

Town of Badger

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

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Colleen Paul
		Darren Bennett
		Blanche Mercer
Also present:	Maintenance Man	Harry Noel
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
	Liberal candidate in provincial election:	Allan Hawkins
Absent:	Councillors:	Rodney Howell
		Neil Penton

Discussion:

Mayor welcome Mr Hawkins to the meeting. Mr Hawkins said he just wanted an opportunity to meet with Council to discuss any issues that the Town maybe facing. Some things his Party is working on include a total review of the Crown Lands, multi year capital plans, sustainable communities, health care for seniors. If he is elected he would like to being work immediately. He said he takes pride in his work and will do the best he can for the District. Mayor Patey said we are looking at replacing waterlines on TCH, we have an issue with aging infursturture, upgrading the ballfield were some of the projects we were working on. General discussion on topics including the municipal assessment agency, HST rebate, issues facing seniors, etc

Mr. Hawkins thanking Council for meeting with him and he left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Mr Harry Noel, Maintenance Man. Harry advised that the roads are done. The shoulders were rough in areas because they couldn't get the grader in certain spots. Harry said the engineers put the road straight on Main Street and water still gathers there as well as on the corner of Sunset Drive.

-Wharemans started Beothuck Street and River Road replacing the service laterals. Mayor Patey said they have to remove the lines that are no longer being used as well. Mayor Patey said that he called Rob Kearly, our engineer, about them removing the asphalt in front of the Heritage Park.

-Harry said the equipment is ready for winter but the loaders are getting in rough shape.

-Water system working good on one well. They are looking at putting a line on the other well so you can flush it properly.

-Harry was asked to do what they can to fill in the potholes on Maple Street and other areas where necessary.

Harry advised that Scott is off this week so it will be next week before they can get at the potholes.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 8:20pm

Adoption of minutes:

Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors of omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council October 13th. 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #058-2015

B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 13th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

1. With regards to the land issue with Gerald Hurley our lawyer advised us not to sign the document he present. The document stated there was an error in the original document; however, that was not the case and the Town would be committing a fraud by signing the document. Mr Hurley was advised to have a lawyer correct the matter for him.
2. Mayor Patey said that he had a meeting with officials from the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Recreation Department and they advised that Reids Construction of Bishop's Falls would be the best people to do the work on our ballfield. Mayor Patey contacted them and he is waiting on the quote. General discussion held.
3. Councillor Paul wanted to know what the outcome was from the vandalism for the Trailway. Mayor Patey spoke to the RCMP and they advised that it was an issue of he said she said. It was felt that there should have been some consequence for their action since this was an expense for the Town to repair.
4. Discussion on renaming the section of Maple Street from Howell's to Eveleigh's. Councillor Bennett suggested Park Lane. Discussion held.

Motion #059-2015 D. Bennett/B. Mercer

Resolved that the section of Maple Street from Howells' property to the Skateboard Park be renamed Park Lane.

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

5. Councillor Paul said that developing the School Hill area for recreation is an excellent idea. However; who ever made the decision jumped the gun because we had a contractor clear private land. She said that as councillors if you don't do your homework you could cause liabilities for the town and yourself. She said that Councillor Bennett wanted her to post pictures on Facebook of the area which is still private property. Mayor agreed that we should have

Business arising continued:

been more careful to determine proper ownership of the land. Mayor spoke to the land owners and they want to put a line of trees along the road; therefore, they will let us use the land if we will let them come back straight with the trees for their fence. There would have to be an agreement drafted. Councillor Bennett said he was talking to the contractor before the work began. Councillor Paul said it is not the contractor's responsibility to determine land ownership. They are hire to do a job. Going forward we will have to be more careful because you maybe liable. Councillor Bennett said he was sorry for the misunderstanding. Signs will be placed in the sliding area "unsupervised use at your own risk". The project of clearing the land costed two thousand dollars plus tax.

6. Councillor Mercer said that resident approached her saying the the judging of the "Light Up Contest" was to early. Mayor Patey said that with everyone's busy schedule it was agreed to include all Christmas events in the first weekend of December.

7. The Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd, because the Salvation Army Band was not available on December 1st. The dinner at the Mount Peyton will be held Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at 7:30pm because the School concert is being held on December 10th.

8. Discussion on a new truck for the Town. The truck is being purchased under the government purchasing agency and we will borrow the funds from the Bank of Montreal in Grand Falls-Windsor.

Motion #060-2015

B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that we borrow \$25,362 from the Bank of Montreal in Grand Falls-Windsor to purchase a 2016 Silverado Pickup Truck under the Government Purchasing Agency Program. This loan will be repaid in the term of sixty (60) months. Mayor Michael Patey and Town Clerk/Manager Pansy Hurley are authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Town of Badger for this loan.

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

Correspondence:

1. Municipal Assessment Agency Annual Report for 2014-2015 two copies were received and are at the Town Office if councillors would like to review them.
2. Letter received from the Buchans Loins Club seeking a donation for their annual Santa Claus Parade to purchase gifts for the children of their community. Discussion held. It was agreed that since the Town is sponsoring its own Christmas events it is unable to make a donation to this event.
3. Letter received from the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs advising that the Town has been chosen for a pilot project to hire a Water and Wastewater System Operator who will compile information on our system.
4. The VOCM Happy Tree will be held Thursday, November 19th, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Exploits Valley Mall. Councillor Bennett will attend on behalf of the Town.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.
Items reviewed.

Motion #061-2015 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated November 10th, 2015 and totaling \$12,224.72 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #062-2015 C. Paul/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated November 10th, 2015 totaling \$320.70 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. Each councillor received a copy of the policing report for October from S/Sgt Kelly Brown Grand Falls-Windsor RCMP Detachment Commander.
2. Letter was received from Neil Penton resigning his position as councillor for the Town of Badger. Mr Penton stated he was resigning for health reasons. General discussion. Mr Penton will be invited to Senior's Social, Council's Social and the Firemen's Christmas Party.

Motion #063-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that Council accepted Neil Penton's resignation from the Badger Town Council.

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

3. Mr Mark Whiffin the PC candidate in the upcoming provincial election would like to meet with Council on Tuesday of next week.
4. Councillor Bennett asked about the 50th anniversary of the Fire Department next year. Mayor Patey said that Council will deal with this early in the new year.
5. Councillor Bennett reminded Council that we will participate in the Tidy Town Competition next year. He also wondered if we could include funds for new poles and signs for stop signs in the budget preparations. He also said people were asking if Council is looking at dropping the mill rate. Mayor Patey said the Budget Committee would look into this matter when drafting the proposed budget.
6. Mayor Patey said that since Neil Penton resigned from Council we now need a new chairperson for the Finance Committee. He asked Deputy Mayor Bridger to chair that committee and she agreed. The Budget Committee of Mayor Patey Deputy Mayor Bridger and Town Clerk/Manager will draft a budget for presentation to Council.
7. We will contact Bell Aliant to have internet service for the Fire Hall which will also be used by Council in chambers and during emergencies.

Adjournment

Motion #064-2015 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager