

Town of Badger

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

Members present:

Mayor: Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor: Paula Bridger
Councillors: Colleen Paul
Blanche Mercer

Also, present;

Fire Chief: Clarence Young
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

Absent:

Councillor: Darren Bennett
Stephanie Greene

One vacant seat.

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Fire Chief Clarence Young. Chief Young reported the following:

-there have been no calls for service since our last meeting,
-they have practice every second Wednesday night during the Summer, and there are no meetings on Friday nights during the Summer,

-they had a half inch nozzle that had to be serviced,

-they are waiting on a part for pumper #2,

-waiting on Metal Fab regarding a foam issue with pumper #1.

-Chief Young said they are working on plans for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Carol Ann Roberts has been hired to coordinate the celebrations. He said given the time they will not get to do all the things they want. There will be a "meet and greet" on Friday, July 29th; banquet will be held Saturday, July 30th; and a family day on the field on Sunday, July 31st. They have shirts and hats for the active firemen to mark the 50th Anniversary.

-they are working on "standard operating procedures" for the Fire Department. General discussion held. It was decided that Council and the Fire Chief would meet in late September to finalize the "standard operating procedures" for our Fire Department. Copies will be sent to councillors so they can review it before the meeting.

Discussion continued:

-Discussion on firefighters and equipment doing traffic control during funerals. General discussion on concerns regarding this issue.

-Discussion on the Badger Day adult dance. Council will make a final decision tonight regarding where the dance will be held. Mick Murray will provide music for the dance at \$500.00. Fire Chief asked if an electrical plugin could be installed at the beer garden so they wouldn't have to deal with a generator. This will be done.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Young left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Superintendent of Works, Scott Luscombe arrived at 8:10pm.

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

- Scott advised that the contractor replacing the water service laterals has completed Maple Street and will begin School Road tomorrow.

-the Cat Loader needs some repairs. We have not received anything from Jason Hurley regarding a proposal to purchase a loader from his business.

-Scott said the lift station on the TCH is still not working properly. He said that he wasn't getting any cooperation from FlowTeck who installed the equipment in the lift station. He was advised to contact FlowTeck again to get this issue corrected.

-Scott advised that the sewerage treatment plant was working but not to its potential. He was advised to install white vinyl siding for the compressor building on Beothuck Street.

-The water system is working good. The contractor found nine lines that were leaking while they were working on Maple Street.

-Discussion on the decals for the town pick up truck. The magnetized ones came off and were lost. It was agreed to get the stick on decals for the truck.

-Councillor Paul brought up a personnel issue which was referred to her by Councillor Greene. General discussion with Mr Luscombe. Town Clerk/Manager will deal with the issue.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 8:25pm.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held June 7th, and the special meeting held June 23rd, 2016 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #048-2016 B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held June 7th, 2016 and the special meeting held June 23rd, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

1. Clerk/Manager is awaiting information from the bank regarding debit machine.
2. The rooms have been booked at the Delta for the MNL convention in St. John's in October.
3. Discussion on have the new town signs erected along the TCH at the entrance to our community. One of the present signs will be placed in the Ted Patey Heritage Park.
4. Councillor Paul presented Council with a copy of a garbage policy for the community. It was agreed this matter would be deferred until our September meeting to give Council an opportunity the review the policy.
5. With regards to the complaint from Ron and Ann Marie Roberts concerning water from First Avenue running under their house. Mayor Patey said that he spoke to our engineer regarding the matter and since the Town doesn't have a storm drainage system it will be difficult to correct the problem. Also, the costs involved would be very high.
6. Mayor Patey advised that once officials saw the pictures of mold inside the stadium they said there would be an air quality issue. Mayor said he would discuss with the company about having them come in to determine what it would cost to have the mold problem repaired. It was agreed that because of the mold issue the Stadium cannot be used for Badger Day this year. Notices will be placed on the Town's website and Facebook page.
7. Nothing received from Jason Hurley regarding the proposal to purchase a Cat Loader from his company.
8. The Contractor is working on developing lots in the subdivision extension.

Other Business continued:

9. Letter received from Councillor Darren Bennett resigning his seat on Council. General discussion.

Motion #049-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolve that Council accept Darren Bennett's resignation from the Badger Town Council.

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

10. Discussion held on the latest resignation from Council which leaves two (2) vacant seats and if a by-election should be held given that the next general election will be held in September of 2017.

Motion #050-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Nomination Day to fill the two (2) vacant seats on Council be held Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 8:00am to 8:00pm and the By-election, if required, will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 8:00am to 8:pm in the Community Centre.

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

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Denise Jacobs requesting Council create an outdoor classroom next to the primary entrance at Avoca Collegiate with the assistance of our summer students.

Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger excused herself from the meeting due to conflict of interest at 8:58pm.

General discussion was held and it was agreed by those present that this is government property and the Town cannot do any development on government property. Letter will be written to Ms Jacobs advising of Council decision.

Deputy Mayor Bridger returned to the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Correspondence:

2. Complaint from Melanie Patey regarding damage to her driveway following a repair to her waterline.

Mayor Patey excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest at 9:03pm.

Discussion on Ms Patey's complaint regarding repairs not being completed to her satisfaction. It was agreed that the repair to the asphalt in her driveway would be completed when paving relating to our water lateral project is done later this Fall. We will apologize for the delay in repairs.

Mayor Patey returned to the meeting at 9:12pm

3. Complaint received from Lil Saunders regarding damage to her parking lot and business sign when her water line leak was repaired at Badger Diner. Discussion held. The sign was erected over a town waterline without a permit. Maintenance crew said they repaired the site after the work was completed. It was agreed that the town was not responsible for a sign that should not have been placed over a waterline. Also, a permit is required from the Dept of Transportation and Works for the erection of a sign along the TCH.

4. Notice received from ACOA regarding our application to upgrade the ballfield. General discussion. Councillor Paul will do a proposal for Emera Newfoundland and Labrador. It was also felt that we should approach TECK Resources regarding this project.

5. Copy of the 2015 Financial Statement for Central Newfoundland Waste Management was received. General discussion. Waste collection has become very expensive and it is only the central regional involved with this process. Mayor said that the Joint Council is putting pressure on government regarding this issue.

Correspondence continued:

6. Notice received from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No 17-MCW-16-00019 water Service Laterals Replacement. A portion of this project funding is now being reallocated under the New Building Canada Fund-Small Communities Fund (SCF) . Original funding was \$513,631 with \$384,296 of the funding reallocated to SCF with provincial share \$330,563 and municipal contribution \$36,729. Amendment#1 between the Dept of Municipal Affairs and the Town of Badger must be signed for the reallocation.

Motion #051-2016

B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council accept the terms and conditions of the Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 17-MCW-16-00019 Water Service Laterals Replacement Amendment #1 Appendix "A" . Also, that the Mayor and the Town Clerk/Manager are authorized to sign documents for this Project on behalf of Council.

In Favor 4: Opposed 0. CARRIED.

7. Notice received from the Department of Municipal Affairs the New Building Canada Fund, Small Communities Fund, Project No. 17-SCF-17-00015 Water Service Laterals Replacement - Town of Badger. Total cost of the project \$484,000 with Federal Contribution of \$154,195, Provincial Contribution of \$262,131 and the Municipal Contribution \$46,258

Motion #052-2016

C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council accept the terms and conditions of the New Building Canada Fund, Small Communities Fund, Project No. 17-SCF-17-00015 Water Services Laterals Replacement - Town of Badger with funding totaling \$484,000 with contributions of \$154,195 Federal; \$262,131 Provincial and \$46,258 Municipal. Also, the Mayor and Town Clerk/Manager are authorized to signs documents for this Project on behalf of Council.

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

Correspondence continued:

8. The candidate selection form for central region was received from MNL for the Premier's Forum being held in Oct as part of the MNL annual convention. Discussion held.

Motion #053-2016 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council select Amy Coady Davis, Councillor for Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, Brenda Dicks, Councillor for Town of Springdale, Robert Hobbs, Mayor for Town of Bishop's Falls, and James Samson, Mayor for the Town of Peterview to represent the central region at the 2016 Premier's Forum being held Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

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

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash. Items discussed.

Motion #054-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, Dated July 12th, 2016 totaling \$ 51,115.75 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #055-2016 C. Paul/B. Mercer.

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated July 12th, 2016 totaling \$188.35 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. Councillor Paul did a run down of the schedule of events for Badger Day 2016. It was agreed that there would be a Badger Day committee meeting on August 2, 2016 at 6:30pm to finalize any outstanding details. 100 loot bags will be prepared for the children attending the magic show and face painting during Badger Day.
2. Discussion on the LAV III Project. This Project will cost approximately \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars). It was felt that given economic conditions and government cutbacks it may be difficult to raise that amount of funds. We have already submitted the deposit of \$7,500 (seventy-five hundred dollars) which we can request a refund. This is a very difficult decision to make; however, the Town is not in a financial position to commit itself to this Project.

Motion #056-2016 B. Mercer/P. Bridger.

Resolved that we cancel our contract with Canada Company for the supply of a LAV III Monument and request a refund of the \$7,500 (seventy-five hundred dollar) deposit made towards the Project.

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

3. Councillor Greene had a note about dust complaint on Maple Street from the water lateral replacement work being carried out there. It was explained that this is a construction site and there were not provisions for dust control in the contract.
4. Council agreed that it would take a vacation break in August; therefore, the next regular meeting would be the second Tuesday in September.