

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Colleen Paul
		Stephanie Greene
		Gregory Hurley
		Dennis Butt
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent	Councillor:	Blanche Mercer (working)

## **Discussion:**

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

Scott advised the water system pump house is working good. The well was shocked and the screens in the well are clean since the shocking was completed.

The machinery is good. Mr Luscombe said that they are working on an issue with the Hough Loader.

Given the weather conditions tonight Scott will plough street nights to keep streets open. We will have a River Watch on tonight monitoring the river conditions.

Discussion on several deep potholes around town. Scott advised that he doesn't have any patching material.

Councillor Hurley suggested mixing calcium with sand and this mixture may stay in the pothole longer than just sand.

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

## **Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 10, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held February 7, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion # #007-2017 G. Hurley/D. Butt.**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held January 10, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held February 7, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

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

## **Business Arising:**

1. Discussion on the town's Facebook group. Deputy Mayor asked for a clarification of the disclaimer that says the posts are the opinion of the entire Council. Councillor Paul explained that the disclaimer was put there so people would know that the posts are from the entire Council not just herself. Most towns have pages rather than groups. Councillor Paul said that this was how the Town's Facebook access was set up and she was authorized as the content provider. Councillor Butt felt the page should be similar to other towns which looks cleaner or more professional.

Debate was postponed until after discussion with Fire Chief Clarence Young.

## **Discussion:**

Fire Chief Clarence Young arrived at 7:50pm.

Mayor Patey welcomed Fire Chief Young to the meeting and Fire Chief Young gave his report.

-Fire Chief said there has been good response for members volunteering for the River Watch.

-The Fire Dept responded to a chimney fire and a snowmobile accident involving a youth. Fire Chief had concerns about snowmobiles being operated by youth in our community.

### **Discussion continued:**

Fire Chief said that while members were leaving the Fire Hall responding to the call of the snowmobile accident two kids drove their snowmobiles across in front of the fire truck. He asked if Council could keep the snow cleared from the trailway in front of the building as much as possible so drivers would have a better view of machines or pedestrians on the Trailway. Council agreed with this request. Fire Chief suggested having RCMP involved in a discussion with the school kids on safety when operating snowmobiles. Mayor Patey said he would talk to the RCMP regrading setting up something where the RCMP, the Fire Chief and Mayor would visit our local school and discuss operations of snowmobiles which the students. Fire Chief said there is also an issue with the noise from snowmobiles during the night.

Fire Chief advised that the green rescue van will be out of service on Thursday so that new lights can be installed. Also, Jamar Transport Ltd will be doing repairs to the red rescue van.

General discussion on cancer insurance being offered by the provincial government.

Six to eight members of the Fire Department will be completing first aid course this weekend.

Fire Chief said he had no issue with volunteers for the River Watch. Mayor explained that Council will select workers later in the meeting in case it is necessary to have the River Watch on for a longer period.

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

### **Business arising continued:**

Discussion continued on the Facebook issue. Councillor Paul said that she was fine either way Council decides to participate in Facebook. She sent information to the Town Clerk/Manager on the set up process for Facebook. She explained that you can't change the present group, which has some 875 people, to a page. Councillor Paul asked if it was thought she had a hands up by her posting to the Facebook group. It was felt that it could be perceived that she is the only person giving information to the community.

## **Business arising continued:**

**Motion #008-2017      D. Butt/G. Hurley**

Resolved that the Town of Badger Facebook group be dissolved and a Town of Badger Facebook page be created.

**In Favor: 4      Opposed: 2    Abstained 0.    CARRIED**  
**M. Patey      C. Paul**  
**P. Bridger    S. Greene**  
**G. Hurley**  
**D. Butt**

Councillor Paul said she would keep the group herself.

2. Councillor Paul suggested that the Stadium discussion be tabled until the March meeting. All present agreed.
3. Councillor Paul advised that the "Tomorrow's Leaders" program is up a running on the Town Website.
4. Councillor Paul said she checked into funding under the Building Communities Through Arts Program and the Town does not meet the criteria.
5. It was agreed that a reminder letter will be sent to residents of Maple Street to make sure their new numbers are on their properties.
6. Councillor Butt read the application he prepared on behalf of the Badger Recreation Committee to 4 Imprint requesting five hundred dollars worth of product which could be used for Badger Day. They have stuff toys as well as other products. Councillor Greene asked what age group he was considering. That will something that can be decided if the application is approved. All present agreed that Councillor Butt could submit the application.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Each councillor received their 2017 MNL Membership cards.



**Correspondence continued:**

2. Letter received from Fire Chief Clarence Young advised that the Fire Department purchased an emergency cell phone pager system for the Fire Department. The annual cost for the system is \$812.92. The system sends a message to the fireman's cell phone when an emergency call is received. It also allows them to message back so the Fire Chief can see how many firemen will be responding to the emergency. The Fire Chief is inquiring if Council would like to assist them with this purchase. Councillor Butt said that he didn't think the Fire Dept was expecting the Town to cover the full cost. Councillor Paul suggested Councillor Butt maybe in a conflict of interest because he is a member of the Fire Dept. Discussion held

**Motion #009-2017**

**C. Paul/S. Greene.**

Resolved that Council reimburse the Badger Fire Department for the total cost of the cell phone pager system for this year in the amount of \$812.92.

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

3. Information received from the Community Foundation of Canada for Canada 150 activities. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2017. The community must match the amount of funding it is requesting. This can be done by funds or in-kind support. Suggestions for activities included Fireworks, a parade, have properties decorated with red and white lights, community breakfast and birthday cake.

**Motion #010-2017**

**S. Greene/D. Butt**

Resolved that we apply for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Community Fund for Canada for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

**In favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.**

## **Correspondence continued:**

4. Invitation for Mayor to attend the Town of Buchans Come Home Year Community Dinner Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mayor Patey advised that he will be out of the province that weekend. This is also Badger Day weekend. Councillor Greene said she wasn't available that weekend either. Councillor Paul said she wasn't sure yet but she may not be available either.

## **Finances:**

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented summary of the following reports: AP Transaction Journal numbers 1, 2, & 3 and Petty Cash . Items reviewed.

**Motion #011-2017                      C. Paul/G. Hurley**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #1 , dated February 14, 2017 totaling \$148,851.18 for disbursement as presented.

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

Councillor Paul was excused from the meeting at 8:50pm.

2. **Motion #012-2017                      G. Hurley/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #2 in the amount of \$133.40 paid to J & T welding & Construction Ltd.

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

Councillor Paul returned to the meeting at 8:55pm at which time Mayor Patey was excused. Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence

**Finances continued:**

**3. Motion #013-2017 C. Paul/D. Butt**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #3 in the amount totaling \$124.27 paid to J & E Groceteria \$42.78 and Artlin Safety & Industrial \$80.49.

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

**4. Motion #014-2017 S. Greene/D. Butt**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, Date February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$93.55

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

Mayor Patey returned to the meeting at 9:05pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

5. The 2015 Financial Statements and Tax Recovery Plan has been received from our Auditor, Lori Mercer. General discussion.

**Motion #015-2017 G. Hurley/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council adopt the 2015 Financial Statements and Tax Recovery Plan as prepared by the Town's auditor, Lori Mercer, CPA.

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

**M. Patey  
P. Bridger  
C. Paul  
S. Greene  
G. Hurley  
D. Butt**

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**Finances continued:**

6. Motions to cancel the Town's gas tax application for the TCH Project #7-2016-5787 in the amount of \$86,289.99 and the Water Service Lateral Project #7-2014-5112 in the amount of \$49,090.41. Discussion held.

**Motion #016-2017                      G. Hurley/C. Paul**

Resolved that Council cancel its Gas Tax Application Approval #7-2016-5787 in the amount of \$86,289.99 for the Trans Canada Highway Water and Sewer Project.

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

**M. Patey  
P. Bridger  
C. Paul  
S. Greene  
G. Hurley  
D. Butt**

**Motion #017-2017                      G. Hurley/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council cancel its Gas Tax Application Approval #7-2104-5112 in the amount of \$49,090.41 for Replacement of Water Service Laterals Project.

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

**M. Patey  
P. Bridger  
C. Paul  
S. Greene  
G. Hurley  
D. Butt**



## **Other Business:**

1. Town Clerk/Manager was advised to forward copies of emails from our engineering firm regarding work on the town water supply to resident Ron Mercer.
  2. Discussion on having our water tested to see if we can remove the boil order from our water supply. Councillor Butt spoke to official from Government Services and was advised that the chlorine levels in our water supply are good.
  3. The River Watch will be on tonight monitoring water levels in rivers around our community. The Fire Department will be working in two (2) hour shifts.
  4. Councillor Paul asked the time line for the on-line banking service. Town Clerk/Manager is work with the Bank of Montreal on that matter. She is also work with the computer program and things should be up a running by the middle of March.
  5. Discussion on Councillor Paul's request for copies of invoices from Loder's Irving to check that there was no unauthorized travel. These invoices are reviewed when they are received. We do not use purchase orders for gas or at local store. Town Clerk/Manager said that it maybe difficult for the Fire Dept to use purchase orders. It was agreed that since we have a purchase order policy then it should be used for all purchase being charged to the Town.
  6. Councillor Paul question if the clothing allowance for staff was a taxable benefit. The clothing is purchased by the Town on behalf of the employee. Check will be made on the issue.
  7. Councillor Butt asked when would we start planning for Badger Day. Mayor Patey felt we should put up a notice looking for volunteers to help with Badger Day now because with volunteers you can't run Badger Day. It is not Council's job to run Badger Day. We have to get everyone involved. Have a notice posted looking for volunteers.
  8. Discussion on census information regarding the Town's population figures. In 2011 our population was 793 and in 2016 our population is 704. That is a loss of 89 people equaling a -11.2% change.
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## Other Business continued:

9. Selection of workers for the River Watch if it is required.

Councillor Paul was excused from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Discussion held. It was agreed that if needed Jordan Roberts schedule will be changed to nights for the River Watch.

Vote was taken for two workers plus one alternate, which resulted in the following being selected:

Carol Ann Roberts  
Derrick Loder  
Roger Howell (alternate)

10. Discussion on a janitor for the building. There were three applicants for the position, which were Brady Bennett, Lori Noseworthy and Carol Ann Roberts. The position is four hours per week and the day on which the work is done is flexible. Carol Ann Roberts was selected for the position.

Councillor Paul returned to the meeting at 9:44pm

## Adjournment:

**Motion #018-2017**

**G. Hurley/D. Butt**

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager

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