

Town of North River Minutes Regular Council Meeting February 7, 2017
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

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

Delegation -None present Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

1. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2017 – 1219– Mackey / Greenland

Resolved that building locks be added to the agenda for February 7th
Further resolved that the revised agenda for February 7th 2017 be accepted.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2017 –1220– Hurley / Morrissey

Resolved minutes of the January 3 rd meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.
All in Favor Motion Carried

2. Business Arising:

Boundary Expansion

Mayor Hurley reported five members attended the meeting on January 26th with Minister Joyce.
The outcome was positive. Expansion should include to Snows Brook and beyond plus Hwy section. Letter was reviewed by all. After some discussion the following resolution was put forth.

Whereas Municipal Boundary Expansion Feasibility Study was ordered by the Minister in 2013 and

Whereas Boundary Expansion Feasibility Study has not started.

Motion 2017 –1221 Brian Hurley / Patrick Mackey

Resolved the Town of North River request the Minister Department of Municipal Affairs to reengage in the Municipal Boundary Expansion Feasibility Study.
Further Resolved Mayor Hurley approach government and MHA regarding boundary expansion feasibility funding.
All in Favor Motion Carried

North River Recreation & Wellness Project

Councillor Mackey advised that he had met with Dave Peddle (Harris & Assoc) concerning project. Existing road by old shed on ballfield was discussed. It was agreed this road could be blocked off as access is next to RC Church off North River Road. Relocate 16 x 20 shed to council grounds, Project includes- Boat launch across from RC Parish Hall by apple trees. Building 30 x 40 with 2 bathrooms, change rooms, stage, canteen & meeting room. 5 ft wide asphalt track with lighting. Field resurfaced, new bleachers, well/septic and drainage on back to be addressed. Suggested preliminary drawing for review.
Community Healthy Living Funds-Clerk to get quotes on 2 basketball, 2 hockey and tennis nets.

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3. New Business:

2016 Financial Audit & Gas Tax Audit

December 31-2016 Year End Financial Audit was distributed and reviewed by council. Councillor Hurley advised members of auditors' key points: The Town had another good year showing a surplus of \$161k! Up from 2015 as there was a larger amount of Capital Works Funding and Gas Tax funding received in the year. "Statement of Financial Position" remains healthy with a Net Asset position of \$63k. The bank balance is strong with a balance at yearend of \$47k which is down slightly from 2015 due to the large amount of road work completed in the year. Collections remain strong, receivable balance as at December 31, 2016 is \$26k higher than in 2015. Some delinquent accounts remain that are increasing yearly causing the receivable balance to increase. The Town invested another \$159k into the Town's infrastructure all while reducing the Town's debt; only one loan remaining at year end with a balance of \$14k! Lots of positive results. Discussion took place.

Motion 2016 – 1122– Hurley / Snow

Resolved that the December 31-2016 Year End Financial Audit & Annual Expenditure Gas Tax Financial Statement be adopted
Further resolved that the 2016 Annual Expenditure Gas Tax Financial Statement be adopted
All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2016 – 1123 – Snow /Hurley

Resolved that Clarified Accounting is appointed the Town's Auditor for the 2017 financial year.
All in Favor. Motion Carried

Gas Tax Reallocation of funds. Noted surplus \$780.00 Burseys Road.

Motion 2016 – 1124 – Snow /Hurley

Resolved that surplus \$780.00 be reallocated to Sunset Ridge project #175-2016-6152
All in Favor. Motion Carried

Council Building locks-Discussion on deadbolt and non-copy keys required.

Motion 2016 – 1125 – Snow /Hurley

Resolved that Councillor Hurley purchase deadbolt and non-copy keys for building.
All in Favor. Motion Carried

4. Development Applications

Bonnie Mugford Vegetable Stand-Deferred pending location.

5. Correspondence for Action

5a. Correspondence for Information

MNL Regional Meeting. –Filed
Noted Light & Power rebate \$1193.29
Permit Report to January 30- No permits issued.

6. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- Councillor Mackey advised looking into another bay for storage & vehicle.
Possible JCP grant. New heat camera purchased.

Joint Councils– Mayor Hurley updated members and regionalization committee letter was copied and reviewed. After much discussion members agreed plebiscite should not be held around elections. Councillor Mackey expressed interest in being part of committee discussions.

Seniors Committee- No report

Animal Control – No report

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 \$22,549.54 receipt# 13596-13637 Payable \$27,066.67 Cheque # 607-622 includes Lynchs Trucking \$4831.71, KMC \$4784.42, MAA \$3108.00, Bay de Grave \$4175.00 and Streetlights \$1871.81

Accounts Payable Ledger \$17846.42 to February 7, 2017 was provided for Councils' review. Noted KMC January 7 & 16 high hours. Clerk to confirm hours with contractor & report back.

Motion 2016 – 1126– Hurley / Mackey

Resolved that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$17846.42 be approved for payment.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Capital Works -Account and loan balance. Councillor Hurley advised project finished and that account balance of \$14,148.66 can be used to pay off loan balance \$13,855.00. Saving interest.

Motion 2016 – 1127– Hurley / Snow

Resolved that the town transfer funds from Capital Works Account & pay off balance remaining on Capital Works loan.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Tax Arrears to January 30, 2017- Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council. Total outstanding \$197,927.37 .Collections percentage 84%
Small Claims Progress Deferred

Councillor Hurley suggested privileged meeting on March 7 to review arrears. Members agreed.

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to January 30- Report copied and reviewed by council

Motion 2016 – 1128– Hurley / Snow

Resolved that adjustment totaling \$80.00 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

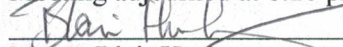
Adjournment

Motion 2017 – 1229– Hurley/ Snow

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting March 7, 2017 at the Town Council Chambers, North River at 6:30pm

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm


Mayor Blair Hurley



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