

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Rodney Howell
		Colleen Paul
		Stephanie Greene

(Councillor Mercer will be late arriving.)

Also, present;	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Absent:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Councillor:	Darren Bennett

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Bridger advised that Mayor Patey was out of town tonight and asked her to chair tonight's meeting.

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

Scott advised that the water and sewer system is working good.

He said that they had to replace the alternators in both the backhoe and the Cat loader.

He advised that the colorimeter that we are using to test chlorine levels in our water supply is not working properly and needs to be replaced. We have quotes for the new unit. Discussion on the quote for rodent control at the sewerage treatment plant. Scott said that there is some signs of rodents at the site. Issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

Scott said they are not aware of any water line leaks. The contractor will be back in April or May to continue with the water service lateral replacement project.

Councillor Howell asked Scott about a shut off valve on Maple Street which needs to be cut off because a car got stuck on it. Scott said he was aware of the valve but figured it was close enough to the fence not to cause a problem. Scott will have the valve fixed.

Discussion continued:

Scott advised that we have the quote for installing back rack, light, reverse beeper on the town's pick up truck. Councillor Paul asked if they were using the log book for the truck. Scott advised that they were.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 10th, 2016 and the special meeting held February 23rd, 2016 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #015-2016 C. Paul/R. Howell

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 10th, 2016 and the special meeting held February 23rd, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business Arising:

1. JCP funding application have been submitted for the Event Coordinator and Coordinator for Student Employees. It was decided to put up a notice in local businesses advertising these positions pending government approval.
2. The river watch is finished for this year.
3. Town Clerk/Manager called the Dept of Municipal Affairs regarding charging business tax to a company that does rafting trips on the Exploits River beginning in our community. They said no; however, suggested we contact lawyer Stephen Penney, lawyer who provides legal advise to members of MNL. Mr Penney's advise was that just because they put their rafts in the river in Badger does not make them liable to business tax. If they had some sort of a building where they sold the rafting trips that would be different.

Correspondence:

1. Notice received from the Dept of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs regrading templates they have created to assist municipalities with developing their Maintenance Assurance Manual for drinking water and wastewater systems. Mr Ray Chant, the Regional Water/Wastewater Operator will develop our manual and instruct our maintenance workers on completing the required information. Our engineering firm did offer to develop the manual at a cost of \$3,000 per manual.
2. Discussion on rodent control at the sewerage treatment plant. This problem was recently discovered. Quote received from Orkin Canada for three months it would be \$300 or \$48 for twelve month plan. General discussion.

Motion #016-2016 R. Howell/S. Greene

Resolved that we accept the twelve month plan at a cost of forty-eight dollars (\$48) per month for rodent control at the sewerage treatment plant.

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

3. Information received from BioMaxx regarding the leasing of flow meter at the sewerage treatment plant.
Option 1: Carry on leasing for \$635 and all maintenance and service covered under the lease.
Option 2: Buyout for \$5,895 and Town would own and be responsible for all repairs. Sampling/Data entry price would stay the same and they offer a quarterly service package at \$835.
Option 3: Buyout at \$5,895 and Town would be responsible for all sampling and database entry plus the \$50 website fee.
Discussion held.

Motion #017-2016

Resolved that we accept Option 1 by carrying on with the leasing at \$635 per month for flow meter at the sewerage treatment plant and database entry is \$150/quarterly - all maintenance and service covered under the lease cost of the unit.

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

Correspondence:

4. Each councillor received a copy of the February policing report received from S/Sgt. Kelly Bryan of the RCMP.
5. A Thank-you card was received from Avoca Collegiate for the food tray we sent to them for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at 8:05pm.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash

Items discussed. Councillor Paul asked if air miles were collected on the Town's credit card and she was advised that no air miles are collected on the town's credit card.

Motion #018-2016

C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated March 8th, 2016 totaling 425,652.86 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #019-2016

C. Paul/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated March 8th, 2016 totaling \$261.15 for disbursement as presented.

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

Finances continued:

3. The Bank of Montreal requires a motion of Council for the overdraft of \$20,000 on Council's general account. General discussion held.

Motion #020-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolve that we accept the extension of the ODL of \$20,000 to cover operating expenses for the period of January 1st, to December 31st, 2016 on the Town's general account at the Bank of Montreal.

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

Other Business:

1. Each councillor received a copy of the Subdivision Agreement with Jamar Properties. The matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.
2. Each councillor received a copy of the draft policy manual. They were asked to review the manual and there will be a special meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 at 6:30pm to discuss the draft copy. The Policy Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 15/16 at 6:30pm.
3. Information was received regarding the Qalipu Youth Summer Employment Program. Discussion held. Notice will be placed around town to see if there is any interest in the Program.
4. A motion is required for our application to Municipal Affairs for funding to pave Maple Street, School Road Beothuck Street and the Avenues. Application already submitted and Gas Tax applied for Town's share of the Project. Discussion held.

Other Business continued:

Motion #021-2016 C. Paul/R. Howell

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs under the 2016-2017 Municipal Capital Works for road upgrading and asphalt paving to Maple St 1.045km; School Road 0:480km; First Ave. 0.135km; Second Ave. 0.120km; Third Ave. 0.285km; Fourth Ave.0.420km; Beothuck St 0.220km; River Rd 0.185km project total cost \$1,058,457.00 with \$105,846.00 being the Municipal Contribution.

In Favor: 5 Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger
 Councillor Rodney Howell
 Councillor Colleen Paul
 Councillor Stephanie Greene
 Councillor Blanche Mercer

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

5. A motion is required for our application to Municipal Affairs for funding for the TCH Water Distribution Project. Application already submitted. Discussion held.

Other Business continued:

5. Continued.....

Motion #022-2016 R. Howell/S. Greene

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs under the 2016-2017 Municipal Capital Works for TCH Water Distribution Project totaling \$1,007,397.26 with \$100,740.00 being the Municipal Contribution.

In Favor: 5 Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger
Councillor Rodney Howell
Councillor Colleen Paul
Councillor Stephanie Greene
Councillor Blanche Mercer

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

6. A motion is required for our application to use Gas Tax Funding for our share of the TCH Water Distribution Project. We have already submitted our Capital Investment Plan

Motion #023-2016 B. Mercer/R. Howell.

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$100,740.00, the Municipal Contribution, for the TCH Water Distribution Project totaling \$1,007,397.26.

In Favor: 5 Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger
Councillor Rodney Howell
Councillor Colleen Paul
Councillor Stephanie Greene
Councillor Blanche Mercer

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

7. Thank you card received from the Winter Carnival Committee. The Winter Carnival was a great success.
8. General discussion on Badger Day events. It was felt we need to get the planning done soon. Deferred to next meeting.
9. Councillor Mercer thanked Councillor Paul for the victim impact statement she wrote on behalf of the Town.

Adjournment:

Motion #024-2016

C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager