

Town of North River Minutes Regular Council Meeting February 2, 2016
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance; Mayor Blair Hurley, Deputy Mayor John Newell
Councillors', Brian Hurley, Patrick Mackey, Elsie Morrissey, Dwight Snow, Rita Greenland
Also in Attendance; Sheila Hall Town Clerk

Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m

1. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2016 – 1081– Mackey / Morrissey

Resolved that the agenda for February 2nd meeting be accepted.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2016 –1082– Hurley / Newell

Resolved minutes of the January 5th meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Delegation- Mayor Hurley advised MHA Betty Parsley sends regrets, held up in St. John's meeting. Main Road is on their radar, provincial budget coming down. Sending safety inspector to investigate condition of road and report back to government.

2. Business Arising:

Capital Works -Dr Whalens Rd –Consultants Status report copied and reviewed by council.

Cougar Engineering Invoice Dr Whalens Rd \$61,086.92 copied and reviewed by council.

Councillor Hurley questioned if 30 day registered notice for resident to restore ditch was issued. Clerk reported notice was not sent as resident phoned advised family illness. Members agreed as per January 5th Motion clerk to issue 30 day registered notice to restore ditch to original state.

3. New Business:

Water Sewer-Councillor Mackey reported of possible ACOA funding. North River is the only town without this service. Members agreed that an assessment was needed on water sewer. Mayor Hurley will talk to Phillip Wood concerning the process used by Bay Roberts. Councillor Hurley suggested Chris Roberts be invited to next meeting for an overview of steps. Members agreed. Clerk to confirm March meeting with consultant.

Commissioner Appointment-Assessment Review and Municipal Plan. Correspondence received from Municipal Assessment concerning Appointment for Assessment Reviews. Eric Snow already appointed Commissioner for the Municipal Plan and agreed that he can also preform Assessment Reviews. Questions raised concerning who pays Commissioner, Assessment Agency or the town. Members agreed that the Assessment Agency is paid by the town that they should absorb costs associated with any reviews. Clerk to investigate and report back.

Single Seniors Tax Reduction-Some discussion on single seniors that don't receive GIS or Widowed Spouses Allowance. Noted policy is GIS or Widowed Spouses Allowance no exception Discount to be revisited next budget. Clerk to have number of applicants for next meeting.

House Sales-Noted houses being sold with insufficient property size. Suggested letters to developers and realtors addressing regulations. Clerk to seek advice from Municipal Affairs on lot size sales and if Permit to Occupy would be helpful.

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Respectful Workplace-Councillor Mackey recommended policy must be in place. After some discussion it was decided

Motion 2016 – 1083– Mackey / Snow

Resolved that North River prepare a Respectful Workplace Policy.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Clerk to copy council on Draft Policy for review and adoption at next meeting.

Cummings Lane-Tree limb discussed. Clerk reported Bell Aliant has been contacted early 2015. Suggested clerk to contact resident seeking permission to remove tree.

4. Development Applications No applications received

5. Correspondence for Action None received

5a. Correspondence for Information

National Heritage Day February 15, 2016

MMSB Recycling bins-Cupids split costs. After some discussion it was determined that as previous bins were a long time selling that North River wouldn't participate this year.

Avalon Regional Meeting-February St John's-Members declined-Filed

Municipal Plan Review- Quote HMJ Consulting. Copied to council-Deferred pending info.

Municipal Affairs 2016 Training was copied to council -Gas Tax Requirement-Councillor Hurley advised he would attend the June 2 workshop in St. John's. Clerk to send registration form.

6. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- Councillor Mackey updated members on fire chief disciplinary actions. Purchases discussed. Noted on a go forward basis department purchases must be approved by the board. It was suggested that elections of officers should be held. Councillor Mackey will bring suggestion forward at the next meeting.

Joint Councils– Councillors Mackey and Hurley attended in place of Mayor Hurley. minutes were copied to council. Councillor Mackey reported MHA seeking list of priorities. RCMP issues discussed were speeds, drug use and crime. Next meeting February 25 Cupids.

Seniors Committee- Councillor Greenland updated on Valentines dance on February 13th.

Animal Control -Councillor Hurley reported that Spaniards Bay sent notice of their continuance with the Animal Control agreement. Meeting being arranged. Deferred

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7. Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures

Balance Sheet & Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council. Financial Transaction Summary January General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council. Total Deposited \$11,744.84 receipt# 13111 -13149 Payable \$15,919.09 Cheque # 380 -392 includes, Lynchs Trucking \$5663.62 , Bay de Grave \$4287.50 , G & J Backhoe \$694.95, Animal Control \$600.00 and MCW Loan \$478.00

Accounts Payable Ledger \$13,811.98 to January 29, 2016 was provided for Councils' review.

Motion 2016 – 1084– Hurley / Morrissey

Resolved that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$13,811.98 be approved for payment, Further Resolved that Cougar Engineering Invoice \$61,086.92 be paid out of Capital Works. All in Favor Motion Carried

Tax Arrears to January 29, 2016- Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council. Total outstanding \$174,769.72 with 2016 taxes Pending.

Small Claims Progress –Clerk reported 60 day notices from the October 5 meeting were sent. Some payments pending. Deferred for review.

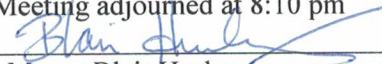
Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to January 29-Clerk reported yearend adjustments have been entered

Adjournment

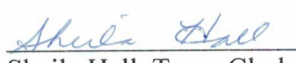
Motion 2016 – 1085– Mackey / Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting March 1, 2016 at the Town Council Chambers, North River at 7:00pm
All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



Mayor Blair Hurley



Sheila Hall, Town Clerk