

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Councillors:	Rodney Howell Colleen Paul Blanche Mercer
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger (out of town)
	Councillor:	Darren Bennett (out of town)

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.
-Scott advised that there was trouble with the water system last week. The volunteer group that is trying to make an outdoor rink at the ball field left a 4" hose open on the fire hydrant and drained the water tank down to a quarter tank setting off alarms at the pump house. The major concern was that we are operating on one well and if that well would be able to recover after pumping so much water. The water tank did refill overnight and we were lucky that there was no damage to the tank and there were no emergencies while the tank was down. Mayor Patey said he contacted Mr Roy Hobbs and explained the situation and advised him to contact Scott Luscombe before they start flooding the rink again.
2. Scott advised that the equipment is ready to go when we get snow.
3. He also advised that there are no issues with the lift stations at this time.
4. Mayor Patey said there was a street light out somewhere on Sunset Drive. Scott said he would check when he leaves the meeting. Councillor Paul felt some of the street lights in town were dim. Mayor said he noticed that as well. Check will be made with Newfoundland Power regarding the matter.
5. Mayor Patey said that the water testing has been sent to Halifax and one sample went to Ontario. These results should be back in a couple of days. Scott said there was nothing in the water when they took the sample. General discussion. Mayor said that if treatment is required it could cost about \$150,00.00.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the Meeting at 7:45pm.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held December 15th, 2016 and the special meeting of January 5th, 2016 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #001-2016 B. Mercer/R. Howell.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held December 15th, 2015 and the special meeting held January 5th, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Councillor Paul was concerned about the air quality at the Stadium because of mold found there and wanted testing done before anyone is permitted to enter the building. The air quality testing cannot be done until late May or early June. It was agreed that our maintenance crew would inspect the outside of the Building to make sure no siding was coming off that would pose a hazard. Councillor Paul wondered about the survey that we were going to send out to residents. It was decided to wait until the air quality testing is completed first. Mayor Patey said he would check with Cimco regarding the requirements for the plant and what would be required by government if we were looking for funding for the Stadium. Discussion on removing the Building and operating an outdoor rink. It was agreed that everything is cancelled at the Stadium until the air quality testing is completed and the results have been received. A letter will be written to the person with the Stadium booked this Summer advising that Council has no choice but to cancel their rental of the Stadium scheduled for July 16, 2016 because of the mold problem at the Stadium.

2. Councillor Paul had some samples of policies used by a small town which she found on the internet. It was agreed that we need to get this policy manual compiled and adopted. Check will be made with some communities in our area to see if they and policy manuals that we can review.

Business arising:

3. Councillor Paul was given the minutes for the Town's Website. She will post them tomorrow along with the list of candidates running in the By-election being held February 1, 2016.

4. Mayor Patey said that the Advertiser made a mistake in his interview regarding the Budget and said there would be no tax increases but we were purchasing a new truck and giving 2% raises. Mayor called the reporter and she apologized and the story has been corrected. He said in future he would do his press releases in writing.

Correspondence:

1. Information from MMSB regarding their 2016 Backyard Composing Program. Communities can purchase bins for \$21.99 plus HST with minimum order of 50 bins. General discussion. It was decided to put a notice on the town's website asking resident interested in purchasing bins to contact the Town Office by Jan 31/16. The order must be placed by February 8, 2016.

2. Each councillor received a copy of the December policing report from S/Stg. Kelly Bryan of the Grand Falls-Windsor Detachment of the RCMP.

Finance:

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

Motion #002-2016

C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated January 12th, 2016 totaling \$44,965.71 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. Carried.

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #003-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated January 12th, 2016 totaling \$328.12 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion of the 50th Anniversary celebration for our Fire Department. It was felt a dinner to honor present and past members of the Fire Dept would be appropriate. It was suggested the celebration be held the weekend before Badger Day. Fire Chief Young was wondering about a grant to hire someone to assist with the preparations for the event. It was agreed that the Town would apply to the Dept of Advance Education and Skills for JCP funding to employ a person for 12 weeks to coordinate the 50th anniversary event

It was suggested that we would give the Fire Dept five thousand dollars (\$5,000) this could be used to cover the cost of the meal and other expenses such as music, banners, etc.

Motion #004-2016 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that we give five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to our Fire Dept for the their 50th Anniversary Celebration being held this year.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

3. The Town's new pick up truck is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow. The maintenance crew will be advised of the new truck policy. The truck will require a pan liner and seat covers.

Other Business continued:

4. Request received from Matthew Croft , researcher, Decorations and Medals, Office of the Secretary to the Governor General regarding a possible award of Meritorious Service Decoration (civilian division) for Joseph Walter Kennedy. In 2003, Mr Kennedy created the “Badger Relief Fund” within the Royal Canadian Legion, in order to assist veterans and their widows whose homes were rendered uninhabitable after a major flood in the town of Badger, Newfoundland. Councillor Paul will draft the letter of support for Mr Joseph Kennedy to receive this award.
5. Nomination day was held yesterday and four (4) candidates were nominated for the vacant seat on Council.
6. General discussion on having our Emergency Plan updated to include changes with RCMP and new MHA information.

Adjournment:

Motion #005-2016

B. Mercer/R. Howell

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager