

Town of North River Minutes Regular Council Meeting December 6, 2016  
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

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

Delegation -None present Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Morrissey requested Facebook page be added to agenda and Mayor Hurley requested clerks bonus also be added.

**1. Agenda and Minutes:**

**Motion 2016 – 1199–** Mackey / Snow

Resolved that the agenda for the December 6th meeting be accepted with additions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

**Motion 2016 –1200–** Mackey / Morrissey

Resolved minutes of the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

**2. Business Arising:**

Dr Whalens Rd gravel request -Mayor Hurley reported that gravel was ordered and that maintenance worker has covered potholes.

Main Rd-both culverts finished. Suggested council continue to lobby for complete road upgrade.

Burseys Rd- Invoice \$13,800.00 copied to members. Discounted \$1500.00 due to no swale. There was a discussion concerning rocks damaging asphalt .Members agreed that November motion # 2016 – 1188– Hurley / Morrissey be upheld and that council hold back 50% of invoice until satisfied that rocks will not come up through and damage asphalt. Deferred 50% to spring Clerk to contact Concord.

Pinetree and Raspberry Lane-Late into the season- Deferred to spring.

Frosts lane- Completed. Invoice \$2118.75 received & copied. Members agreed good job. Sworn Affidavits signed concerning clarification on lane.

Tree lighting ceremony on December 5<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Santa Claus did an excellent job. Council suggested look into additional lighting and outside music for next year's event.

Christmas Dinner- Mayor Hurley reminded members of reservations Stone Jug December 7<sup>th</sup>

**3. New Business:**

Christmas Office hours were discussed.

**Motion 2016 –1201–** Mackey / Morrissey

Resolved office closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen Monday January 2.

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Outdoor Advertising-magnetic board rental was discussed. Members agreed cost wise preference is purchase rather than rental. Bulletin board also discussed. Deferred pending more info. Facebook page was discussed-Councillor Mackey to approach residents on set up of page. Town water test--Councillor Mackey will get sample for test results. Ceilings-Bathroom and office-Deputy Mayor Newell to check and advise of problem & solution.

**4. Development Applications** Robert Hurley-Shed-Permit Extension  
Ipsen Fleming-Cabin Relocation- Permit Extension

**5. Correspondence for Action**

**5a. Correspondence for Information**

Remuneration cheques 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were distributed.  
Permit Report to November 30-Clerk advised no general repairs permits issued.  
Clerk reported letter received-Anthony Development business closed as of August 2016, must be removed from 2017 tax roll.

**6. Committee Reports**

Bay de Grave- No report available.

7:25 pm-At this point in the meeting Deputy Mayor Newell arrived

Joint Councils--minutes were unavailable for distribution to council. There was some discussion on amalgamation verses regionalization of services. Members agreed this item should be deferred until after upcoming elections.

Seniors Committee- Councillor Greenland reported new signing authorities being arranged. Membership is low. Will update council on future planned events later in the New Year.

Animal Control --Councillor Hurley was not in attendance however had sent email on his recommendations. Committee agreed to increase wages by a \$1.00 per hour, towns' cost would be an extra \$5.00 per week. Councillor Hurleys' recommendation approve increase.  
Based on Councillor Hurleys' recommendations

**Motion 2016 -1202**-- Mackey / Greenland

Resolved that the Town of North River accept Animal Control wage increase recommendation.  
All in Favor Motion Carried

**7. Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures**

Balance Sheet & Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council. Financial Transaction Summary November General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council. Total Deposited \$25,362.44 receipt# 13545-13564 Payable \$15,619.42 Cheque # 565-581 includes Lynchs Trucking \$4897.49 , Streetlights \$1871.81, Animal control \$1320.00 and KMC Contracting \$2118.75  
Accounts Payable Ledger \$12,780.03 to December 2, 2016 was provided for Councils' review.

**Motion 2016 - 1203** -- Morrissey / Snow

Resolved that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$12,780.03 be approved for payment.  
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7:40 pm-At this point in the meeting Councillor Hurley arrived

Tax Arrears to November 30, 2016- Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council. Total outstanding \$215,400.36. Collections 84%

Small Claims Progress 35 accounts \$77,168.16 listed -9 paid in full \$28,140.71- 9 on payment plans \$8638.00, 7 written off \$5610.18 and remaining 10 working \$34,779.27. Deferred

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to November 30- reviewed by council

**Motion 2016 – 1204–** Mackey / Newell

Resolved that adjustment totaling \$163.00 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

Christmas Bonus

**Motion 2016 –1205–** Mackey / Snow

Resolved town clerk receive a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$500.00

All in Favor Motion Carried

Adjournment

**Motion 2016 – 1206–** Mackey/ Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting January 3, 2017 at the Town Council Chambers, North River at 6:30pm

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

  
Mayor Blair Hurley

  
Sheila Hall, Town Clerk