

Town of North River Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

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

Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion 2026-2580 – Snow/Hurley

Resolved that the agenda for July 14, 2026, meeting be adopted with the following addition:

Leave of Absence

Permits

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2026-2581 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that minutes from the June 2, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

David Morgan addressed council regarding a property clean up notice he received. He felt that he had been singled out as the vehicles on his property are not visible from the road. He advised council that all vehicles on his property are operational and has no intentions of getting rid of them. David spoke to other issues he felt should be priority to council.

Mayor Mackey confirmed that multiple clean up letters had been sent out following councils last meeting. In recent years the town adopted a Property Appearance By-law, to aid in keeping the town clean and safe for residents. Mayor Mackey spoke to ongoing issues with properties within the town and the intention of the Property Appearance By-law is to address issues before they get out of hand. If resident meets the by-law regulations when a follow up is completed by the MEO, no further action will be taken.

Business Arising:

Motion from the June 29, 2026 special meeting – hiring of summer students

In attendance: DM Newell, Councillors Cummings, Hurey and Morgan

Motion 2026-2579 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that council hire James Kett and Riley Stanley for the 2026 Canada Summer Jobs positions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councillor Hall provided an update on the meeting she attended on behalf of council with NRHFDS.

Council reviewed correspondence. Mayor Mackey spoke to the request noting that he understands the decision to invest in the church.

Unfortunately, that is not within councils' current scope of interest. Mayor Mackey and members of council would welcome an opportunity to explore options in preserving and investing in the hall, with the goal of establishing a community hall.

Council will discuss further at the next regular meeting when additional members of council are in attendance.

Motion 2026-2582 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that council approve a budget of \$6000 for the purchase a utility trailer.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Ditching/Water Issue – Clerk advised that contractor was awaiting confirmation to start.

Councillor Snow confirmed with property owner on Newell's Road. Council to proceed.

Mayor Mackey spoke on potential interest of JDR returning to completed snow clearing for 2026-2027 and felt that council should entertain JDR as the contractor for completing town work.

Council to obtain quotes to complete ditching.

Council to obtain rates for Standing Offer Agreement.

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Clerk advised that Heritage Memorials should be picking up section of the monument in the coming week. Errors are the responsibility of Heritage Memorials and will be fixed at no cost to the town.

Councillor Snow spoke on quotes obtained for stamped concrete. Information to be forwarded to Joanne Morrissey for review. Council recommended waiting to complete further groundwork until monument is returned and in place.

New Business:

284 North River Road – Deferred. Councillor Morgan to address at next meeting.

Motion 2026-2583 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that council approve a 3-month leave of absence for Councillor Cummings with remuneration. Council will review if additional time is required.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Council extends their thoughts to Councillor Cummings, wishing him a speedy recovery.

Councillor Snow spoke on permits. Clerk advised there has been permits issued but council can reach out regarding specific concerns/addresses to confirm.

Clerk - request meeting with Lynch's Trucking.

Clerk – Request info on relocating pole on North River Road (NL Power).

Development Applications:

236 North River Road – Extension

Motion 2026-2584 – Snow/Hall

Resolved that the extension for 236 North River Road be approved as presented.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

332-334 North River Road – Lots 3&4 – New developments

Motion 2026-2585 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that the applications for new development on lots 3&4 be approved pending:

- Approval for Preliminary Application to Develop Land - GCS
- Approval for private well and septic system - GCS
- Site visit by MEO

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Correspondence for Information:

MP Paul Connors Office

Veterans Affairs - CPP

Enviro/Climate Change

MNL

Canadian Armed Forces

Tri-Con Gentle Giants

Aspire Recreation

T&I

BCSF – Local Impact Stream

Application Unsuccessful

Follow up – Conditions of Release

James Hiscock Scholarship

Training – September 19-20

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Trailer

Salt & Sand 2026-2027 and SSSP

Council to explore

File

Motion

File

Clerk to post notice as date approaches
Unable to commit this year. Please reach out again next year.

Ok. Remove before winter season.

Clerk to order 300 tonnes of salt/sand mixture to be picked up throughout the winter. SSSP deferred.

Motion 2026-286 – Snow/Hall

Resolved that council place boulders to restrict motorized vehicles from accessing the Calm Hole as per the conditions of release under The Department of Environment and Climate Change.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Canada Day a great success. Fireworks postponed until a later date due to weather conditions and fire ban.

Councillor Hall spoke on the Active NL grant and will be applying on behalf of the town.

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Joint Council: Nothing to report.

Burial Grave: Nothing to report.

Animal Control: Nothing to report.

Occupational Health Safety: First Aid – Maintenance worker completed training.

Bills

Motion 2026-2587 – Snow/Hall

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$19,657.65

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion 2026-2588 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on August 4, 2026, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

 Mayor

 Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk