism Lodge, Mr Perry Paul owner/operator.

Councillor Colleen Paul was excused from the meeting at 9:00pm due to “conflict of interest”.

General discussion held on the development which will be located outside the Town’s boundaries. All present were in favour of supporting the development

Councillor Paul returned to the meeting at 9:05 pm.

3. Invitation received from the Municipal Assessment Agency to attend a Meet & Greet on May 29th, 2015 from 8:30amd to 9:30am in Grand Falls-Windsor. No one present was available to attend.

Correspondence continued:

4. Information received from the Monarchist League of Canada advising that on September 9th, 2015 The Queen's reign will be the longest in our modern history. They supplied ideas to celebrate the occasion. It was agreed that we will organize an event with the local school children to mark the occasion.
5. Copy of a petition received from MHA George Murphy protesting against removing the HST rebate from home heating products. Copy will be placed in local store.
6. Town has received approval for one student for eight weeks under the Qalipu Youth Summer Employment program.
7. The Town has received funding under the Canada Summer Jobs for three students for seven weeks. This funding is 50% from the program and 50% from the Town.
8. The Recreation Committee has received funding under the Canada Summer Jobs for three students for seven weeks. Program funds this project 100%
9. Letter received from resident of Earle Street voicing their objection to the proposed coffee shop drive-thru exit onto Earle Street. General discussion. Council has not received the official proposal for the coffee shop to date. All present agreed that there was no issue to the exit onto Earle Street. Also, since emergency vehicles have the "right of way" this would not be an issue. Letter will be written to the resident acknowledging their correspondence.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented summary of the following reports:
AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.
Items reviewed.

Motion #026-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated May 12th, 2015 totaling \$ 120,683.40 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #027-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated May 12th, 2015 totaling \$511.70 for disbursement as presented.

In Favour 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Councillor Bennett had information on programs for supporting and engaging youth.
2. Councillor Bennett advised that he is doing research on having the cemetery on Earle Street declared a historical site. When the information is received he will bring it back to Council. Councillor Bennett said that the Logging Museum in Grand Falls-Windsor is closing. He wondered about the artifacts. Mayor Patey said he understood that some would be going to The Room's in St. John's and others to the Mary March Museum in Grand Falls-Windsor.
4. The General Clean-up of the Community will be held from June 1st to June 6th, 2015 . Will run on the same bases as past years. Notice will be put in residents mail boxes.
5. Councillor Paul said there were two ideas for funding from MMSB which included community yard sale and getting clothing donated from residents and cut them into rags and sell them. After discussion with MMBS it was felt the community yard sale may be the best project for the application. The funding allows you to hire people to work on the project. This would be a weekend project.
6. Councillor Penton said there was an old fridge at the end of Sheppard Avenue which has been there for some time. Maintenance crew will be asked to pick up the fridge.
7. Discussion on a pile of trees behind a residence piled very near the "Walking Trail". Letter will be written to the homeowner asking him to remove the trees as soon as possible.

Other Business continued:

8. Mayor Patey said that he received a complaint from a person that the B & B on Church Road is burning shingles and debris in the fire pit. Letter will be written to the B & B regarding this matter.

9. Selection of person to work at the Fire Department Recycle Depot.

Mayor Patey & Councillor Bennett were excused from the meeting at 9:45pm due to "conflict of interest".

Review of applicants and general discussion held. Council then voted which resulted in Stanley Card Sr being chosen for the position.

Mayor Patey and Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting at 9:55pm

10. Notice received from the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs advising funding approval for 2015-16 Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 17-MCW -16-00019 Water Service Laterals replacement.

Motion #-028-2015 B. Mercer/P. Bridger.

Resolved that we accept funding from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs on 90/10 Provincial/Municipal basis for water service laterals replacement Project No. 17-MCW-16-00019. Total cost of the project is \$513,631 with the Town's contribution of \$49,090.00. Mayor Michael Patey and Town Clerk/Manager Pansy Hurley are hereby authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Badger Town Council.

In Favor 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

11. Invitation was received to attend annual Army Cadet Corp inspection in Grand Falls-Windsor. Councillor Bennett will represent the Town at the event.

12. Invitation received to attend the Exploits Valley High School Graduation to be held on Friday, June 26, 2015. Councillor Paul will represent the Town at this event.

Other Business continued:

13. Discussion on applying to use our Gas Tax Funds to purchase equipment for the skateboard park and sods for the front of the Park. We do have \$15,000 for some equipment; however, our application to Teck Resources for funding for the pump track did not qualify under their program. The Park is ready and we need to get the equipment in place. Also, we need lift station washers to keep our lift stations clean and operating more efficiently. It was agreed that we would start with two washers.

Motion #029-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$65,145 for a pump track and sodding for the front of the Skateboard Park and two automatic wetwell washers for lift stations.

**Vote: In Favor: Mayor Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger
Councillor Rodney Howell
Councillor Colleen Paul
Councillor Neil Penton
Councillor Darren Bennett
Councillor Blanche Mercer**

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion #030-2015 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

In Favor 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Meeting closed at 10:15pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager