

The Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Mayor Patey chaired the meeting.

Discussion:

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

-Scott advised that the water system is working good.

There was an issue with a lift station on Main Street which they are working to correct.

-Equipment is working good. Scott has been sifting the crush stone from the old asphalt stored at the Depot.

-Discussion on cracks in the asphalt on Sunset Drive and Main Street. It was agreed to contact our engineering firm regarding this issue.

-Discussion on the general clean-up. It was agreed that we will not take home renovation materials. If residents are replacing shingles, siding or windows they are responsible for taking that material to the waste disposal site.

-Mayor Patey said that he had a meeting with official of the Dept of Transportation and Works and they don't have a mobile asphalt re-cycle machine that we can purchase.

General discussion. Scott had measurements on the cuts in the asphalt that need to be repaired. Councillor Butt will speak to the town of Grand Falls-Windsor regarding a unit they have to keep asphalt warm. A new mobile unit is \$135,000.00. When the asphalt plants open it was agreed that we would begin the patching of town streets.

-Scott advised that the sewerage treatment plant is not working to capacity. Mayor Patey explained that with the new regulations we will have to upgrade or replace the current plant.

Discussion continued:

Mayor said that he was looking at information on the Blivit System during the MNL Symposium in Gander last week.
-it was agreed that the new signs will be installed once the general clean-up has been completed.
-Scott advised that they installed a new fence at the War Memorial. They will be repairing the railing along the Walking Trail. It was decided to install a gate at the bottom of School Hill for the Summer and Fall to keep vehicles off the Hill.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 8:13pm.

Adoption of minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 11th, 2017 and the special meetings held April 19th, and 24th, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #040-2017 G. Hurley/D. Butt

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held April 11th, 2017 and the special meetings of Council held April 19th, and 24th, 2017 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

In Favor 4: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. The General Clean-Up notice will clarify that we are not taking home renovation materials during the Clean-Up.

Business Arising continued:

2 Councillor Butt said that residents are asking about the Stadium. Mayor Patey said that our meeting regarding the Stadium has been postponed a couple of times. He said that you must have all the facts in place before you can inform the residents about the Stadium. Mayor suggested that we have a meeting to discuss the Stadium and councillors could each take an item that needs repairs and get quotes for these repairs. Given that this Council only has four months left in its term in office no decision can be made on what will happen to the Stadium. However, we will have the information for the new Council when they take office. The Town's share on funding for recreation projects is 40%. The project has to meet government criteria as well as being able to cover its operating expenses. It was agreed Council will have a special meeting on Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 at 7:00pm to discuss the Stadium.

3. Notice was received that we should be informed by the end of May regarding our application for Canada 150 funding for Canada Day celebrations.

4. Quote was received from Reid's Construction for upgrading the ball field. The Cost is \$57,500.00 plus tax. We have \$50,000.00 in funding committed for the Project.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at the meeting at 8:30pm

Discussion on the Ball Field Project continued. Check will be made regarding public tendering requirements.

Motion #041-2017 P. Bridger/D. Butt

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Gas Tax Secretariat, for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 to up-grade the Constable Moss Softball Field.

In favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising continued:

5. Mayor Patey advised the he and the Town Clerk/Manager had a meeting with Hon. Eddy Joyce, Minister of the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Mr Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister, and Graham Letto, Parliamentary Secretary while attending the MNL Symposium in Gander. The meeting was regarding our application for funding for the remaining water laterals on TCH and the Third Avenue sewer project. Mayor felt the meeting was positive and we should know by early June if we will receive the funding.
6. Mayor Patey said there was a special meeting of Council held on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 to discussion hiring Jimmy Flynn Comedy & Music Show as part of our annual Badger Day celebrations and a motion of Council was passed to hire the Show.

Motion #038-2017 D. Butt/G. Hurley

Resolved that we hire Jimmy Flynn Music & Comedy Show for Friday, August 4th, 2017 at a cost of three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$3,700) as part of our annual Badger Day activities.

In favor 4: M. Patey; P. Bridger, G. Hurley; D. Butt.
Opposed 1: C. Paul
Abstained 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Butt advised that Terry Best of “rivershack” and Stagg Signs are donating to the Show.

Correspondence:

Deputy Mayor Bridger was excused from the meeting at 8:50pm due to conflict of interest.

1. Letter received from Asher Cutting, Principal of Avoca Collegiate requesting the use of our port-a-potty during their sports days in June. General discussion.

Motion #042-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt

Resolved that Avoca Collegiate be permitted to borrow the port-a-potty for the sports day in June.

In Favor: M. Patey; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Bridger returned to the meeting at 8:55pm

2. Application received from the Heart & Stroke Foundation to apply for an Automated External Defibrillator for public buildings. Discussion held. It was agreed that Council would apply for a Defibrillator to be placed in the Community Centre.

3. Fire and Emergency Services has made updates to the Town's Emergency Plan. General discussion. There are several updates required for local contacts as well.

Motion #043-2017 P. Bridger/B. Mercer

Resolved that the updates to the Town of Badger Emergency Plan received from Fire and Emergency Services be adopted by Council.

In Favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the summary of the following reports: AP Transaction Journal and the Petty Cash Reimbursement. Items were reviewed and discussed. Councillor Butt asked about invoice from Sonny's Flowers this was for flowers given to the Town Clerk/Manager for Administrative Professionals Day. Mayor and Deputy Mayor did the ordering.

Motion #044-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated May 9, 2017 totaling \$46,189.27 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

Mayor Patey was excused from the meeting at 9:05pm
Deputy Mayor Paula Bridger chaired the meeting.

2. Motion #045-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement as follows: \$91.70 general office expense and \$48.50 Municipal Awareness Day expense.

**In Favor 4: P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.
Opposed 0:
Abstained 0.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Patey returned to the meeting at 9:09 and resumed chairing the meeting.

Other Business:

- 1.** Councillor Mercer had a complaint regarding the driver on garbage truck. He advised a resident of the community that he would not pick up her garbage if her dog was out in the garden. The dog is tied on and inside a fence. It was explained that if you have an issue with garbage collection you have to contact Central Newfoundland Waste Management.
- 2.** Councillor Butt received some small toys from 4 Imprint. They will be used for kids prizes during Badger Day.
- 3.** Councillor Hurley asked about a donation being made in memory of the late Charles Young father of our Fire Chief, Clarence Young. Donations can be made in his memory to the Badger Pentecostal Cemetery Fund.

Other Business continued:

Motion #046-2017 G. Hurley/B. Mercer

Resolved that a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) be made to the Badger Pentecostal Cemetery Fund in memory of the late Charles Young.

In Favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Letter was received today from David and Michelle Walbourne regarding their neighbor raising cows on his property next to their property as well as erecting an electric fence between their properties. Mayor Patey felt that the Dept of Environment may need to be involved in this issue. We will have to check our Municipal Plan to see if cows are permitted. This area was considered farmland. Matter deferred until our next meeting.

5. Discussion of the letter drafted by Councillor Paul to be sent to residents of the community regarding the boundaries set for fire protection. All agreed the draft was good. It was agreed that we will remove the section -- council in partnership with the Fire Chief -- because it is a decision of Council, paragraph #3 will be revised to include a written description of the response boundary and paragraph #4 will be omitted because our present Fire Chief is retiring in the Fall and this a volunteer position and it is unfair to expect a person to provide assistance outside their required boundary. Letter will be revised and sent to all residents of the community.

6. Discussion on purchasing a laptop computer for the Town Office. Council had earlier agreed to purchase a laptop when we purchased the TV for Council Chambers. A software update is also required for the Town office. It was agreed software upgrades are ongoing operating expenses. Quote obtained from D & K Computers was reviewed.

Other Business continued:

5. Continued.....

Motion \$047-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt

Resolved that we purchase a Acer E5-532T-P1CH laptop computer at a cost of \$599.99 plus tax and the Microsoft Office Home & Business software upgrade at a cost of \$199.00 plus tax from D & K Computes.

In favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. The Town has received funding under Service Canada - Canada Summer Jobs for three (3) students. This funding is on a 50/50 basis Program/Town. They will begin work on June 26, 2017.

7. We will be applying for funding from the provincial government to employ students as well.

6. Mr Terry Best has offered the Town seed to plant Virginia Creeper plants along fences of town property. Discussion held. It was agreed to plant the Virginia Creeper along the fence at the Town Depot.

7. Discussion held on hiring two (2) workers for the annual general clean-up. There were three applicants. Gary Lane, Scott Hutchings, and Donna Howell. Vote was done resulting in Gary Lane and Scott Hutchings being selected.

8. Discussion on Municipal Awareness Day activities being held tomorrow with Avoca Collegiate. The Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk/Manager organized a mock town council election with students and there was coloring contest and what "Badger Means to Me" for the senior grades. Pansy and Carol Ann counted the ballots today and Mayor Patey will announce the results tomorrow during lunch. Mayor Patey, Deputy Mayor Bridger and Councillor Hurley will be here tomorrow to help serve lunch along with town staff.

Other Business continued:

8. Continued.....

All the submissions for the contest were placed in the Community Centre. The identification of the student has been covered for the purpose of judging. Councillors reviewed the entries for the contests and selected the winners. Their names will be announced tomorrow as well.

Motion #048-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt.

Resolved that ten dollar (\$10) Robin's gift certificates will be awarded to the seven (7) winners of the mock election and fifteen dollar (\$15) Robin's gift certificates will be awarded to the three (3) winners in the Municipal Awareness contest.

In Favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion #049-2017 B. Mercer/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at 7:30pm.

In Favor 5: M. Patey; P. Bridger; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

