

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe advised that the sewer system is working good. They shocked the well again last week and there are no reports of a smell from the water up to today. They have been working to get the equipment ready for Winter conditions and the alders have been cut around the playground. Regarding the skating rink Scott suggested area near the pine tree by the ballfield, or on other side of the Stadium. There is a fire hydrant near these sites. This will be discussed later in the meeting. Scott advised that there was a plug in the sewer main on Maple Street. They took a piece of 2" X 6" from the manhole. They had to hire a truck to have the plug removed. General discussion held on upgrades required at the sewerage treatment plant. Scott suggested that we should take a couple of streets per year and have the main sewer line flushed. Rob Kearley from our engineering firm Exploits Engineering and Consultants measuring area for water/sewer line extensions and installation of fire hydrants. Three areas on Maple Street and section on Third Avenue plus 12 fire hydrants.

Deputy Mayor Dennis Butt arrived at 6:45pm

## **Discussion continued:**

Scott advised that no asphalt patching was done on Second Avenue because of timing, weather conditions and the availability of asphalt. We have to wait until Spring to complete this work.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:47pm

#2. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief thanked Council for the invitation . Fire Chief Loder reported that the Fire Department responded to the following call to local school, two medical calls, one MVA and an false alarm MVA which was caused by a glitch in the 911 emergency reporting system. The Dept did receive a call to respond to a garage fire at Crook Lake cabin area which is outside our response area and they did not respond. They are looking into a couple of issues regarding their equipment. They have received the two new BA's that will replace the two old units which have to be returned to the supplier. Fire Chief will check on the process for returning the old units. They have the 911 decals placed on all the Fire Department vehicles. Fire Chief Loder said they are running into some issues with helmets, boots and gloves. Fire Chief would like to see an equipment replacement program for this type of items. General discussion on issue and the requirement to provide proper protective clothing for members responding to emergencies. Fire Chief will get a list of the equipment required for Council. Chief Loder said there is also a push to keep bunker gear clean. He will do some research on this matter. Fire Chief said they are still using the pager system because there is a delay of one to two minutes for firemen to receive the information on their cell phones. The cell phone system helps Fire Chief know how many firemen will be attend an emergency call or if a firemen is outside the community if they should return to assist with the call.

## **Discussion continued:**

Fire Chief Loder invited councillors and their spouses to their annual Christmas Party being held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 9:00pm at the Community Centre. Fire Chief Loder will assist with security for our annual senior's Christmas Social being held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm

Discussion on complaints received from several residents regarding firemen speeding when they are responding to emergency calls. Fire Chief Loder said this is a standing item on the agenda every meeting and they will continue to do so. He said that members have been advised that if they are speeding and cause an accident it is totally their responsibility. It was agreed that this is not acceptable behavior. Chief will bring the issue back to the Fire Department.

Discussion on fire hydrants and how they are used when fighting fires.

Councillor Colleen Paul wondered if there was talks of forming a firettes group. Fire Chief said the Fire Department is not involved with firettes but there was some talk about the issue. The office they used in the past is still available to the group. It was felt that it would not be a requirement for a member of the firettes to have a spouse in the Fire Department.

Fire Chief said the Fire Dept will be having a barbecue at the Fire Hall this Saturday night and Council members were welcome to attend. It will be held in their meeting room. Fire Chief said the Fire Department has set up different committees to help with different issues regarding the operation of the Fire Department. General discussion.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 7:33pm.



**Motion #093-2017 C. Paul/D. Butt**

Resolved that Council take a five (5) minute recess held from 7:34pm to 7:39pm.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul;  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the special meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Councillor Colleen Paul said that we have to note which Councillor Paul is speaking. Corrections for this issue are required on page 4 of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting and #3 and #9 in the special meeting held October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion #094-2017 M. Noseworthy/C. Paul**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and the special meeting of Council held October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting and corrected.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Business arising:**

1. Staff Sargent Kelly Bryan of the RCMP will be attending our regular meeting in December.
2. Our MP., Scott Simms was unable to attend our meeting tonight. He will reschedule for January 2018.
3. Mayor Card and Councillor Colleen Paul attend the Parks Canada Indian Point event in Millertown.
4. The request was sent for the \$23,500 in extra funding for our TCH capital works project.
5. Request has been sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for the extension of the TCH Project deferring start of the Project until Summer 2018.

## **Business continued:**

6. Councillor Best attended the Central Newfoundland Waste Management meeting in Buchans and he advised that there were no changes in their Budget and this years fees will remain the same as 2017. He said that the west coast of the province will be coming into the system in 2018. General discussion.
7. Discussion on survey for purchase of land by resident on Maple Street from the Town. Discussion held. It was agreed that letter will be written to the resident advising that the survey has to be adjusted giving the Town fifteen feet (15') at the back of his property to allow the Town access to its land adjacent to the residents property.
8. Mayor Card advised that letter was written to resident of First Avenue concerning their land.
9. The emails accounts for councillors are now up and running.
10. Streetlights need to be repaired on Beothuck Street and in the playground.
11. Bus shelter has been repaired.
12. Mayor Card said he did speak to the subdivision developer and there is one resident willing to purchase land. General discussion on anything the town can do to work with the developer to get the project moving. The Town did sell the land to the developer.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Request received from resident seeking to purchase land behind another property on Sunset Drive. He is requesting the land to construct a house. The land in question belongs to Newfoundland Pine and Pulp. Discussion on this construction and if it would meet the requirements of our Municipal Plan. Building houses behind houses would not be permitted under our Plan. He would require a driveway off Sunset Drive. There was concern the distance from the driveway to the intersection on Buchans Highway. It was stated that the existing house would be removed when the new house is constructed. The issue was tabled to gather more information.

**Correspondence continued:**

2. Letter received from Lion Valerie Clarke regarding the interest in forming a Lions Club in Badger. We did put up a notice regarding this issue last year with very little response. It was agreed to put the letter on our website and Facebook to see if there is any interest.

3. Letter received from Kellie Karpan explained that they are trying to form a 50+ Club in Badger. She is requesting the use of the community centre for three (3) hours per week free of charge. General discussion.

**Motion #095-2017 T. Best/S. Greene**

Resolved that when the 50+ Club is formed in Badger they will be permitted to use the Community Centre for three (3) hours per week free of charge.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. List of candidates running for the Central Director position with the Municipal Assessment Agency was reviewed and discussed.

**Motion #096-2017 E. Card/C. Paul**

Resolved that Council submit a vote for Rob Canning from Bishop's Falls for the position of Central Director with the Municipal Assessment Agency.

**In favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. The contract documents for the TCH Capital Works Project have been received and must be signed and returned to our engineering firm, Exploits Engineering and Consultants Ltd. Discussion held.



## **Correspondence continued:**

**Motion #097-2017                    C. Paul/T. Best**

Resolved that Mayor Ed Card and Town Clerk/Manager. Pansy Hurley will sign the TCH Capital Works Project contract documents on behalf of the Town of Badger.

**In Favor 6:    E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul  
                         S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances:**

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented accounts payable journal #1 dated November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$83,604.55 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

**Motion #098-2017                    M. Noseworthy/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts journal date November 14, 2017 totaling \$83,604.55 for disbursement as presented.

**In Favor 6:    E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul  
                         S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Colleen Paul was excused at 8:52pm due to conflict of interest.

#2. Town Clerk/Manager presented account payable journal #2 dated November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 totaling \$154.68 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

**Finances continued:**

**Motion # 099-2017      T. Best/M. Noseworthy.**

Resolved that Council approval accounts payable journal #2 dated November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for disbursement as presented.

T & J Welding & Construction.....\$      154.68

**In Favor 5:   E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; S. Greene;  
                         M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Colleen Paul returned at 8:55pm  
#3. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.  
**Motion #100-2017      S. Greene/T. Best.**

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed as follows: \$88.15 (general offices); \$97.75 (Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes); \$100.00 (bonfire \$50.55; flags \$33.35; shoe boxes \$16.10)

**In Favor 6:   E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul;  
                         S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#4. The Town of Badger 2016 Financial Statements were received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant. Discussion held.

**Motion #101-2017      C. Paul/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2016 Financial Statements as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

**In Favor 6:   E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul;  
                         S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED**



## **Finances continued:**

#5. The Town of Badger 2016 Tax Recovery Plan was received from our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant. Discussion held.

**Motion #102-2017 C. Paul/S. Greene**

Resolved that Council adopt the Town of Badger 2016 Tax recovery Plan as presented by our auditor, Lori Mercer, Chartered Professional Accountant.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul;  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#6. Discussion on the 2018 Operating Budget which has to be submitted to the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment by January 31, 2018. It was agreed that there will be a Budget meeting on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm. Councillor Noseworthy said that she will be out of town and unable to attend.

## **Other Business:**

1. Mr. Peter Robbins of Nalcor Energy will be here on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm to do a presentation on their river monitoring process. Members of our Fire Department will attend as well.
2. VOCM Happy Tree is being held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Exploits Valley Mall. We give annual donation of one hundred dollars (\$100) to this event. Mayor Card will attend the event.
3. Discussion on developing a skating rink for the community. Discussion on purchasing a liner to make the rink area measuring 40' x 80'. We have 4" X 4" posts that can be used for the side of the rink. Suggested location was back of the Badger Town Centre building. Suggested cost was five hundred dollars (\$500).

## **Other business continued:**

### **Motion #103-2017 D. Butt/C. Paul**

Resolved that five hundred dollars (\$500) be used to construct a skating rink at the back of the Town Centre building.

**In favor 6: E. Card: D. Butt: T. Best: C. Paul:  
S. Greene: M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Discussion on town signage. It was agreed to remove the town sign on Buchans Highway. The new highway signs will be erected in the Spring of 2018.
5. The assessment appeal for Robert Loder will be included with the 2018 appeals.
6. Discussion on keys to the Building for councillors. Keys will be given to each councillor. Mayor and Deputy Mayor already have keys.

## **Other Business continued:**

7. Discussion on dugouts for the ballfield. We were advised to make a request to Teck Resources for financial assistance with this Project. General discussion. Councillor Best said he would get information from another community regarding the matter. We have to determine size and construction materials.

8. Discussion on the call from Crooked Lake cabin area for assistance from our Fire Department with a garage fire. General discussion. The response area was stipulated in the Standard Operating Procedures for our Fire Department which was adopted by Council. Some discussion on charging a fee for fire protection.

**Other Business continued:**

9. Discussion on applying for funding under the 2018-2019 Municipal Capital Works for hydrants and water/sewer extension. All agreed this would be a priority .

**Motion #104-2107 S. Greene/T. Best**

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment under the 2018-2019 Municipal Capital works Program for Hydrants and Water/Sewer Extensions Project #AP-MCW-18019. Total cost of the Project is \$702,661.96 with \$70,266.19 being the Municipal Contribution.

**In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor  
Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor  
Colleen Paul, Councillor  
Terry Best, Councillor  
Stephanie Greene, Councillor  
Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion #105-2017 C. Paul/M. Noseworthy.**

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment for Gas Tax funding in the amount of \$70,266.19, the Municipal Contribution, for the Hydrants and Water/Sewer Extensions Project #AP-MCW-18019. Total cost of the project is \$702,266.96.

**In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor  
Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor  
Terry Best, Councillor  
Colleen Paul, Councillor  
Stephanie Greene, Councillor  
Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**



**Other Business continued:**

10. Discussion on grading the Trailway. Mayor Card spoke to Parks Division and we have to apply for a permit to have this work completed. The work would take three or four hours starting at the bridge and going west to the turn in the Trailway. General discussion held. All present were in agreement with applying for the permit.

11. Discussion on if there was something we could do following the Santa Claus Parade. It was agreed that we would do a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long in the Community Centre. We will serve soup and hot chocolate and there will be a marshmallow and wiener roast for the kids.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #106-2017 C. Paul/M. Noseworthy**

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm.

**In Favor 6; E. Card; D. Butt; T. Best; C. Paul;  
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager

