

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	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:	Mayor:	Michael Patey

Deputy Mayor Bridger chaired the meeting.

Discussion:

1. Deputy Mayor Patey welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting.

Scott advised the chlorine levels at the pump house have been pretty level and system is working good. He advised that they have been trying to get the contractor to repair the water line leak at corner of Sunset Drive and Main Street. Their equipment is tied up on work at the airport in Gander.

The lift station on the TCH is working again. The issue was in the high level float. The floats have a one year warranty. Scott was asked to paint the green lift station on Main Street.

Scott said they should have the asphalt patching completed in two weeks. The saw for cutting the asphalt has been ordered. He said he would have the street signs put up as well. He wasn't sure how to attach the sign to the post. Scott advised that the students cleaned up the garbage and mowed the grass at the cemetery on Earle Street. There is a fire hydrant on School Road that has to be repaired.

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

Discussion continued:

2. Fire Chief Clarence Young arrived at the meeting at 7:40pm

Deputy Mayor Bridger welcomed Fire Chief Young to the meeting.

Fire Chief Young presented his report:

-report of carbon detector alarm no issue found

-call from the RCMP for over turned boat at Catamaran Park all worked out ok

-no issue with their equipment

-the compressor is now up and running the inspection was completed today.

-Kevin Loder donated two coolers one for the Fire Department and one for the Community Centre and a refrigeration unit for the coolers. It was agreed that a Thank You card be sent to Mr Loder.

-Fire Chief advised that they received \$500 (five hundred dollars) from Stan Dawe Ltd. They will use the money to purchase commercial grade power tools for the Department. They have a generator that they plan to sell tickets on to raise funds for the tools as well.

-Discussion on the beer garden and Badger Day dance. The beer garden will be Recreations and the Bar at the Badger Day dance will be the Fire Department's. Recreation will take the door for the dance and pay for the music. The bar and door for the Jimmy Flynn concert on Friday, August 4 will go to the Recreation Committee. It was agreed that we will only sell tickets for the seating capacity for tables and chairs. Unused beer can be returned. We will get one tub of ice from Triton. Fire department will assist with the Badger Day Parade as well. Fire Chief said he would do what he could to help.

-the Firemen's Ball will be held on August 19, 2017. The dinner will be at the Parish Centre and the dance will be in the Community Centre. Councillors and spouses are invited to attend.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Young left the meeting at 8:15pm

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 June 13th, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held June 19th, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Paul said that Page 8 #7 should have said that she was talking to Isabelle Wilson not that she heard.

Motion # 059-2017 C. Paul/D. Butt

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held June 13th, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held June 19th, 2017 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting and corrected.

**In Favor 5: P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene; G. Hurley;
D. Butt.**

Opposed 0:

Opposed 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. No response from Beothuck Street property owner regarding the removal of debris on their Beothuck Street property. They have until July 31, 2017 to have it removed.
2. Town Clerk/Manager is working with Fire Chief Young and Fire and Emergency Services regarding filing information online and submitted claims.
3. There was an email from Lorna Stuckless stating that she feels Councillor Colleen Paul is in a "conflict of interest" when she speaks to the issue regarding the complaint from David and Michelle Walbourne and land of Olga Stuckless. Ms Stuckless states that she spoke to Dept of Municipal Affairs and they agreed with her. Check will be made with the Department for clarification. Discussion held.

Business Arising:

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at 8:25pm

3. Continued.....

There would only be a conflict of interest if the Councillor has a monetary interest in the matter. Council can decide if a councillor is in a “conflict of interest”. Discussion was held and all agreed that Councillor Paul was not in a conflict of interest.

All correspondence regarding the Stuckless matter will be sent to Olga Stuckless and copies will be sent to Christopher and Lorna Stuckless.

4. The speed bump on River Road has to be moved further up the street because it is not working in its present location.

5. Working on the information to ensure ownership of land requested by Kevin Connors on Third Avenue.

6. Letter received from the contractor advising the work on the ballfield will not begin until after Badger Day. Those present felt this was not good enough.

7. With regard to the issue with water on Harold Crann’s property on Maple Street it was suggested he dig a drain to allow the water to run back to the river.

8. Mr Roy Hobbs, Sr. has moved the equipment he had parked on the easement adjacent to his property. There was discussion because we have easements on Maples Street occupied by Martin Roberts and Darren Patey and Calvin Howell on Maple Street. We have to be careful dealing with this issue.

9. Discussion on the request from Ross Butt and Roxanne George to purchase land adjacent to the property they are renting from the Town in the Trailer Court. Town Clerk/Manager gave councillors copies on information from the minutes where this issue was dealt with in the past. Councillor Hurley said that the land should be left for access to the back of the Trailer Court area in case of fire. Councillor Paul questioned Councillor Hurley wanting access to area behind his property and Councillor Hurley said yes he would. Councillor Paul told the Town Clerk/Manager to keep quiet because she was speaking to her husband and if we want any information from you we will ask for it.

Business Arising continued:

9. Continued.....

Deputy Mayor Bridger told Councillor Paul that her content to Pansy was being disrespectful. Councillor Paul's response was that she was not being disrespectful. Councillor Paul said she spoke to the RCMP and she told her that we would be liable if someone coming off the easement was injured. Councillor Butt suggested we ask our Fire Chief what he felt about leaving the area for access to the river and back of the Trailer Court. Further discussion at the next meeting.

10. Deputy Mayor Bridger said that the Canada Day activities were awesome

11. Quote received from Lawn Experts to replace the sods on the Badger Monument. The sods that were placed there have died. They says it all has to be replaced. Discussion held.

Motion #060-2017

B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that we accept the quote form Lawn Experts in the amount of \$5,286.60 to replace the sods and the Badger Monument site.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

1. All councillors and their spouses received an invitation to the annual Firemen's Ball being held Saturday, August 19, 2017 please reply by July 24, 2017. The dinner will be at the Parish Centre and the dance will be at the Community Centre.

2. The letter from Ross Butt requesting the purchase of the easement next to the property he is renting from the Town has already been discussed.

Correspondence continued:

3. Each councillor received a copy of the Central NL Waste Management Financial Audit Statement to December 31, 2016.
4. Notice received from the Municipal Assessment Agency with an update on their Board of Directors.

Finances:

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

Motion #061-2017 S. Greene/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated July 11, 2017 totaling \$35,281.24 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.

2. Motion #062-2017 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council approve Petty Cash reimbursement as follows: \$97.20 (Canada Day - prizes/decorations); \$62.70 (Canada Day - pinata, prizes); \$92.25 (Canada Day - soft drinks); \$98.75 (10 bags soil/paint brushes); \$87.75 (Canada Day propane, props, pinata prizes, cake)

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Approval to Call Tenders for the TCH Water & Sewer Replacement project received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment. Our engineering firm will complete this process.
2. Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Discussion held on Nomination Day and Advance Poll.

Motion #063-2017 C. Paul/B. Mercer

Resolved that Nomination Day will be held Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 8:00am to 8:00pm and the Advance Poll will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:00am to 8:00pm.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Councillor Paul wanted to make sure that when doing the election on mayor and deputy mayor following the general election on September 26, 2017 must follow the requirements of the Municipalities Act and not that the person with the most votes would be mayor and the next person would be the deputy mayor. The election of mayor and deputy mayor has to follow Section 18 of the Municipalities Act.

4. Discussion on designation of the Alternate Returning Office for the up coming Municipal General Election. Town Clerk/Manager suggested Carol Ann Roberts for the position because she is most qualified.

Councillor Colleen Paul was excused from the meeting at 9:25pm due to conflict of interest.

The Alternate Returning Officer will run the Election if for some reason the Returning Officer is unable to complete her duties. Town Clerk/Manager suggested that since we are asking Ms Roberts to be available that she receive one days pay even if she is not required to work.

Other Business continued:

Motion #064-2017 B. Mercer/S. Greene

Resolved that Carol Ann Roberts be appointed Alternate Returning Officer for the General Municipal Election being held September 26, 2017. She will receive one day pay under the election expenses.

**In Favor 5: P. Bridger; S., Greene; G. Hurley;
D. Butt; B. Mercer.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked about a small token of appreciation for Ann Marie Young for doing the pictures and Carol Ann Roberts for providing the music at our Canada Day activities.

Motion #065-2017 S. Greene/B. Mercer

Resolved that fifty dollars (\$50) be given to Anna Marie Young and Carol Ann Roberts for their help with photos and music on Canada Day

In Favor 4: P. Bridger; S. Greene; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 1: G. Hurley.

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Complaint received from resident of Maple Street regarding Jessica Roberts dog roaming and being in the river behind their home barking. Letter will be written to Ms Roberts regarding the issue.

7. Councillor Mercer wondered about cleaning up the cemetery on Earle Street. She was advised that this was done today.

8. Councillor Mercer wondered about putting garbage boxes by the side of the road. She was advised that this can be done.

9. Discussion on a meeting to plan Badger Day activities. Town Clerk/Manager advised that due to personal reasons she will not be available for Badger Day. She will be on

Other Business continued:

annual leave. Councillor Hurley will also be away during that time. Discussion on the softball tournament for youth. Councillor Paul suggested we ask Robin's for a donation maybe five hundred dollars. Councillor Butt will contact Robin's regarding a donation. It was agreed that there will be a meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 5:00pm do finalize events for Badger Day.

10. Received from TECK Resources Limited -Duck Pond a contribution of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Discussion held. These funds will be used for the ballfield upgrades.

Adjournment:

Motion #066-2017 C. Paul/S. Greene

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30pm.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager
