

Town of North River Minutes Meeting September 1, 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, Brian Hurley, Dwight Snow & Elsie Morrissey
Absent: Patrick Mackey,
Also in Attendance: Sheila Hall Town Clerk/Administrator

6:30 P.M. Mayor Morrissey declared a privileged meeting to review budget. Members agreed

2021 draft budget reviewed. First draft discussion on increased expenses and decreased values. Some debate on mil rate increase given Covid. Deferred to October pending updated budget.

ROW 87A North River Rd—Asphalt quote reviewed. Members agreed town should cover cost. Quote to include asphalt, proper ditching and turn around.

Motion 2020 –1831– Brian Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that the clerk get quote include asphalt, proper ditching and turn around.

All in Favor Motion Carried

7:00 P.M. Delegations: Gary & Fran Moore & James Cummings arrived.

Mayor Joanne Morrissey declared privileged meeting closed and called the public meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Morrissey welcomed the delegation and advised that Mr. & Mrs. Moore would be first followed by Mr. Cummings.

Mr. & Mrs. Moore wanted to clarify their July 30th request for town fill. A second request dated August 6th was copied to all. Resident said never asked town to buy fill. Can dump stumps & boughs, and if soil is dug up with stumps then they would like to have that deposited on their land, if only branch cuttings are available then they will accept. They don't expect council to purchase fill to deposit on their land but if any is available then they would like their share.

Mayor Morrissey thanked Mr. & Mrs. Moore and advised that council will discuss & advise.

Mr. Cummings expressed his opinion on the following items:

Effords Rd, Halls Rd & other lanes have had little to no maintenance done this season while the main road that is the responsibility of the Department of Highways is being groomed. Noted that town is using town tax dollars for provincial road work.

Permits - Questioned if a resident on Dr. Whalen's Road has a business permit. Should be checked into as they are operating a business out of a garage. Expressed concern over established business.

Councilor Brian Hurley advised resident that hiring an enforcement officer is very much needed and is a position that council has very much interest in pursuing. North River cannot afford to hire an enforcement officer on its own budget but was exploring the possibility of sharing the position of enforcement with Clarkes Beach & Spaniards Bay. Council will approach those towns to explore that option again.

Trees - Again the cutting of trees, pointed out using town tax dollars for what should be provincial road work. Concrete step located at 50 main road is on a turn, is in the Highways easement and should be removed in his opinion.

Mayor Morrissey thanked Mr. Cummings and advised that council will review these items.

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Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2020 –1832– Dwight Snow / Blair Hurley

Resolved that the agenda for September 1st be adopted as circulated.

Further resolved that motion #2020 –1831 from the September 1st privileged meeting be ratified.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2020 –1833– Blair Hurley / Kelly Hall

Resolved minutes of August 4th meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2020 –1834– Blair Hurley / Kelly Hall

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

Further resolved motions #1826-1827-1828 & 1829 from the August 14th meeting be ratified.

All in Favor Motion Carried

3. Business Arising:

Resident 45 North River Road e-mail copied to members - did not approve the type of work that is happening on his private property. Agreed to the laying off pipe if a culvert was installed. Councillor Hurley reported ditch may be within reservation if not contractor will fix problem if money left over from contract will look at culvert. Defer

7:25 P.M At this point Mr. & Mrs. Moore left the building.

Resident 12-16 Madengail Lane e-mail copied to members

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?

Discussed and noted that resident was against original plan engineers recommendation that the best and most economical solution is to install a 900mm Solflo max HDPE culvert across Madengail and clean out existing channel as required to provide unrestricted flow. In this case keeping an existing natural watercourse open and would expect water runoff to occur as it had in the past. Suggest draft letter to resident with explanation.

Boat launch –location & traffic concerns addressed. Parking should be discussed with the Church and or school, residents input needed. Discussion on use and enforcement. Deferred pending receipt of permits.

Calm Hole Rd- Deferred pending permits from Water Resources, DFO & Environment.

Waterfront shoreline access blocked Effords Road.

Clerk reported that resident had applied to Water Resources for a permit to open access.

DFO completed a site visit to investigate complaint of shoreline private property?

Noted many areas along shoreline are blocked. Town has primary jurisdiction and can issue a removal order. This includes unauthorized works in and within 15 metres of the waterbody.

Mayor Morrissey reported drone pictures of the river & reservation received at a cost of \$110.00

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There was discussion concerning face book and draft town newsletter. The Mayor informed council that she was advised by Municipal Affairs that the Facebook Administrator is the responsibility of the town clerk and that this was not acted on by council. Clerk declined job. Councillor Hall submitted a draft newsletter. The Mayor will edit and add any additional relevant information. Councillors to send any additional information to clerk or mayor for addition. Newsletter will be sent with correspondence to residents in September.

4. New Business:

Garbage contract copied to council-Contract expires December 31st. Lynch's Trucking will continue services another 3 years at the same rate. Noted under the terms of contract it can be extended if no change to dollar value and in compliance with the Procurement Act.

Motion 2020 –1835– Brian Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that Lynch's Trucking contract be extended additional 3 years.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Site Specific Safety Plan 2020-2021 was copied and reviewed by council.

Motion 2020 –1836– Brian Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that the Site Specific Safety Plan (SSSP) be acceptance as presented by council

All in Favor Motion Carried

Farrells Lane-Survey copied to council. Resident has five permanent and or non-permanent structures on property. Two sheds are positioned within the 8 foot easement area. Decision of council to send letter to resident requesting removal of vehicle storage shelter via registered mail.

Motion 2020 –1837– Brian Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that letter be sent to resident to remove structure in violation 60 day removal.

All in Favor Motion Carried

4. Development Applications:

13 Madengail Lane –Single family dwelling

Motion 2020 –1838– Blair Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that approval in principal be given applicant, as per submitted application, to construct a single family at 13 Madengail Lane, subject to the following conditions;

Residential Use Only

All boundary distances are followed

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

All in Favor Motion Carried

5. Correspondence for Information:

Burseys Rd-Two Signs received & installed

Kids Eat Smart-

Motion 2020 –1839– Dwight Snow / Blair Hurley

Resolved that the town donate \$500.00 to All Hallows Breakfast Program same as last year.

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North River sign – Councillor Hall reported that Mr. Pike delivered plans & copied to council. Discussion on smaller 6 x 6 version of signs. Due to lumber costs project deferred to spring.

Municipal Assessment Memo tabled. No discussion

Maintenance employment - Councillor Hurley recommended additional two weeks extra work.

Motion 2020 –1840– Dwight Snow / Brian Hurley

Resolved that maintenance employment be extended an additional two weeks to September 11.

All in Favor Motion Carried

6. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- No report.

Grants-Canada Summer Jobs–Mayor Morrissey reported finished August 14 & final report sent.

AESL-final report being completed.

Skate Park- installation date September 21st need to get someone to offload 2 pallets.

Dog Park- No report

Joint Councils- No report.

Seniors Committee- No report.

Animal Control- No report.

Recreation Committee- T-Ball extended another week. Materials to fix dugout discussed. Request council to purchase materials company providing free labour. Need list of materials. Defer

OHS Committee- No incidents reported.

7. Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures

Balance Sheet & Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council.

Financial Transaction Summary August General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposited \$13,001.26 includes receipt# 15513-15539.

Total payable \$36,868.02. Cheque # 1498-1515. Closing Balance \$72,471.67.

Accounts Payable Ledger \$18,586.50 to August 31, 2020 was provided for Councils' review.

Motion 2020 –1841– Elsie Morrissey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that Operating accounts payable in the amount of \$18,586.50 be approved for payment.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Grants Income Statement Expense Statement were provided for Council.

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

Total deposit \$0.00 Total payable \$3,253.60. Cheque # 385-395. Closing Balance \$33,305.11.

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

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Tax Dollar Arrears to August 31, 2020.

Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council.
Total outstanding to 2020 taxes \$366,669.85 .Collections percentage at 84%.

8:50 P.M at this point in the meeting Councillor Hall declared a conflict & left the chambers.

9:00 P.M Mayor Morrissey declared a privileged meeting closed to the public.

Mr. Cummings left the chambers at 9:00 P.M

Business permit 103 North River Rd

Discussion on car wrecks on back property & business is now snow clearing, towing & storage.

Resident requested withdraw application. Noted that other businesses have changed over the years. Reported car wrecks also at 75 NRR, 7-9 DWR & 12 Cummings Lane. Clerk requested list of all offenders. Letters be sent to all residents in violation of car wrecks 60 day removal. Agreed.

Motion 2020 –1842– Brian Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that letters be sent to all residents in violation of car wrecks 60 day removal order.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Mayor Morrissey declared privileged meeting closed and public meeting resumed.

Motion 2020 –1843– Blair Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that motion #2020 –1842 from the September 1st privileged meeting be ratified.

All in Favor Motion Carried

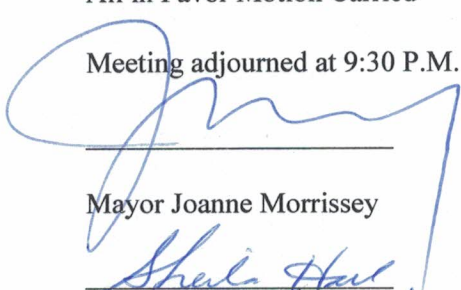
Adjournment

Motion 2020 –1844– Dwight Snow / Blair Hurley

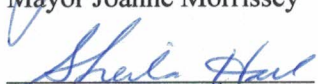
Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting
October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



Mayor Joanne Morrissey



Sheila Hall, Town Clerk/Administrator