

REGULAR MEETING
May 29, 2002

The regular meeting of the Village of Baddeck was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at the Public Works Building, 29 Hillcrest Drive, Baddeck, NS, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Eddie Keeling, Chairperson
Jess Kerr
Marilyn Morrison
Brian Chandler
Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk

Regrets:

Philip MacRae

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keeling called the meeting to order. The Clerk presented sealed backhoe tenders and a garbage tender to the Chairman.

BACKHOE TENDER

Chairman Keeling opened the backhoe tenders and presented them.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck accept Baddeck Construction's tender for backhoe services for the period June 1, 2002 to May 31, 2004. Motion carried.

GARBAGE TENDER

Chairman Keeling opened the garbage tender and presented it.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck accept Duncan Beaton's garbage tender for the period of June 1, 2002 to mid October, at such time that the garbage receptacles are removed from the Village streets for the season. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Chairman Keeling asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the evening's agenda. The issue of summer students was added to the agenda.

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of May 15, 2002, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Public Works Building

The posts are to be removed on Monday, June 3, 2002.

Water Line to MacCharles Cross

It was confirmed that there is not a water line leak in the area: It is normally a soggy area.

Annual General Meeting

The Community Centre has been booked for June 26, 2002.

Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)

Chairman Keeling presented the plans of the new STP location and design.

The Municipality will be holding a public hearing on the transfer of ownership on June 17, 2002.

Kidston Lighthouse

Chairman Keeling reported that the light has been replaced at Kidston Island Lighthouse. There is no information available on the painting schedule.

Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI)

Chairman Keeling will be attending the SCI information meeting on May 31, 2002, in Eskasoni.

Hydrant

A new hydrant has been installed about 50' from the Chandlery. The Commodore of the Bras d'Or Yacht Club approved it being partially located on Yacht Club property.

BILLS

Chairman Keeling attended the RCMP Regimental Dinner.

A motion was made and seconded that the bills presented be approved for payment. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Municipality requesting financial sponsorship for the Association of Municipal Administrators fall conference being held in Baddeck on October 22-25, 2002. It was decided to wait until the 2002-2003 budget is finalized before making any commitments.
2. A copy of the Municipal Debenture guarantee approved by Minister MacIsaac.
3. Information on the ACWWA annual conference September 22-24, 2002.
4. An update from Ed Carey on the STP and the sewer diversions.
5. An application from Department of Transportation and Public Works for signage approval. Chairman Keeling will complete the required sign diagrams.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Rate

The Commissioners reviewed the general and water accounts' draft financial statements. Both accounts show revenue exceeding expenses. However, the Clerk is still waiting for invoices from the County.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck maintain the area rate of thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessment for the fiscal year April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003. Motion carried.

Baddeck Community Wharf

It was mentioned that an operating profit of \$12 000 does not seem like enough to sustain a Wharf, but who else is there to take over the Wharf, if not the Village or a private owner. It was decided that it is ultimately a decision of the ratepayers, but it would be too much to discuss at the Annual General Meeting.

The next step is to have a public meeting with a presentation by BABTA. It was suggested that BABTA could have an article in *The Victoria Standard* leading up to the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck hold a joint public meeting, with BABTA, in September 2002, to discuss ownership of the Community Wharf. Motion carried.

Old Files

The Clerk requested permission to discard old material, such as cards and advertising material that does not pertain to the operation or past operation of the Village. Permission was granted.

Web Sites

There was discussion concerning the Village's web site with Moran Dan, and the purchasing of *villageofbaddeck.ns.ca* as a domain name. The Clerk is to follow through with purchasing *villageofbaddeck.ns.ca*, as made in a motion at a previous meeting.

The Clerk is to ask the Bergmanns if the Village could upload its minutes on the *baddeck.com* site, as people are more apt to find it there than on the County's web site. Tom Wilson has also asked for suggestions to improving the Village's web page on the County's site.

Village Flags

The Clerk reported that Flags Unlimited will reprint the flags if the Village covers half the cost. They also sent a Pantone Chart, so that the appropriate colours could be chosen.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck flags be reordered using a blue similar to blue on the Nova Scotia flags. Motion carried.

Summer Employment

Chairman Keeling stated that Isaak Hudson may be quitting his position with the Village for another job. He will know on May 30. Patrick Green was the second choice in the interviews, so if he is available, he will be offered the position.

A second summer student is required even if HRDC does not approve funding. It was decided that it would be at the Chairman's discretion as to when the second employee would start.

Diversion

The diversion at Bethune's Corner went well, except for the 32" of storm drain encountered. They had to put the diversion under the storm drain.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk