

Town of North River Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Patrick Mackey, DM John Newell, Councillors James Cummings, Blair Hurley, Kelly Hall and Henry Morgan
Absent: Councillor Dwight Snow
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 2026-2565 – Cummings/Hall

Resolved that the agenda for May 5, 2026, meeting be adopted with the following addition;

Kayak launch

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2026-2566 – Morgan/Hurley

Resolved that minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Business Arising:

The following motion was made at a privileged meeting of council held on April 14, 2026

Motion 2026-2564 - Cummings/Morgan

Resolved that council post for applications the seasonal public works/maintenance position.

All in Favor 4 (DM Newell, Councillors Cummings, Hall and Morgan), Against 1 (Councillor Hurley) Motion Carried

Mayor Mackey and Councillor Snow were not in attendance.

TV Tenders- Clerk advised that she had received 2 bids. Sealed bids were opened.

Scott Mercer bid of \$50

Paul Thoms bid \$471.35.

Motion 2026-2567 – Cummings/DM Newell

Resolved that council accept bid in the amount of \$471.35 from Paul Thoms.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councillor Morgan advised that he and Councillor Snow met with contractor to look at ditching and provided a list of updated areas to be ditched.

Clerk to contact MRHFDS – Re: ditching material.

Contact property owner 15 Newell's Road – Re: swale

New Business:

Community signs/flower maintenance – Deferred.

Request form 50+ - will advise when memorial garden is accepting donations of plants/benches etc.

Motion 2026-2568 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that council write of taxes in the amount of \$13,543.00.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councillor Hall to check into rates for local Lawyers, practicing Municipal Law.

Mayor Mackey spoke on the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program.

Clerk to look into garbage issue.

Development Applications: N/A

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Correspondence for Information:

FireSmart	Wildfire Preparedness Day	June 6 (Mayor Mackey to communicate to Bay de Grave)
TRACT Consulting	MEMP	Defer (Mayor Mackey to explore)
Canada Summer Jobs	2 summer maintenance positions	Post
Municipal Affairs	Training	File
Municipal Affairs	Name Change – CCBF to BCSF	File
ERSB	2026 Community Clean up Program	Apply
Municipal Affairs	Training - Extension	File
Emergency Services	Training	Advise clerk if interested in attending
Resident	Donation Request – Janeway	Motion
Aspire Recreation	Community Partnership Program	Defer

Motion 2026-2569 – Hall/Morgan

Resolved that council make a donation in the amount of \$100 to Janeway under the Karlee MacDonald Project.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Mayor Mackey removed himself from discussion (8:12pm)

Council discussed a request from Aspire Recreation. Clerk to follow up with other towns on their participation. Council to revisit at next meeting.

Mayor Mackey rejoined council discussions. (8:18pm)

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Mother's Day social went over well. Lots of positive feedback.

Joint Council: Mayor Mackey spoke on the Joint Council Dinner. Info to follow.

Bay De Grave: Letter of Support

Animal Control: N/A

Occupational Health Safety: First Aid Training, equipment inspection

Bills

Motion 2026-2571 – Morgan/Hall

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$37,767.14.

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 2026-2572 – Morgan/Cummings

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on June 2, 2026, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

_____ Mayor

_____ Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk

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