

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 at 6:30pm 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:	Officials of Emera NL:
	Jeff Myrick, Senior Manager
	Communications/Public Affairs
	Heidi Kirby, Public Engagement Coordinator

Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
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Discussion:

1. Mayor Patey welcomed officials of Emera Newfoundland and Labrador -Heidi Kirby, Public Engagement Coordinator and Jeff Myrick, Communications Manager to the meeting.

Mr Myrick began his presentation with a safety moment.

He said that safety is a culture with Emera and all meetings begin with the focus on safety.

He said the Maritime Link includes approximately 400 km of overland transmission lines as well as two subsea cables which are approximately 170 km each. The subsea cables run beneath the Cabot Straight between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

The Emera Project is not connected to the Nelcor Mushrat Falls Project. Emera's Project will peak in 2016 and end in the Fall of 2017. Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia have equal opportunity for employment with the Project. Once people are hired on the Project they become part of the union.

Discussion continued:

General discussion on their Community Partnership Program where they help communities with projects. Their community investment committee meets monthly and their fiscal year begins January 1st. They left posters, pamphlets and news letters regarding the Company and the Project. General discussion continued.

Mr. Myrick and Ms Kirby thanked Council for taking time to meet with them. Mayor thanked them for meeting with Council. They left the meeting at 7:30pm.

Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger was excused for family matter at 7:30pm.

2. Discussion with Stg Rodrick Gallop from the RCMP Detachment in Grand Falls-Windsor. This is his second day on the job. Mayor welcomed Stg Gallop to the meeting. The biggest issue for the area seems to be not enough members for the area they have to cover. Some issues in our community include dirt bikes and ATV on town streets. Mayor Patey said that we have had the RCMP at our Municipal Awareness events to speak to the youth about bike safety and the Police Dog was here as well. There was some vandalism to Town property last week. All the youth involved were identified and the process is being followed. Discussion on complaints regarding roaming dogs and the process for making the complaint to the RCMP. Stg Gallop said that when something happens encourage people to call the detachment to make them aware of what is happening. Councillor Bennett suggested posting signs stating the property is monitored by the RCMP. It was agreed this may help the situation. Stg Gallop said that they are working with a large area; however, they will do the best they can with the resources they have. It was felt that more RCMP presences in the Community would help. General discussion continued on our Emergency Plan and the flooding issue we face during winter months and other aspects of the community.

Mayor Patey thanked Stg Gallop for attending tonight's meeting. He left the meeting at 8:30pm

Discussion continued:

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

-Scott advised that the pump house was working good. Pump is cutting in and out regularly.

-One pump has been repaired and reinstalled in the lift station on Main Street near the Trailway.

-Scott advised that he is working on the equipment getting it ready for Winter. He advised that he had a list of equipment from the Dept of Transportation and Works; however, most of what we were interested in needs major repairs. With regards to the pick up truck Mayor Patey will contact Teck Resources regarding our request for equipment.

-Discussion on the washers purchased for the lift stations. It was agreed to have then installed in the lift station on the TCH and the other on Main Street near the Trailway. It was agreed to have BioMaxx install the washers.

-They have been trying to keep the potholes filled. The paving contractor is scheduled to be here on September 14/15.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 8:45PM.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting held August 11th, 2015 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #047-2105 B. Mercer/N. Penton.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held August 11th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

1. Councillor Paul asked if the letter was written to the resident who made some disparaging remarks about the Community. It was sent and there was no response.
2. Councillor Paul said that the Deputy Mayor asked her to inquire about a response to Carol Ann Roberts regarding the issue from Badger Day. Mayor said that these issues will be included in the planning for next year's event. Councillor Paul said that councillors cannot do things on their own. She said it was the same as when she wrote the School Board before bring the issue to Council. Councillor Paul spoke to the Dept of Municipal Affairs in Gander and St. John's and was advised that she could not do things on her own, issues have to go to Council first. Councillor Bennett said he would not change a thing that he did regarding this matter. General discussion held. It was decided a letter of apology will be written to Carol Ann Roberts. She was correct in the information she relayed to Councillor Bennett and Council apologizes for any distress caused to her from this incident.

Correspondence:

1. Memo from MNL President Churence Rogers giving their mid year update. Each Councillor received a copy.
2. Approval was received from the Department of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs to call tenders for replacing water service laterals phase 2.
3. Each councillor received an invitation to the Firemen's Ball being held Saturday, October 17, 2015. Councillors will respond themselves to the invitation.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Items reviewed.

Motion #048-2015 B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated September 8th, 2015 totaling \$78,344.94 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #049-2015 B. Mercer/d. Bennett.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated September 8th, 2015 totaling \$188.05 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. Discussion on the MNL annual convention being held in Gander Nov 5th to 7th, 2015. Town will be allocated two rooms by MNL for the convention. Councillor Paul and Mayor Patey were interested in attending. Councillor Howell, Penton and Mercer were unable to attend. We will contact Deputy Mayor Bridger to see if she wants to attend.
2. Councillor Bennett wondering about developing downtown area to improve tourism. Suggested upgrading the school hill area maybe construct a gazebo, cleaning brush in the area, etc. It was agreed that Council would meet in the area at 6:30pm before our next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015.

Other Business continued:

3. It was agreed to have the gate put up again to the RV park entrance on Beothuck Street.
4. General discussion on where to locate the building for the groomer. The snowmobile association will lease the land from the town and if the association folds the building would come back to the town. We have to ensure the building site complies with the Municipal Plan.
5. Councillor Paul wondered about the Christmas events. Events are held as follows - the first Tuesday of December for lighting the Community Christmas Tree, first Friday for the Senior's Social followed on the first Saturday with the Breakfast with Santa, Santa Claus Parade and this year we will have the Light Up Contest judging the same night. Schedule will be ready for the next regular meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion #050-2015

N. Penton/B. Mercer

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at 6:30PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager