

Town of North River Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Patrick Mackey, DM John Newell (7:08PM), Councillors James Cummings, Blair Hurley, Kelly Hall, Henry Morgan and Dwight Snow
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Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk

Call to Order:

Mayor Mackey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion 2026-2553 – Snow/Morgan

Resolved that the agenda for April 7, 2026, meeting be adopted with the following addition;

Kayak launch

Funding applications

Purchasing allowance (i.e. door closer)

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2026-2554 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2026-2555 – Hall/Hurley

Resolved that minutes from the March 18, 2026 special meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation: Three delegates listed, but not in attendance.

Council reviewed letter submitted by one of tonight's delegates.

Council instructed Clerk to respond – No services as there is no development on Farrells Lane. Should a proposal come to council for development, council will revisit services required. Currently access is via ATV/foot traffic. Councillor Hall to investigate funding opportunities continue roughing in public ROW's.

Business Arising:

Request to donate TV.

Mayor Mackey stated he does not believe he is in a conflict, based on information he has received. Mayor Mackey removed himself and sat in gallery and asked that council decide whether they feel a conflict exists to avoid future uncertainty. Councillor Snow removed himself due to conflict of interest (7:33PM).

Councillor Hurley and Hall spoke to the matter, citing a conflict of interested based on the information council had, also noting councils' commitment to working with the committee.

Motion 2026-2556 – Cummings/Hurley

Resolved that council tender the TV, wall mount and mobile cart to ensure an open and transparent process. Council does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councillor Snow joined back in discussions. Mayor Mackey left the meeting. (7:41PM)

288-290 North River Road – Subdivision of land – No input from advertisement. Good to proceed.

295 North River Road – 10 plex – No input from advertisement.

Clerk spoke on vehicles parking out front. Developer said it was contractors and there would not be any residents parking there.

Communicate with Transportation to monitor.

Councillor Snow to investigate options regarding granted land.

Councillor Snow to arrange site visit to have approved ditching completed from last year. Clerk to confirm permitting requirements.

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New Business:

Maintenance – Clerk to follow up. Anticipated start date May 4, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Newell – Temporarily relocated. As per section 45 of the TLSDA, he cannot be absent from the town for more than one year.

Kayak Launch – Councillor Hall provided update. Councillor Snow to meet with contractor to discuss placement.

Motion 2026-2557 – Hall/Snow

Resolved that council purchase a door closure for the front door and have maintenance install.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councillor Hall noted the missed funding opportunity under the “Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Program”. Surrounding communities got upwards of \$40,000. An email had been sent between council meetings requesting approval to proceed with application. Unfortunately, there was not a majority response.

Motion 2026-2558 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that the clerk proceed with funding applications as they become available, if they align with the interest of the town.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Snows Road – Small area of paving required. Investigate and bring back to council.

Code of Conduct – In house training/review required. Councillors to stop into office during business hours to review and answer any questions. Sign off required.

Development Applications:

104 North River Road - Business Application – Due to the type of business, no application required.

Motion 2026-2559 – Hall/Snow

Resolved that council approve the application for 5-7 Ashford’s Ext – Shed. Site visit completed and approved by MEO.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Correspondence for Information:

Municipal Affairs	Financial and Human Resources Oversight – Role of Council	Council to meet
Public Procurement Agency	Amendments to the Public Procurement Framework	File
Municipal Affairs	Reminder – Deadline to Complete Mandatory Training	Councillor to confirm training/notify clerk if extension is required.
Department of Forestry, Agriculture & Lands	2026-2027 Community Garden Support Program	Clerk to apply
Community Outreach Assistant - Avalon Member of Parliament	Notification of Available Federal Funding Opportunities	File
Municipal Affairs	Summary of 2026/2027 Available Grant Programs	File
Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation	Cultural Events Fund	Defer – Possibly revisit in the Fall
Department of Canadian Heritage	Celebrate Canada Funding	Funding approved - \$2960.00
Municipal Affairs	2026 Municipal Budget Submission Form	File
Newfoundland Power	Envirofest 2026 Application	Councillor Hall to apply (Gazebo)
Wallace Stanley	Intel alert	Motion
Department of Forestry, Agriculture & Lands	Reminder – Obligation to Maintain an Emergency Management Plan	Council to meet
Emergency Division		
Municipal Affairs	Sanitation Regulations under HCSA within Municipal/Planning Boundaries	File
Eastern Regional Service Board	Pilor Project – Double Axle Trailers	File
Department of Forestry, Agriculture & Lands	Adoption of the 2025 National Building Code and National Fire Code	Defer
Fire Services Division		

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Motion 2026-2560 – Snow/Hall

Resolved that council proceed with purchasing the Intel-Alert system.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Mother's Day social. Pre-register, priority given to residents of North River. Cost of \$5/person.
Weekly Yoga – Positive response. Proposing 6-week Spring session, at \$100/week.

Motion 2026-2561 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that Councilor Hall proceed with Mother's Day event and Yoga as discussed. Council to contribute as needed.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Joint Council: Nothing to report.

Bay De Grave: No new information to share.

Animal Control: N/A

Occupational Health Safety: N/A

Bills

Clerk noted she had not yet received bill for snow clearing services

Motion 2026-2562 – Snow/Hall

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$54,730.33
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Clerk advised council that she will be out of the office on Wednesday April 9, 2026.

Privileged meeting – Tuesday April 14 at 7pm to discuss HR, financial oversight and assessment roll.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-2563 – Cummings/Hurley

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on May 5, 2026, at 7PM.
All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.


Mayor

 Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk