

Town of North River Minutes Regular Council Meeting April 5, 2016
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance; Mayor Blair Hurley,
Councillors', Brian Hurley, Elsie Morrissey, Dwight Snow, Rita Greenland
Absent; Patrick Mackey, Deputy Mayor John Newell arrived at 6:45pm
Also in Attendance; Sheila Hall Town Clerk

Mayor Blair Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m and advised members that the purpose of this privileged meeting is to review tax arrears.
Deputy Mayor John Newell arrived at 6:45pm

Tax arrears- Clerk copied members list of tax arrears total problem taxes owing \$102,375.45
Members' present reviewed list.

Councillor Hurley copied council on CBN Lightning request. Noted ballfield is town property and CBN meter arrears \$586.13.

After some discussion it was decided to give authority to CBN to apply for 90/10 cost shared grant to bring ballfield up to regulations, upgrade change rooms and town absorb meter cost

Motion 2016 – 1098– Hurley / Snow

Resolved that North River give authority to CBN Lightning to apply for 90/10 cost shared grant to bring ballfield up to regulations and to renovate existing clubhouse.

Further resolved that the town absorb meter costs of \$586.13.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Councillor Hurley excused himself had prior commitment and left the meeting at 6:30pm

After review, the following motions were put forth.

Whereas previous motion of council to write off poll tax

Motion 2016 – 1099 – Snow/ Morrissey

Resolved that any remaining poll tax arrears and 1 closed business be written off and that the clerk make the appropriate adjustments to the tax roll to reflect same.

Further resolved per section 139 real property located at 122A NRR ID 258548 be sold

And real property located at Cummings Lane be sold.

Further resolved 60 day notices be sent advising further action pending.

Judgements to be activated on two accounts.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Privileged meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Mayor Hurley called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2016 – 1100– Snow / Greenland

Resolved that the agenda for April 5th meeting be accepted.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2016 –1101– Greenland / Morrissey

Resolved minutes of the March 1 st meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor Motion Carried

2. Business Arising:

Ratify motions Motion 2016 – 1098 and Motion 2016 – 1099 from privileged meeting

Motion 2015 – 1102 – Snow/ Morrissey

Resolved that motions Motion 2016 – 1098 and Motion 2016 – 1099 be ratified

All in Favor Motion Carried

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Capital Works-Dr Whalens Road

Clerk reported 30 day removal order was received and that the ditch was partially cleared. Resident of Dr Whalens Road had complained of water issue. Mayor Hurley informed council that himself and Chris Roberts had visited site and that engineer will file a report to fix problem. There was some discussion concerning contractors' warranty. Suggested have Chris Roberts make a site visit to determine if ditch is acceptable.

Status Report & Engineering Invoice \$13,923.58 was copied and reviewed by members.

Motion 2016 – 1103– Snow / Greenland

Resolved that Engineering Invoice \$13,923.58 be paid out of Capital Works Account.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Feasibility Study water/sewer -Mayor Hurley reported correspondence received from Municipal Affairs financial assistance denied under Special assistance however application has been made under Municipal Capital Works Program for 2016/2017-Deferred pending government response

3. New Business:

Bugs & Debbie Greene-Promoting town web page and boat launch application- Deferred to May

Scotiabank Online Banking documents reviewed. Clerk reported currently unable to confirm ETF deposits on a timely basis. Online Banking would eliminate this problem. After some discussion

Motion 2016 – 1104– Morrissey / Greenland

Resolved that Scotiabank Online Banking documents be signed to set up town accounts.
All in Favor Motion Carried

4. Development Applications

Geraldine Newell-10 x 20 Porch 308 North River Rd

Motion 2016 –1105– Snow / Morrissey

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, as per submitted application, to construct a 10 x 20 porch at 308 North River Road, subject to the following conditions;
Town's Municipal Development Regulations and approval from all other regulatory departments.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Reg Lawrence- Subdivision 281 NRR lots 7-15-request permit extension

MAE Design Ltd Engineers Drawings & Storm Water Design were reviewed by council

Motion 2016 –1106– Newell / Morrissey

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, in accordance with section 77 (1) subdivision regulations submitted Engineers Drawings & Storm Water Design be incorporated into the subdivision plan, subject to the following conditions;
Town's Municipal Development and Subdivision Regulations
and approval from all other regulatory departments.
Further resolved that extension be given on development permit
All in Favor Motion Carried

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5. Correspondence for Action

Streetlight complaint-Resident at 17-19 Morgans Rd re Light on private property at 20-22 Newells Rd requests cut. Noted pole was grandfathered in and could not be cut. Clerk to advise resident.

Light fixture-Clerks Office

Clerk reported electrical problem with office light fixture. Confirm if bulb is required.

Motion 2016 – 1107– Snow / Morrissey

Resolved that if electrical problem clerk to contact electrician for repairs.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Max Smith.-Excessive number of vehicles on property. Letter/ application sent advising of procedure and taxes. Mr. Smith advised a pass time buying & selling cars. Not purchasing more and expects all to be sold. Noted residential garage permit issued.
Members agreed business not a hobby. Monitor situation. Deferred pending business tax info.

5a. Correspondence for Information

April Newsletter –Deferred to May

Enviro-Conservation -Burning Prohibition of Demolition Materials-Filed

FFAW letter to Minister (Copied to Council)-Filed

Municipal Symposium Gander May 5-7 members to advise clerk if interested in registration

Directional Signage Real Estate Brokers-Permission request

After some discussion it was decided that no signs will be permitted at either entrance to North River. Will permit on main road 1 sign in front of property if property is located in lane will permit 1 sign on the main road by lane.

Suggested clerk have draft signage policy for review at next meeting.

6. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- Councillor Snow gave a brief report on areas not paying.

Noted fireman's ball April 23rd Knights of Columbus cost \$25.00 single.

Mayor Hurley advised that town purchases tickets for board reps and spouses but extended invitation to all members of council to attend event. Councillors to advise clerk if attending.

Joint Councils- Mayor Hurley-minutes copied to council. Next meeting April 28 Clarkes Beach

Seniors Committee- Councillor Greenland reported on dance finances. Event went well.

Animal Control –No scheduled meeting.

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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 March General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council. Total Deposited \$118,910.84 receipt# 13200 -13328 Payable \$82,621.11 Cheque # 409 -434 includes, Lynchs Trucking \$4381.02 , G & J Backhoe \$1711.95, Streetlights \$1858.22, Sand/Salt \$692.14, MCW Loan \$478.00, MCW transfer \$11,976.35, Gas Tax 2 transfers \$15,145.00, Shaw Venture \$16,000.00, and WHSC \$1423.55

Accounts Payable Ledger \$18,003.90 to March 31, 2016 was provided for Councils' review. Noted Sand/Salt Dec-Feb received. Discussion on G & J high March bill. Council to monitor.

Motion 2016 – 1108– Snow / Morrissey

Resolved that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$18,003.90 be approved for payment,
All in Favor Motion Carried

Tax Arrears to March 31, 2016- Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council. Total outstanding \$320,631.52.

Small Claims Progress and Tax Arrears Motion 2016 – 1099 from privileged meeting.

Any remaining poll tax arrears be written off and appropriate adjustments made to the tax roll to reflect same. 60 day notices to be sent advising further action pending. Judgements to be activated on two accounts, and sale procedures to commence on 122A NRR. ID 258548

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to March 31-Report copied and reviewed by council

Motion 2016 – 1109– Morrissey / Greenland

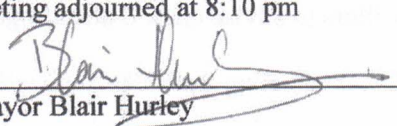
RESOLVED that adjustment totaling \$279.00.00 as outlined by the clerk be approved.
Further resolved that the appropriate adjustments be made to the tax roll to reflect same.
All in Favor. Motion Carried

Adjournment

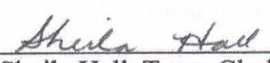
Motion 2016 – 1110– Snow / Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting May 3, 2016 at the Town Council Chambers, North River at 6:30pm
All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



Mayor Blair Hurley



Sheila Hall, Town Clerk

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March 4, 2016

Dear Council Members,

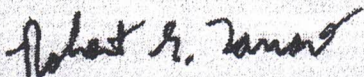
On Thursday, March 3, 2016 CBN Lightning executive committee met with Hon. Ken McDonald and Town Council representative Brian Hurley to discuss funding opportunities to complete the North River soccer field. The infusion of Federal Government infrastructure money for projects that specifically target the upgrade of recreation facilities adds a sense of urgency to pursuing this revenue source.

According to Mr. McDonald these projects will be cost shared between Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. The municipal share will be 10% of the total cost of the project. For example, a \$100 000.00 grant would require a \$10 000.00 contribution from the Town of North River. The remainder of the cost would be absorbed by the other two levels of government. CBN Lightning are requesting that the Town apply for a \$100 000.00 grant to finish the resurfacing of the North River Field, renovate the existing clubhouse to include washroom facilities and install a water and septic system. We are a regional club and this will enhance our chances of getting approved. We are interested in partnering with the Town to help fund the \$10 000.00 contribution by the municipal government. We will be setting up a meeting with MS. Parsley and Ms. Parsons to lobby the Provincial government to put this project at the top of the list. I am offering to write the project proposal on behalf of the Town if you want my assistance with this.

Another issue that we discussed with Mr. Hurley was the fact that CBN Lightning is no longer able to pay the electricity bill at the North River field. We have not used electricity for the past five years. If our grant is approved electrical service will need to be moved into the clubhouse.

CBN Lightning Sports Club is looking forward to working with the Town of North River to build a facility that our children and the Town will be proud of. Thank you in advance for your support. I will forward any information concerning the application process as soon as I receive a copy.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Tarrant
President CBN Lightning Sports Club

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North River Sport Complex Upgrade Proposal

Rationale:

Although the community of North River does not have a large population it serves as a centre for fitness and recreation for the region from North River to Marysvale. This is a direct result of the existence of a regional school, All Hallows Elementary which is located in the community. The 400 children who attend the school have been fortunate that the entire region have come together on two fronts to provide two programs that have improved opportunities for physical activity over the past ten years.

In May, 2006 a regional steering committee came together and formed a soccer club, CBN Lightning which involves 300 children from February to August in an organized soccer program. This program started at the field in North River next to the school. This field was an old softball field that has been converted into a soccer pitch.

In June 2013 an army of 1000 volunteers came together to construct a \$200 000.00 playground in one day. The Corporal Jamie Brendan Murphy playground is one of the best equipped playgrounds on the Island. This facility is used every day by children from all over the region.

In addition to programs for children and youth there is a seniors wellness program being offered at All Hallows Elementary gym two evenings a week from September to June. When school closes in June this group has no facility to continue their walking and fitness program.

Needs Assessment

Although these programs are a step in the right direction there is a lot of work to be done to meet the needs of a regional population. There is a strong foundation to build upon. The ultimate goal is to improve the fitness level of all residents in this region. The following is a list of improvements that need to be made to existing facilities and programs.

North River Soccer Pitch

This facility needs to be extended to a full 300ft. playing surface to accommodate 11x11 games. It will need additional excavation work in the far end to remove fill. It will need the chain link fence extended around the perimeter of the field, weeping tile and drain installed and a levelling with new topsoil and sod. It also needs bleachers for parents and spectators. The two dugouts need to be repaired and one can be used for storage space. The facility will also need a clubhouse with washrooms, showers, canteen and meeting area. A well and septic system will need to be installed and the facility made handicap accessible.

Walking Track/X-Country Trail

There is plenty of space in the area next to the field to build a winding trail through the wooded area that can be used as a walking trail and a snowshoe/X-Country running

and snoeshoe trail in winter.

Beach Volleyball Courts

In the space next to the playground there is space for two beach volleyball courts. Walking trails will wind around these courts. They will need chainlink fence and high netting.

Lawn Bowling/Shuffle Board

The soccer field can be used to organize a lawn bowling program for 50 plus residents. The Town can also form a partnership with All Hallows School to paint shuffleboard courts on the parking area and set up a program for 50 plus residents and children.

Program Development

The Town will need to hire a community recreation leadership worker to create a comprehensive recreation program and hire summer staff to implement this program.