

Town of North River Minutes Meeting March 2, 2021
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance: Mayor Joanne Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley
Councillors' Brian Hurley & Elsie Morrissey
Sheila Hall Town Clerk/Administrator

Via conference call: Councillors' Kelly Hall, Dwight Snow & Patrick Mackey

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

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2021 –1892– Blair Hurley / Elsie Morrissey
Resolved that the agenda for March 2nd be adopted as circulated.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2021 –1893– Blair Hurley / Brian Hurley
Resolved minutes of February 2 nd meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Delegation-No call in.

3. Business Arising: no items brought forward.

4. New Business:

December 31-2020 Financial Statements and yearly auditor appointment.
Year End Financial Audit & Gas Tax Audit was distributed and reviewed by council.
Councillor Brian Hurley advised members of auditors' key points
Overall, despite a difficult year with Covid-19, the town had a great year fiscally speaking. There was a surplus for the year of 286K, mostly the result of grants received for capital projects. The Town is generating positive cash flow from operations which is utilized to improve the Town's infrastructure.

Motion 2021 –1894– Brian Hurley / Dwight Snow
Resolved that the December 31-2020 Financial Statement & Gas Tax Audit be adopted.
Further resolved Clarified Accounting appointed the Town's Auditor for the 2021 financial year.
All in Favor Motion Carried

National Building & Fire Code

Motion 2021 –1895– Brian Hurley / Blair Hurley
Whereas the National Building Code was amended in December 2012 to add energy efficiency requirements for new residential homes and
Whereas the Municipalities Act 1999 requires that municipal councils adopt the National Building Code of Canada and supplements or amendments to that Code
Therefore be it resolved that the Town Council North River adopts the National Building Code and any supplements and amendments, as the minimum development standard.
Including the new energy efficiency provisions introduced in 2012.
Further Resolved that the onus for compliance with these development standards is placed on the home owner and/or developer/contractor
All in Favor Motion Carried



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Tax Recovery Policy Plan was copied and reviewed by council.

Motion 2021 –1896– Brian Hurley /Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that the Tax Recovery Policy Plan be adopted as presented.

All in Favor. Motion Carried

Street lighting - Councillor Hall pointed out a couple of areas in need of extra lighting. Proposing pole number 5458369 (right beside Sparkes residence). Pole across from Halls Road and not another one till just before Cal Hall's house (3 poles empty in between so doesn't comply with our every 3rd pole rule). Figured this pole the best option. Also, pole number 7779823 across from 73 North River Road on the turn. Very dark corner.

Snows, Burseys, Newells & Halls Road- Councillor Hall noted bad conditions at bottom of roads. Noted ditching required. Have engineer visit sites for cost estimates. Deferred

Boat launch & Calm Hole Rd- Environmental Assessment. Discussion on separating assessments as boat launch area should require further consultation.

Calm Hole Rd suggested second culvert will be required due to dog park development. Noted these projects cannot start until much later in the year. After much discussion on boat launch site members agreed to look for community input on site and seek RC church permission to use lot. Councillors Hall & Snow to move ahead and get application processed. Deferred

Virtual meetings- Councillor Mackey noted council should be using alternate platforms for meetings. Councillor Hurley can set up zoom meeting for April if health regulations require.

CORE Modules-Councillor Hurley advised members of five CORE training modules at a cost of \$201.25 per module and that clerk was interested in attending.

Motion 2021 –1897– Brian Hurley /Dwight Snow

Resolved that the clerk be approved to attend the five CORE training modules.

All in Favor. Motion Carried

Sanitizer station- Eastern Safety Services cost \$191.92 + tax includes 2 cases refills & wall unit.

Motion 2021 –1898– Blair Hurley /Kelly Hall

Resolved that the clerk purchase a hand sanitizer station for the office.

All in Favor. Motion Carried

All Hallows Parish & St. Georges Church –letter copied to all. Requesting town to consider extending public works to include cutting grass and removing brush from the developed areas of both cemeteries during the summer months, when the town employs someone in this general area of work. Agreed if approved for students can consider request. Letter to be drafted.

Marine Atlantic rate increases concerns- Agreed send letter to Minister of Transport and MPs.

5. Development Applications: Single Family Dwelling 318 North River Road- Withdrawn.

6. Correspondence for Information:

Grants -Mayor Morrissey updated members on the covid stimulus package will be moving forward this spring as regulations permit. Hall & walking trail light quotes were discussed. Councillor Hurley noted will obtain quotes.

Councillor remuneration cheques distributed to in house members & mailed to other members.

Let's build a great community together

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6B. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- Councillor Mackey advised zoom meeting went great.

Joint Councils- Mayor Morrissey provided a brief report on mental health chapter.

Seniors Committee- No report.

Animal Control- No report.

Recreation Committee- Councillor Hall reported Mr. Gates preparing a proposal for covid funds.

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

Total deposited \$61,871.40 includes Nfld Power Utility tax \$18,388.80

Receipt# 15703-15776.

Total payable \$15,946.03. Cheque # 1622-1632. Closing Balance \$100,406.62.

Accounts Payable Ledger to March 2, 2021 was provided for Councils' review.

Motion 2021 –1899– Elsie Morrissey / Brian Hurley

Resolved that Operating accounts payable in the amount of \$27,390.99 be approved for payment.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Grants Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council.

Financial Transaction Summary to February 28, 2021 Grants Ledger Cash outflow /inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposit \$3000.00 Total payable \$1569.68 Cheque #397. Closing Balance \$35,319.10.

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to February 28, 2021 No adjustments to report.

Tax Dollar Arrears to February 28, 2021

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

Total outstanding to 2020 taxes \$314,859.73 .Collections percentage at 86%.

Adjournment

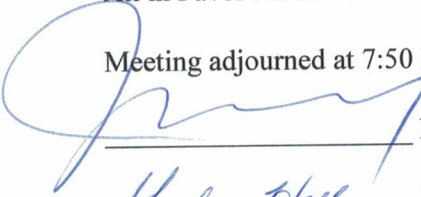
Motion 2021 –1900– Brian Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

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

April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

 Mayor Joanne Morrissey

 Sheila Hall, Town Clerk/Administrator