

Town of North River Minutes Meeting August 4, 2020
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance: Mayor Joanne Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley
Councillors' Kelly Hall, Dwight Snow, Patrick Mackey, Elsie Morrissey
& Brian Hurley via telephone

Also in Attendance: David & Barbara Wicks, James Cummings, Michelle Edmunds
& Sheila Hall Town Clerk/Administrator

Mayor Joanne Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2020 –1813– Patrick Mackey / Blair Hurley

Resolved that the agenda for August 4th be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2020 –1814– Dwight Snow / Patrick Mackey

Resolved minutes of July 7th meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2020 –1815– Patrick Mackey / Kelly Hall

Resolved minutes of July 14th meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions

Further resolved Motions 2020-1807 G & J award-1808 boat launch be ratified.

All in Favor Motion Carried

July 16th MCW pre construction meeting was copied to members.

Motion 2020 –1816– Patrick Mackey / Kelly Hall

Resolved minutes of July 28th meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

Further resolved Motion 2020 –1810 MCW surplus -1811 lawn mower purchase be ratified.

All in Favor Motion Carried.

Delegation 7:00 P.M. Mayor Morrissey welcomed David & Barbara Wicks and turned the floor over to him. Mr. Wicks proceeded to outline his concerns.

He will prep a place for a garbage box on the side of the main road, a Councillor can do a site visit.

Culvert maintenance & ditching. Noted main road is Transportation responsibility, Mr. Wicks can contact them.

Cul de sac discussed: only his house & no need as emergency vehicles can access his house via his driveway

Winter he can plow & sand road and requests a filled sand box be placed for his convenience.

Town will check on liability issue, since he is ploughing across main road to deposit snow removal on other side.

"No Exit" sign requested to reduce traffic.

Mr. Wicks also enquired: if council cannot pave road this year if there would be a problem if he covered the cost of paving. If the road were paved it would make it easier to plough and sand.

Mr. Wicks was advised that council will review all these points & respond back to him in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. Wicks thanked council for their time and left the chambers at 7:15 P.M

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3. Business Arising:

G & J & Bert Snow – Boat launch quote review

Deputy Mayor Hurley reported on Water Resources & erosion control requirements. Need to get another scope of work drawn up to include Water Resources erosion control requirements. Guardrails needed when backing in off the main road. Deputy Mayor Hurley will contact engineer regarding scope of work. Once received council will obtain 3 new quotes for review.

Motion 2020 –1817– Patrick Mackey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that motion 2020-1808 that Bert Snow be awarded boat launch area be rescinded
All in Favor Motion Carried.

Delegation 7:30 P.M. Mayor Morrissey welcomed Michelle Edmunds and turned the floor over to her. Mrs. Edmunds explained that on the previous weekend, she was supervising her daughter and a group of her friends while they were swimming in North River. A town resident advised her that she was encroaching on private property and ordered them to “get”. Ms. Edmunds enquired of council “if there’s a dock there can people use it”?

It was explained this is not a council issue & that no part of North River is private property. Advised her to take her concerns to Crown Lands and Water Resources.

Mrs. Edmunds thanked council for their time and left the chambers at 7:45 P.M

7:45 P.M At this point Deputy Mayor Hurley declared a conflict of interest and left the chambers. There was a lengthy debate over conflict of interest and what the Municipalities Act provides.

MCW-20-00020–Madengail Lane Emails copied to members

A town resident questioned a previous problem that in her opinion was not properly addressed when the lane was previously constructed and that this area is being left out of the ditching process again. Why aren't pipes being installed to divert water away from this area? Will council approve this small extension of pipe?

Council discussed and noted that this wasn't on the plan and should have been identified by the engineer. Defer

Resident from 45 North River Road advised by e-mail that he did not approve the type of work that is happening on his private property. There has to be a culvert installed and then back filled. Told council it was okay to lay the pipe on the land while they were working but never agreed to equipment with tracks running over it, now it is one big mess. Also contractor took fill off property and used it elsewhere. Resident agreed to the laying off pipe if a culvert was installed, never agreed to losing square footage of property. Clerk to contact engineer. Defer

Clerk reported towns 10% MCW share needs to be transferred \$16,250.00 + \$887.00 deficit

Motion 2020 –1818– Patrick Mackey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that \$17,137.00 be transferred into municipal capital works account.

All in Favor Motion Carried.

8:15 P.M At this point Deputy Mayor Hurley returned.

4. New Business:

Resident statement of recent traffic on Burseys Road caused by trucks trailering boats and sea-dos to the river and an abundant amount of garbage left all around. Email copied to members

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Over 20+ vehicles trying to launch and park + drive through. People were parking everywhere! Getting in/out of our driveway with trucks/trailers parked on already-narrow Bursey's Rd. was a nightmare. As well, on the river side of our property where 'PRIVATE PROPERTY' signage is clearly posted, vehicles literally drove over barriers to park vehicles - complete, utter disregard for personal property. Also, the beach across the river, plus the boat launch area, were packed with people. In this time of COVID-19/Alert Level 2, provincial social distancing guidelines were definitely not being followed. Also garbage is left behind in and around the river and on our property.

Agreed purchase two signs No Parking Vehicles will be towed then RCMP can enforce.

Motion 2020 -1819- Dwight Snow / Kelly Hall

Resolved that clerk order two signs No Parking Vehicles will be towed.

All in Favor Motion Carried.

Fill-letter was copied to all-Resident gives town permission to put stumps with fill on his property. Boughs must be covered with fill. Council agreed, the town will not purchase fill for resident. Noted contractor determined where fill goes.

Town identified a need for fill for boat launch area, corner of Dr. Whalen's Rd and Calm Hole.

Town now has to purchase fill for these areas after giving away 20-30 loads.

Suggested council member reimburse town for fill received.

Councillor Mackey noted received complaints of members' relative receiving fill.

Suggest pay for fill or vote?

After a lengthy discussion on "Conflict of Interest" and paying for fill, the Mayor stated that paying for fill would not resolve the Conflict of Interest issue, and that this is the third time that this topic has been on the agenda, asked if anyone had anything further to add to speak up now, no one responded. Members didn't resolve issue.

Calm Hole potholes & water issue needs to be addressed. Councillor Hurley suggested to defer excess spending on Calm Hole & boat launch for now, pending finance review.

Poly's Lane- short discussion on possible walking trail and mowing.

Newsletter, suggests sending an accompanying information sheet with next statement mail out.

4. Development Applications:

14-16 Madengail Lane -24 x 32 garage

Motion 2020 -1820- Patrick Mackey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, as per submitted application, to construct a 24 x 32 garage at 14-16 Madengail Lane, subject to the following conditions;

Residential Use Only

Town's Municipal Development Regulations and approval from all other regulatory departments.

All in Favor Motion Carried

20 North River Road -16 x 26 garage extension

Motion 2020 -1821- Dwight Snow / Patrick Mackey

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, as per submitted application, to construct a 16 x 26 garage extension at 20 North River Road, subject to the following conditions;

Residential Use Only

Town's Municipal Development Regulations and approval from all other regulatory departments.

All in Favor Motion Carried

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243-245 North River Road -12 x 16 baby barn

Motion 2020 –1822– Dwight Snow / Blair Hurley

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, as per submitted application, to construct a 12 x 16 baby barn at 243-245 North River Road, subject to the following conditions;

Residential Use Only

8 foot boundary is followed

Town's Municipal Development Regulations and approval from all other regulatory departments.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Maintenance employment extension- Councillor Hurley recommended additional four weeks.

Motion 2020 –1823– Dwight Snow / Patrick Mackey

Resolved that maintenance employment be extended an additional four weeks to August 28.

All in Favor Motion Carried

9:10 P.M At this point Councillor Hurley excused himself due to another commitment and left.

Short discussion on Farrells Lane & shed on boundary. Clerk to get survey for next meeting.

5. Correspondence for Information:

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) 2020 –Mayor Morrissey reported finished August 14.

Skate Park- Mayor Morrissey reported ground is prepped and equipment is on route.
Walking trail finished. Suggested signs regarding laps.

Dog Park- Councillor Snow reported looking at other parks & into JCP & CEEP grants.

T-Ball Recreation Committee

Councillor Hall reported on committee meeting. Members Ryan Gates, John Ruffino & Ted Rogers. T-Ball going well regulations being followed. Noted registration fees & bank account. Agreed talk to Charlotte Warford for advice. Short discussion on 5k adult race. Can't close road.

9:15 P.M At this point James Cummings left the building.

North River sign – Councillor Hall reported that Mr. Pike will help however he can will get plans for council. Discussion on smaller 6 x 6 version of signs. Councillor Hall to send plans to clerk.

6. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- No report.

Joint Councils- No report.

Seniors Committee- No report.

Animal Control- No report.

Recreation Committee- Covered under correspondence for information.

OHS Committee- No incidents reported.

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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 July General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposited \$19,271.26 includes receipt# 15471-15511.

Total payable \$61,885.95. Cheque # 1473-1497. Closing Balance \$95,818.11.

Accounts Payable Ledger \$12,220.98 to July 31, 2020 was provided for Councils' review.

Motion 2020 –1824– Elsie Morrissey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that Operating accounts payable in the amount of \$12,220.98 be approved for payment.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Grants Income Statement Expense Statement were provided for Council.

Financial Transaction Summary to July 31, 2020 Grants Ledger Cash outflow /inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposit \$7,334.02 Total payable \$5,702.20. Cheque # 365-384. Closing Balance \$37,989.26.

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to July 31, 2020- No adjustments

Tax Dollar Arrears to July 31, 2020.

Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council.

Total outstanding to 2020 taxes \$381,096.82 .Collections percentage at 84%.

9:45 P.M At this point in the meeting Councillor Hall declared a conflict & left the chambers.
Business permit 103 North River Rd

Draft letter was reviewed. Noted that other businesses have changed over the years. After further discussion on permit conditions it was decided that clerk schedule another meeting with resident.

Small Claims Progress- Final Notices sent and Statement of Claim served. No report
Review on procedures for financial meetings on tax arrears. Defer to the fall. Agreed.

Adjournment

Motion 2020 –1825– Dwight Snow / Blair Hurley

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting

September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Mayor Joanne Morrissey

Sheila Hall, Town Clerk/Administrator

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