

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 in Council Chambers

Members present: Mayor: Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor: Paula Bridger
Councillors: Colleen Paul
Stephanie Greene
Gregory Hurley
Dennis Butt
Blanche Mercer

Also, present: Superintendent of
Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley
Meeting chaired by Mayor M. Patey

Discussion:

Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

-The water supply pump house is working good. However, some residents are experiencing a strong smell from their faucets. Scott said that we spoke to our engineer Rob Kearley. Scott thinks some of the problem may have occurred following the mainline break they had on Beothuck Street while they were flushing the waterlines. Discussion on flushing the lines and if that may be causing the smell. Scott will speak with our engineer and Ray Chant, Central Regional Service Board regarding if we should continue flushing the waterlines. Mr Kearley is checking with the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding the matter. Scott explained that wells #1 & #2 are operating. #1 has the chlorine drip and #2 is causing the smell.

-lift stations are working good

-inspection has been completed on the dump truck, loaders are working and he is working on the salt truck.

-they have completed the cuts in the asphalt and they have the roller from Exploits Paving. Scott said there will a contractor in town doing some work later this week and he was wondering if Council would consider having them do the three larger section of asphalt patching that we require. Those are on Sunset Drive, Maple Street near Memorial Drive and School Road. He was advised to get a quote from the contractor for Council to consider.

Discussion continued:

- he will check with Penney's regarding getting some fill from their pit on Buchans Highway.
- all agreed that a good job was done on the street signs. The sign for Cooke Crescent had to be redone due to spelling error. Stagg Signs and Graphics will be contacted regarding the matter.

Council thanked Mr Luscombe for his work over the past four years of its term of office. Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:45pm

Fire Chief Clarence Young arrived at 7:45pm Mayor Patey welcomed Fire Chief Young to the meeting.

Fire Chief Young gave his report.

- 2 medical calls,
- no fire or motor vehicle accidents,
- there is a issue with the power steering on van #1, which is being taken care off,
- Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant, Project #FES-SA0027 on a 80/20 cost shared basis. Total funding is \$8,861.83 with the town's share being \$1,607.24. This is for the purchase of six (6) pagers and two (2) bunker clothing (jacket & pants). Council will discuss later in the meeting.
- discussion on replacement of Warrior SCBA equipment . Fire Chief Young is recommending the quote from Honeywell option #2 upgrade the SCBA and Facepiece to 2013 NFPA standard for \$363 US dollars which is approximately \$500 Canadian. Two units required.

Councillor B. Mercer arrived at 7:54pm

Fire Chief Young will be retiring from his position as Fire Chief the first Friday in October. The election process will follow same procedures as in the past. Council will have to decided if it will accept the Fire Department's recommendation for Fire Chief.

Discussion continued:

Fire Chief Young advised Council that all files are up to date and all the equipment has been inspected and up to date.

Mayor Patey thanked Fire Chief Young for his work with the Fire Dept. Fire Chief said that he has enjoyed working with Council and thanked Councillor Paul for her kind words during the Firemen's Ball.

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 August 15th, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's.

Councillor Hurley said there was an error that he did not tell Councillor Paul to shut up during the meeting of July 11th, 2017. Councillor Paul asked if he was calling her a liar. Councillor Hurley replied that he didn't say it. Councillor Mercer said that she knew he said something but could not remember exactly what he said. Others present had no comment. Further more the meeting could not be found on the recorder. Councillor Paul felt that was very convenient.

Motion #074-2017 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 15th, 2017 be adopted as circulated omitting the corrections.

In Favor 7: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. Discussion on the invoices for damage to the lift station on Memorial Drive totaling \$43,477.41. These invoices have been sent to our insurance company. Councillor Butt suggested purchasing a spare pump for the lift station.
2. Mayor Patey said that he spoke to our engineer, Rob Kearley, regarding the damaged pipe that caused the leak on Sunset Drive. He was advised that an employee of Wareham's welded a fitting that was used on the waterline. That fitting broke and caused the leak. Council is not prepared to pay the invoice for the repairs.
3. Discussion on the land sold on Maple Street to Ross Butt. There is a letter on the agenda from Gerald Mercer who was upset by the way the sale was handled. This issue was discussed at length during the last meeting. Two emails were received from government departments; however, Council only received one. Council did receive copies of past minutes where the issue of the section of land in question was discussed. When selling Council property valued over five hundred dollars and notice must be posted regarding the intended sale. Council has never posted the sale of land when it is small pieces adjacent to the purchasers property. Letter will be written to Mr Mercer explained that Council treated this request similar to others in the past. Going forward changes will be made in handling this type of request.
4. Check will be made with Lawn and Weed Experts to see when the work will be done at the Badger Monument site.

Correspondence:

1. A donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) was received from Valard Construction Ltd for upgrades to the ballfield. Councillor Paul thanked Town Clerk/Manager for submitting the request to Valard Construction Ltd. When the work at the ballfield is completed a sign will be erected acknowledging the sponsors of the Project.
2. Circular for the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding Regional Government Consultations. There will be a meeting in Grand Falls-Windsor on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 7:00 - 9:30pm St. Joseph's Hall.

Correspondence continued:

3. Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment - Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant, Ptoject-FES-SA0027. Discussion held.

Motion #075-2017 S. Greene/D. Butt

Resolved that Council accept funding under the Fire Protection Financial Assistance Grant, Project #FES-SA0027 in the amount of \$8,861.83 on an 80/20 Provincial/Municipal cost-shared basis to purchase six (6) Pagers and two (2) Bunker Clothing (Jacket & Pants) for the Fire Department.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

The discussion was held on the replacement of the Warrior SCBA's.

Motion #076-2017 D. Butt/B. Mercer

Resolved that Council accept the proposal from Honeywell Option #2 for the upgrade of two (2) SCBA and Facepiece to 2013 NFPA standard at a cost of \$363 US dollars per unit.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Request received from a resident requesting a meeting with the Mayor regarding some complaints they wanted to discuss. Mayor Patey said that he would meet with the resident to discuss their concerns.

Correspondence continued:

5. Received from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment was a copy of a permit issued by that Department to Lorna Stuckless for a farm for hay production in the Badger Wellhead Protected Water Supply Area #GW9310-2017. General discussion.
6. Information received regarding the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding grant information. Deadline for applications is September 30, 2017. Councillor Butt will look into submitted application for equipment for playground.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated September 12th, 2017 totaling \$21,513.64 for disbursement as presented.

Motion #077-2017

B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated September 12th, 2017 totaling \$21,513.64 for disbursement as presented.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Mayor Patey was excused from the meeting at 8:55pm

Discussion on Accounts Payable #2 Artlin Safety & Industrial.

Motion #078-2017 C. Paul/S. Greene

Resolved that Artlin Safety & Industrial be paid \$162.50.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Motion #079-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed as follows: \$73.78 (general office); \$94.95 (lunch after tonight's meeting).

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Patey returned at 9:00pm

Councillor Paul was excused at 9:00pm

4. Discussion on Accounts Payable #3 J & T Welding & Construction \$4,148.63.

Finances continued:

Motion #080-2017 B. Mercer/D. Butt

Resolved that J & T Welding & Construction be paid \$4,148.63 (\$1,940.63 equipment rental to repair water line; \$483.00 seven (7) loads of gravel; \$1,725.00 boom truck rental at pump house).

In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; S. Greene; G. Hurley; D. Butt; B. Mercer.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Paul returned at 9:05pm

Other Business:

1. Mayor Patey said that he spoke to Mr Larry Bartlett of Teck Resources and he advised the Mayor to make an application to Teck Resource for funding for the dug-outs at the ballfield. Councillor Paul will get the information on the cost of the constructing the dug-outs and the Town Clerk/Manager will draft the request.
2. Councillor Paul would like to set up payment by email for residents paying their taxes. General discussion. We can use an email address from the town website

Motion #091-2017 C. Paul/S. Greene

Resolved that beginning January 1, 2018 the town will accept email money transfers from persons paying their town taxes.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

3. Discussion on the complaint from Ron and Ann Marie Roberts on First Avenue regarding water draining from First Avenue unto their property. Mayor did speak to our engineer about this problem before but no response was sent to Mr & Mrs Roberts. Our engineer will be contacted regarding the matter.

4. Councillor Paul thanked everyone for the past four years with Council. There have been challenges but she has enjoyed working with Council. She also thanked the Town Clerk/Manager. She thanked Mayor Patey for his twelve years of service to the community.

5. Councillor Greene said she had a complaint regarding rodents on Beothuck Street. Check will be made with a property owner in the area to see if they have any issues.

Councillor Paul was excused 9:20pm

6. Letter was received from J & T Welding and Construction Ltd regarding work done at the ball field and why local businesses were not given consideration for the work. General discussion. Mayor said that a lot of research was done on the best way to get the ballfield upgrades completed with the proper material used for ball fields. All towns contacted recommended Reid's because of their experience and they have the proper soil required for the job. Council agreed with Reid's Construction and to do the project in three (3) phases. Council has nothing against local business and going forward consideration can be given to local business with experience in a proposed project.

7. Mayor Patey thanked councillors for their work and for the councillors he has worked with over the past 12 years. General discussion. Social will be held following tonight's meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion #082-2017 B. Mercer/M. Patey.

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 at 7:30pm.

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager