

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Pat Paul
		Terry Best
		Colleen Paul
		Stephanie Greene
		Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

## Discussion:

1. Discussion with Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

-Scott advised that they shocked the well and the smell is gone now. They used chlorine 12 for the shocking process. There is a sulphur smell coming from the water supply. Scott said there was very little discoloration when they flush the lines now. Scott said that sometimes there may be build up on the waterline and when it lets go you may experience discoloration in the water.

-We have two wells working, two wells drilled with 6" casings. #1 well has the chlorine drip. Councillor Best asked if there was florid in the system. Scott advised that there is no florid in our system. General discussion held.

-Discussion on patching the three large cuts in the asphalt on Sunset Drive, School Road and Maple Street near the intersection of Memorial Drive. We have the asphalt roller for a month and it is due back next Thursday. We did receive a quote from a contractor to repair those areas at a cost of \$15,000.00 plus tax. It was agreed that we would do the work with Town forces. Councillor Best asked about making one side of our streets accessible for wheelchairs. Scott said there is a problem with ATV's tearing up the shoulders of the roads.

## **Discussion continued:**

-Scott advised that there was a hydraulic leak in the Cat Loader. That loader was acquired from the Dept of Transportation and Works surplus equipment.

-The signs for Cooke Crescent and Park Lane will be erected.

-Scott advised that they are watering the sods at the ballfield and the Badger Monument.

-All agreed that the maintenance crew is doing a good job repairing the holes in the asphalt. Scott advised that they would start the repairs to the asphalt on Sunset Drive tomorrow.

-Scott was asked if there are any tools or equipment needed at the shop. Scott said he would like to have a mig welder.  
General discussion.

Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:00pm.

2. Fire Chief Clarence Young arrived at 7:00pm  
Council thanked Fire Chief Young for attending. Fire Chief Young congratulated Council members on their election.

-Fire Chief advised that there were no fire, medical or motor vehicle calls since our last meeting. They provided traffic control for two funerals.

-Fire Dept meetings on Friday nights and practice Wednesday nights are back on regular schedule.

-Fire Chief advised that they replaced the battery in the auxiliary pump on Sept 27, 2017. There is an issue with the clutch on pumper #2. They are looking into the cost of repairs. The pumper is still operational.

-Fire Chief advised that there will be a "Open House" at the Fire Hall tomorrow night beginning at 7:00pm this is part of Fire Prevention Week activities.

-Fire Chief advised that the new executive will be elected on October 13, 2017. Gus Loder was the only person who ran for the position of Fire Chief. He was elected by acclamation. Fire Chief Young will be leaving the Fire Department following the October 13, 2017 meeting. It will be up to Council to accept the new Fire Chief.

**Discussion continued:**

-The new Standard Operating Procedures have been adopted by Council and the new Fire Chief will present those to the Fire Department. Town Clerk/Manager will make copies for all members of the Fire Department. Each member will be required to sign off acknowledging they have read and understand the Standard Operating Procedures.

Mayor Card thanked Fire Chief Young for his 32 years of service with the Fire Department. Four of those years as Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Young left the meeting at 7:15pm

**Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minute of the regular meeting of Council held September 12, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held October 3, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #083-2017      M. Noseworthy/S. Greene**

Resolved that the minute of the regular meeting of Council held September 12, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

**In Favor: 7   E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul;  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion #084-2017      S. Greene/C. Paul**

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held October 3, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

**In Favor: 7   E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul;  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Business arising:**

1. Councillor Best asked if there has ever been an audit done to see where we could save money on the cost of power. He wondered about LED lighting for the building. Heating is the larger part of the cost for this building.  
General discussion.
2. Invoices have been sent to our insurance company regarding the damage to the lift station on Memorial Drive.
3. With regards to a letter from Mr. Frank Power. Councillor Colleen Paul did have a discussion with Mr Power who was concerned that we were spending monies on the ballfield and not on our water system or roads. She explained to him that the funds for the ballfield was for recreation projects and could not be used in other areas.
4. Discussion with property owner and they advised they hadn't seen any issues with rodents; however, they would check again. Councillor Greene advised that the complainant hadn't seen any more rodents on their property.
5. Deputy Mayor Butt advised that he has applied for a grant of \$2,000 for equipment for the basketball court. If approved we will have to submit a report and copy of the invoices.
6. The request for the \$23,500.00 for the TCH water/sewer project has been submitted to the Department of Municipal Affaires and Environment.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Letter received from Staff Sergeant Kelly Bryan, RCMP grand Falls-Windsor congratulating the newly elected council and looking forward to meeting with council.
  2. Invitation received from Parks Canada to attend the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the national historic significance of INDIAN POINT. Event will take place on Friday, October 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Indian Point Beothuck Interpretation Site Red Indian Lake Millertown, NL. General discussion.
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## **Correspondence continued:**

3. Central Newfoundland Waste Management will be holding a Regional meeting in ward-1 (Buchans Junction) at the Buchans Town Hall on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @6:00pm. General discussion.

**Motion #084-2017                      E. Card/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that Councillor Terry Best would be the Town's representative with Central Newfoundland Waste Management.

**In favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$42,265.01 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

**Motion #085-2017                      C. Paul/P/ Paul**

Resolve that Council approve the accounts payable journal date October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$42,265.01 for distribution

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion #086-2017 C. Paul/P. Paul**

Resolved that there be a short recess which began at 7:55 and ended at 8:00pm

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other Business:**

1. Discussion on the Community Bonfire. The Bonfire will be held on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm on land behind the stadium. Councillors will be available to serve hot chocolate and there will be a marshmallow and wiener roast. The Fire Department will be asked to assist in monitoring the bonfire.
2. The Remembrance Day service will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:55am. We will invite our MP, MHA, and RCMP representative. Councillor Colleen Paul will do the order of service and mc the service. Mayor Card will read the inscription from the cenotaph and Flanders Fields. Councillor Greene will lead in the singing. Councillor Best will set up sound equipment. Lunch will be served in the Community Centre following the Service for invited guest; veterans and their families.
3. Discussion on the Town's Christmas events.  
Lighting of the Town Tree, Tuesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>; at 7:00pm  
Senior's Christmas Social, Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm  
Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am, and  
Santa Claus Parade, Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.  
The Salvation Army Citadel Band takes part in the Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree and we provide them with a lunch following the event. We also donate gifts to them for needy children. We also purchase door prizes for the Senior's Christmas Social. There is also local entertainment.
4. Letter received from a resident concerning the lock placed on the gate at the newly upgraded ballfield. They

## **Other Business continued:**

were taking their dog there to play fetch and let him get some exercise. The lock was placed on the ballfield because the sods were being damaged by dog owners allowing their pets to run around on the field. The resident wondered if Council would consider making the beer garden area at the ballfield into a dog park. General discussion held. It was agreed that letter will be written advised that unfortunately Council is not in a position to develop a dog park for the community at this time.

5. Discussion on attendance to the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador annual convention which is being held in Corner Brook this year. Councillor Best had to check his schedule and would let the Town Clerk/Manager know tomorrow if he could attend. MNL will provide two rooms for each town those will be used by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; Councillor Colleen Paul and Councillor Pat Paul will share the two bedroom condo at Marbel Resort Inn, three one bedroom condos will be used by Councillors Greene, Noseworthy and Best.

6. The award letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for the TCH water/sewer project has not been received to date. General discussion held. It was felt that by the time the letter is received it will be to late in the season to be doing this work.

7. Discussion on land that Bruce Loder requested to purchase adjacent to his Maple Street property. He has also taken in land at the back of his property. The way the survey appears Mr Loder is proposing to go back to the river reserve which would block access to the area that the Town is planning for a walking trail. The survey may have to be adjusted to allow space for the walking trail. Notice will be placed around town advising that the Town is considering the sale of land.

8. Councillor Best presented a proposal for the acquisition and installation of video recording and broadcasting equipment which would broadcast live to the town website. General discussion held on the issue. There

## **Other Business continued:**

was concern expressed by seniors that they were being bullied to sign the petition to have council meeting broadcasted live to the public. Some residents were also concerned about privacy if Council was discussing an issue concerning them. The cost of the equipment also has to be considered. Councillor Best felt we could canvas local businesses for donations for the equipment. It was agreed that this is a major issue and a decision cannot be made tonight. Councillor Best was asked to get a full breakdown of the costs that would be incurred for his proposal.9.

Councillor Colleen Paul asked about the issue of water from First Avenue running onto property of Mr & Mrs Ron Roberts. She asked that they had three loads of fill placed in their driveway and that has washed away. General discussion. We had our engineering firm look at the issue and was advised that because the land is flat it is difficult to allow for drainage in the area. Letter will be written to Mr & Mrs Roberts regarding this issue.

10. Councillor Colleen Paul asked about repairing the gravel lane by Alice Baggs. That has been done.

11. Discussion on the parking lot of local store and post office. This would not be the town's responsibility. We would be responsible for the shoulders on the roads in that area.

12. The maintenance crew have the signs for the walking trail. Check will be made to see if they are erected. The walking trail is for walking only.

13,. The bus stop near the Town Centre Building needs to be repaired.

14. Councillor Colleen Paul said that regarding salaries for the Superintendent of Works who is only making \$17.00 and she felt he deserves more because of his work in the community, also, he has no pension and very little health care. She felt that you don't have to give a wage increase across the board and she would not speak regarding the relief clerk. This would be part of the Budget discussion.



## **Other Business continued:**

It was felt that there should be a work plan allocation of duties for our maintenance crew and a day scheduled for cleaning up the community.

15. The street light on Beothuck Street near the sewerage treatment building requires repairs. Also, the siding is not finished on the sewerage treatment building and the alters need to be cleaned up around the Building.

16. Councillor Noseworthy said that she was approached by several residents wondering about the land development. Council had a meeting with the developer and he advised that he would be developing six lots and when they were sold he would continue the development. It was agreed that Council would have a discussion with the developer regarding the issue. If anyone is looking for land they must contact the developer. Mayor Card said that he had looked into the cost of renting a street sweeper. He said that Molroneys in Gander charge between \$79 & \$89 per hour. It was felt that this would be something we could consider in the Spring.

18. Discussion on the old asphalt stored at the town depot. Mayor Card said that he received an email from a resident wondering about the use of the asphalt. The plan was to mill the asphalt and apply it to the track bed. General discussion.

19. Mayor Card and Deputy Mayor Butt wondered about their part on the executive of the Fire Department and voting on issues regarding the Fire Department. It was agreed that unless there was a monetary gain for them there would not be a conflict.

20. The email accounts for councillors will cost ten dollars per month for the group. Councillor Colleen Paul said that she was advised by our IT supplier, Yield Communications, that changing the accounts when councillors leave office could be an issue. General discussion.

Councillor Terry Best was excused from the discussion due to conflict of interest.

**Other Business continued:**

**Motion #088-2017                      E. Card/C. Paul**

Resolved that we set up email accounts for each councillors for council business. There will be a group charge of ten dollars (\$10) per month for the operation of these email accounts.

**In favor 6:    E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; C. Paul;  
                    S. Green; M. Noseworthy**

**Opposed 0:  
Abstained 0:  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Best returned to discussion.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #089-2017                      C. Paul/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm.

**In Favor: 7    E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best; C. Paul;  
                    S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0;  
Abstained 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager

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