

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Rodney Howell Neil Penton Darren Bennett
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
	General Public:	Mr. Gerald Hurley
Absent:	Councillors:	Colleen Paul Blanche Mercer

Discussion:

1. Mayor Patey welcomed Mr Hurley to tonight's meeting. Mr Hurley requested to speak to Council regarding land he purchased from the Town in 1985. Mr Hurley stated that he made a mistake in the drawing of the land he purchased from the town. He explained that where it said 15' by public road (Sunset Drive) it should have said 51'. He presented Council with a "deed of ratification" which he wanted Council to sign to correct the mistake. Mayor Patey advised that Council would have our lawyer review the document before it can be signed by Council. Mr Hurley thanked Council for the opportunity to discuss the issue.

Mr Hurley left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Copy for the "Deed of Ratification" will be sent to our lawyer requesting her opinion on the matter.

Discussion continued:

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

Scott advised that the pump house is working good. Pump is cutting in and out. There is a sulfur smell being experienced when the pump cuts in. Our engineering firm took water samples from the well that is shut off to see if anything can be done to get in back into operation. They maybe able to shock the well.

Scott said he has asphalt stored at the town depot and the our pit on Buchans Highway. Mayor said we are hoping to have the asphalt pulverized and put it on the Trailway. This would stop the dust problems from the Trailway.

We are still waiting on the second pump for the lift station on Main Street near the Trailway to come back from repairs.

Scott advised that he is not aware of any waterline leaks. Wareham & Sons got the contract to do the laterals on Maple Street and the Avenues. Work will depends on weather conditions.

Discussion on a pick up truck. Mayor asked Scott to look at local garages and Council will look as well.

Mayor Patey will check with our engineering firm regarding the paving project.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held September 8th, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #051-2015

N. Penton/R. Howell

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held September 8th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

1. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked if the letter was written to Carol Ann Roberts regarding the incident which happen Badger Day. Mayor Patey advised that he signed the letter and it was sent.
2. Councillor Bennett said he was going to let the issue from Badger Day go but he felt that if Carol Ann was in charge of the students then she should have worked with him to get the students and get the work done. Town Clerk/Manager explained that if you want students to work Badger Day that has to be scheduled before Badger Day activities begin through the Town Office. Mayor said we have talked for some time on this issue and agreed it would be dealt with in the planning for next Badger Day. Councillor Bennett said he wasn't taking the blame alone for the issue. Mayor Patey said it has been dealt with now and the letter was sent to Carol Ann Roberts.
2. Officials from Emera said we could apply for funding from them to do a project in the community. It was agreed this would be a good way to get our ballfield upgraded. We will check with the Town of Buchans and the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor for information on upgrades to their ballfields.

Correspondence:

1. The Gerald Hurley land issue was discussed earlier in the meeting.
2. Letter received from Fire Chief Clarence Young regarding a training ground for our Fire Department. General discussion was held and a number of sites were considered and the pros and cons of each. Councillor Bennett said there was land for sale just outside the community going west that maybe suitable for a training area. It was agreed to meet with Fire Chief Young to discuss the matter.
3. CBDC annual stakeholders meeting and networking social being held Oct 21/15 at 2:59pm. Mayor Patey and Councillor Bennett said they would attend.

Correspondence continued:

4. Letter received from the Canadian Cancer Society NL Division seeking support by picking up the tab for a night at Daffodil Place. A number of residents from Badger have used the service in the past. Discussion held.

Motion #052-2015 D. Bennett/N. Penton.

Resolved that a one hundred dollar (\$100) donation be made to the Canadian Cancer Society NL Division for Daffodil Place.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Items reviewed.

Motion #053-2015 P. Bridger/N. Penton.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, October 13th, 2015 totaling \$102,112.23 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #053-2015 P. Bridger/N. Penton

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated October 13th, 2015 totaling \$351.75 for disbursement as presented.

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

Finances continued:

3. The 2016 Operating Budget Forms have been received from the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs. The Finance Committee will meet to draft the proposed Budget for 2016. Council wants the process completed by the last of November. The Budget must be submitted to the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs by December 31, 2015.

Other Business:

1. The Remembrance Day Service will be held November 11, 2015 at 10:55am and the War Memorial.
2. Schedule of Christmas events was given to each councillor:
 - Dec 1 - Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree;
 - Dec 4 - Senior's Christmas Social;
 - Dec 5 - Breakfast with Santa
 - Santa Claus Parade
 - Judging of the Light Up for Christmas Contest
3. Discussion on Council's Christmas Social at the Mount Peyton. We will see if we can get a reservation for Friday, Dec 11, 2015.
4. Each councillor received a copy of the monthly policing report for September from S/Stg Kelly Bryan the new S/Sgt for the Grand Falls-Windsor Detachment of the RCMP. S/Stg Bryan was suppose to attend tonight's meeting; however, was unable to do so because of work commitment.
5. Deputy Mayor Bridger said that the playground needs to be cleaned up again. She suggested some areas of the playground need grass replanted. General discussion. It was suggested maybe next year we can get the youth involved and plant some flowers. It was suggest this could be included in of Municipal Awareness program
6. General discussion on the increase in the assessed values of properties in the community. This will be addressed by the Finance Committee in the preparation of the proposed 2016 Budget.

Other Business continued:

7. The Assessment Agency is working on renumbering both side of Maple Street. They are recommending that we rename the section that runs behind Maple Street from Howell to Eveleigh properties. Discussion on a name for that street. Councillors were asked to think about a name and we will discuss it again during special meeting with S/Stg Kelly Bryan scheduled for next Tuesday.

8. Councillor Howell said that the last couple of times town workers using the old fire truck they haven't filled it back up when they were finished with it. Clerk/Manager will check on the matter. He said the Fire Dept. was also wondering about a map showing all the fire hydrants in town and the way the water flows to the hydrants. Will check with our engineers regarding the water flows map. We had to replace the brakes on the old fire truck today. It was responding to a vehicle accident and the brakes seized.

9. Discussion on what to do with the Stadium and if we should send out survey regrading the Stadium which we had discussed earlier.

A resident is requesting to rent the Stadium on July 16, 2016 for a wedding. They are wondering what the cost would be. In the past we have rented it for \$500 (five hundred dollars) for one week. It was agreed that the resident could rent the Stadium, as per their request, for five hundred dollars and they are responsible for the clean up.

10. Councillor Penton said that a resident of the community approached him regarding having pets at work and in the town truck. Discussion held and it was agreed that pets will not be permitted at work or in town vehicles. Town Clerk/Manager will deal with the issue.

11. Discussion on a pick up truck for the town. Mayor said that he was speaking to another town and they purchased a new truck under the government purchasing agreement and got an excellent price on a new truck. He will check for more information. All present agreed that our pick up truck must be replaced.

Other Business continued:

12. Councillors visited School Hill and area around the Stadium before the start of tonight's meeting. There is a mess there from a fire and our maintenance crew will be asked to clean up the area. Councillor Bennett felt we should have the brush cleared and the area leveled out for sliding. He suggested we get a quote for the work.

Motion #054-2015 D. Bennett/N. Penton

Resolved that we ask Perry Paul for a quote to clear the brush on School Hill and smooth out the area for sliding during the winter.

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

13. Councillor Bennett asked about the TV for the Council Chambers, which was included in the Budget for this year. He felt that we would need a 50" Smart TV with HDMI connection with wall mount. TV will be purchased.

14. Councillor Bennett felt we should entre the Tidy Towns competition. There is an entry fee for the competition. Discussion held.

Motion #055-2015 D. Bennett/R. Howell

Resolved that the Town apply for the Tidy Town 2016 Contest.

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

15. Mayor advised that after some discussion it has been agreed that the building for the groomer will be constructed behind the Town Centre Building. This area will give them easy access to the Trailway. Lease will be in place before construction begins. All present were in agreement with the location of the building.

16. The Flue Shots will be offered in the Community Centre on November 17, 2015 from noon to 7:00pm.

Other Business continued:

17. Clerk/Manager received a call from a resident of Badger Lake asking if their property at Badger Lake was protected by the Badger Volunteer Fire Department. They were advised that the Badger Volunteer Fire Dept only provides fire protection within the town limits of Badger. We do have mutual agreements with neighboring communities; however, we do not cover cabin areas.

18. It was agreed that there will be a special meeting next Tuesday with S/Stg Kelly Bryan and following that meeting Council will meet with Fire Chief Clarence Young. Meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Adjournment:

Motion #056-2015 N. Penton/P. Bridger

Resolve that Council will now adjourn to meet again for regular public meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager