

# The Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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
	General Public:	Lorna Stuckless
		Christopher Stuckless

Mayor Patey chaired the meeting

## Discussion:

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

-Scott advised that the floats in the lift station on the TCH are not working again. These floats were installed in December 2016. Scott said he has been trying to make contact with Mr Paul Chafe regarding the problem. He was advised to check the warranty on the floats.

-the water system is working good. They will be purging and adding the chlorine drip to the well that is not in operation at this time. Councillor Greene said that there were complaints of dirty water this past weekend. Scott explained that because we are operating on one well they have not been able to flush the system. Once the two wells are operating correctly they will begin flushing the system. He advised that if the water is dirty just run the cold water until it clears.

-Scott advised that the General Clean Up will be completed this week. There was a lot of scrap metal which is taken to local scrap dealer. There has been a lot of debris this year. They will be removing the vehicle wrecks as well. All agreed that a great job was done on the Clean Up.

-Discussion on cleaning up properties. It was decided that a letter will be written to Wilfred Pittman advising him that he must remove the cab from a tractor trailer that he has stored on his property on Beothuck Street. This must be removed by July 31, 2017 or Council will have it moved and charge him for removal costs.

## **Discussion continued:**

-Scott advised that the compressor is gone in the Hough Loader. He is working on having it rebuilt. Hydraulic lines on the Cat loader have to be repaired.

-Scott said they would put up the new street signs when the Clean Up is completed. Scott is working at the pump house this week during the purging process.

-Scott was advised that the base around the War Memorial needs to be painted and the alters and grass cut around the playground.

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

Fire Chief Clarence Young arrived at the meeting at 7:45pm

Mayor welcomed Fire Chief Young to the meeting. Fire Chief Young presented his report.

-Fire Chief Young thanked Council for the donation made to the Pentecostal Cemetery Fund in memory of his late father.

-Fire Chief said there was a vehicle fire east of the community, a mva west of the community, two (2) medical calls and the report of a forest fire across the Exploits River which they could not find any evidence for a fire.

-No issue with their equipment.

-K & D Pratt will do the mobile inspection on the SCBA which is more cost effective than shipping the units out for inspection. The cylinders will go to D.A.S.I.T.

-The compressor they got from Duck Pond is all hooked up and they are now waiting for the inspection before they can use the compressor.

-They have a new member Robert Stuckless. Member Cody Pittman is on a one year leave of absence.

-Fire Chief advised that they are having regular Friday night meetings during the Summer and they are having practice every second Wednesday night.

-Fire Chief Young advised that he applied for funding from Fire and Emergency Services for new equipment. He explained that he applies every year. If the funding is approved then we can decide if it will be accepted.

- Mayor asked if the Fire Department could help with the fireworks display on Canada Day. Fire Chief said that shouldn't be a problem

### Discussion continued:

- General discussion on Badger Day. There will be a separate meeting to plan Badger Day.
- Fire Chief said that he hasn't had time to work on the claims for motor vehicle accidents. Councillor Paul found the link for making the application and forwarded it to the Town Clerk/Manager. Fire Chief said he was working with Wendy Porter, Fire and Emergency Services on the issue.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Young left the meeting at 8:00pm.

### Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the special meetings of Council held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #051-2017                      P. Bridger/D. Butt**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the special meetings of Council held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting..

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene;  
G. Hurley; D. Butt.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### Business Arising:

1. Mayor patey said he spoke to our engineer, Rob Kearley, regarding the cracks in the asphalt and he was going to take a look at the asphalt. It was also agreed that we have to keep the side of the asphalt filled in to prevent cracking on the sides of the streets. The corner of Cooke Crescent and Memorial Drive needs to be filled in again.
2. There will be a meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00pm to discuss Canada Day activities. A grant of \$2,300 has been approved under the Canada 150 funding program and Council must match with \$2,300.00. It was agreed that we will order flags red and white; one hundred white buttons, one hundred red buttons, one hundred white hand held flags, one hundred red hand held flags and fifteen cross pins.

### **Business Arising continued:**

3. Discussion on complaint from David and Michelle Walbourne regarding neighbors cows and electric fence between their properties. There are no provisions in our Municipal Plan regarding electric fences. It was felt there should not be anything happening in the protective zone around our water supply. Email from Mr Paul McInnis of the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment suggest that we contact the Water Resource Division regarding the protective zone around the well field. Councillor Paul suggested that a letter be sent to the land owner suggesting they “cease and assist” any activities in the water protection area. We have to follow up with the government agencies to get more information to make sure our water supply is protected.

Members of the general public left the meeting at 8:24pm.

Councillor Greene wondered about the cuts in the road. Councillor Butt said that he made some calls and Exploits Paving has a roller that we maybe able to rent. Asphalt from Penney’s is \$110.00 per ton. The plan is to cut out and prepare the areas to be patched then go get the asphalt. Councillor Butt said he would make some calls to other paving companies in the area.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at 8:30pm

Councillor Butt is still working with the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor regarding an asphalt warmer that we maybe able to acquire. Discussion on purchasing a saw for cutting asphalt.

**Motion #052-2017**

**D. Butt/C. Paul**

Resolved that we purchase a Still T5420 saw and two (2) blades from United Rental at a cost of \$1,399.00 plus tax.

**In Favor 7: M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business Arising continued:**

It was agreed that a letter will be written the Valard regarding a donation for our community.

-With regards to the gate at the bottom of School Hill this was to keep vehicle off the Hill. Councillor Greene was concerned for the safety of kids on ATV coming down the Road from the Hill and the vehicles coming up River Road . It was agreed to place a speed bump in the area of Pat Paul's fence. Also, suggested we have signs stating " recreation area ahead" and 20 km speed limit signs. A speed bump will also be placed on Maple Street in the area of Byron White's property.

-Councillor Greene wondered if councillors could use the laptop computer if necessary. The laptop will be available if required and also during emergency operations.

Break was held from 8:55pm to 9:00pm

Councillor Paul said that any correspondence regarding the Walbourne complaint would have to be sent to Olga Stuckless since she is the legal owner of the property with copies sent to Christopher Stuckless and David and Michelle Walbourne. Councillor Paul said there was a truck and an excavator in the area as well. Suggested we have our maintenance crew do an inspection of the land and take pictures if necessary.

There was also a verbal complaint regarding a resident on Fourth Avenue with chickens on their property. A letter was written to them in the past regarding this matter.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Notice received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment that they have approved our request to use Gas Tax Funding for the water service laterals on the north side of the TCH and sewer line extension on Third Avenue.

2. Letter received from the Salvation Army seeking a donation for their Red Shield Appeal. Discussion held.  
**Motion #053-2017      B. Mercer/P. Bridger.**

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be made to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

**In Favor 7: M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene;  
G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0: Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Correspondence continued:**

3. Letter received from the Exploits Aboriginal Community Group requesting a donation to an up coming event they are sponsoring. Discussion held. This request does not meet the requirements of our donation policy.
4. Notice received from the Dept of Advance Education, Skills and Labour advising that our JCP application for the Student Coordinator has been approved for eight (8) weeks.
5. Notice received that the Graduation Pot Luck Supper will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> instead of June 21<sup>st</sup> which was earlier discussed.

## **Finances:**

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

**Motion #054-2017**

**B. Mercer/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal # 1 dated June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$64,961.99 for disbursement as presented.

## **Finances continued:**

**In Favor 7: M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene;  
G . Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Patey was excused from the meeting at 9:27pm  
Deputy Mayor Bridger chaired the meeting .

### **2. Motion 055-2017      B. Mercer/D. Butt**

Resolved that Council approve accounts payable #2 dated  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$396.13 for disbursement as  
presented.

**In Favor 6 P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene  
G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

**3. Motion #056-2017                      C. Paul/B. Mercer**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement as follows: \$64.40 mailing General Clean-Up schedule; and \$79.40 general office.

**In Favor 6: P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene; G. Hurley;  
D. Butt; B. Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Patey returned to the meeting at 9:31pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

## **Other Business:**

1. Request received from Kevin Connors to purchase a section of land adjacent to his property on Third Avenue. When we sell land we charge fifty cents (.50) per square foot plus the cost of the survey. Check will be made to make sure the town owns the property. The land has been reserved for a road for a proposed development behind properties on Third Avenue.
2. Council voted to select student workers for the Service Canada funding which has been approved.

Councillor Blanche Mercer was excused from the discussion and voting process.

Resulting from the vote the following were hired Mackenzie May, Cassidy Jacobs, and Bailey White. Brady Butt was selected the alternate in case one of those selected doesn't want the position. Also, he will be hired under the provincial funding when we receive approval.

Councillor Blanche Mercer returned to discussion

## Other Business continued:

3. Three applicants were received for the JCP student summer student coordinator. Council voted to select the student coordinator which resulted in Christine Butt being selected.

4. Mayor patey advised the Reid's Construction will be doing the work on the ball field in three (3) phases. The first phase will begin on June 22th, 2017.

5. Discussion on the quotes for work required to be done on the Stadium including:

new ice plant — \$850,000 or fan system \$350,000

work on roof ---- \$350,000

electrical ----- \$300,000

clean mold ---- \$71,300

will need a new plant room, work on metal, siding, etc.

More information is required including the operational costs. Then you can look at what it would cost per household for the operation of the Stadium. Mayor said that our engineer had some concerns about taking down the sides of the building and leaving the roof in place with exposed beams. When applying for funding you have to show that the building is viable. It was agreed that all this information must be part of a survey that would be sent to residents of the community. General discussion continued.

6. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked if a couple of picnic tables could be placed in the playground. Maintenance crew will be advised.

7. Councillor Paul asked about the invitation to the Exploits Valley High School graduation ceremony. Mayor Patey said that Councillor Mercer ask to attend and since he was unable to attend he said she would be going in his place. Councillor Paul said that she was a little upset because she spoke to Isabelle Wilson and she was attend the event with Councillor Mercer. Mayor Patey said he wasn't aware of this issue and neither was Councillor Mercer. Councillor Paul has attended this event in the past. Mayor Patey said the invitation was only received today.

## **Other Business continued:**

8. Councillor Greene said that she was approached by Harold Crann regarding the run off of water onto his property. General discussion. Check will be made with our Superintendent of Works regarding the issue.

9. General discussion on Community Enhancement Funding. The deadline for applications is July 29, 2017.

10. Discussion on landscaping at Cost. Moss Monument and in front of the playground. It was decided to get a quote for fertilizing those areas. Also, get a quote for seeding as well as red stone for in front of the playground.

11. Councillor Hurley asked about opening the easement between Ross Butt and Jim Mercer on Maple Street. This area is an easement to the river in case there was a fire in the area. It has been closed off for some time. Councillor Hurley said that he had to go through private land to get out to the area. Some residents have wood stored in the area and the only way they can get to their wood is going through private property. General discussion. It was agreed that our maintenance crew would clean up the area and make it accessible to the area behind the Trailer Court.

12. Councillor Hurley also asked about extending the fencing at the War Memorial to prevent damage to the asphalt by ATV and dirt bikes. All present were in agreement.

13. Councillor Greene said that she received a complaint about Roy Hobbs Sr using the easement between his property and Norman Party on Church Road to park his vehicles and store things. Discussion held. Town Clerk/Manager advised that she received a call from Mrs Hobbs regarding sap from her neighbor's tree falling on their vehicles and shed and causing problems. She was wondering if there was anything the Town could do regarding this issue. It was felt this was an issue between neighbors. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Mr Hobbs advising him to remove his property from town property.

## **Other Business continued:**

Councillor B. Mercer was excused from the meeting at 10:40pm

14. Councillor Butt wondered about equipment for the playground. General discussion.

15. Councillor Butt wondered about the easement between his property and his neighbor. He maybe interested in acquiring some land there.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion 057-2017     D. Butt/G. Hurley**

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene;  
G. Hurley; B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager