

Town of North River Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022  
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Brian Hurley, Councillors' Elsie Morrissey, Joanne Morrissey, Kelly Hall, John Newell & Dwight Snow  
Chantal Roach - Temporary Town Clerk/Administrator  
Absent: Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley  
8 Residents/Community Members in attendance

Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

**Motion 2022 – 2083–** Dwight Snow / Kelly Hall

Resolved that the agenda for May 3<sup>rd</sup> be adopted with the following additions:

Business Arising – Door Keys

New Business – Fall Clean Up

Development Applications – Bonnie and Tony Harris, Shed and Sawmill

All in Favor Motion Carried

**Motion 2022- 2084 –** Kelly Hall / John Newell

Resolved minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

**Motion 2022- 2085 –** Joanne Morrissey / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved minutes of Privileged Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> be adopted with correction of date – April 14<sup>th</sup> not 19<sup>th</sup>. No omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Adoption of Privileged Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> be postponed to next meeting as minutes unavailable for review.

**Delegation- James Cummings**

7:00 P.M. Mayor Hurley turned the floor over to James Cummings.

First item – Requesting clarification from statement to town as to what the 'Financial Irregularity' was – Mayor Hurley informed as per Municipal Affairs and legal advice the council can make no further statement or comment at this time.

Second item – Requesting what Role Municipal Affairs has in our current situation – Mayor Hurley informed that Municipal Affairs is guiding Council through the 'Financial Irregularity' with advice and protocol procedures.

Third item – Requesting information as to if the RCMP are involved in the current 'Financial Irregularity' – Mayor Hurley advised that as per Municipal Affairs and legal counsel advice that the RCMP have not yet been contacted and will not be until after the full audit investigation has taken place.

Fourth item – Requesting to know if Municipal Affairs is aware that the RCMP have not been made aware of the 'Financial Irregularity' – Mayor Hurley advised that yes they are aware. At this time, an additional member in attendance began speaking. Attendees were reminded that only Mr. Cummings has the floor to address Council.

Resident who was not following the rules and procedures of council was asked to leave the chambers by Mayor Hurley. Resident refused to leave.

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Adjournment

**Motion 2022- 2086** – Elsie Morrissey / Joanne Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned immediately due to rules and procedures not being followed by public attendees. May 3, 2022, at 7:11 p.m.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley called the meeting back to order at 7:23 P.M.

Change in attendance noted – 0 Residents/Community Members in attendance

**Business Arising:**

Discussion around Come Home Year, events and committee will continue to plan.

Discussion around changing the locks on the main door to the Town Hall – discussed that Kelly Hall will find out more information regarding process for next meeting

**New Business:**

Discussion regarding filling Town Clerk position

**Motion 2022- 2087** – Dwight Snow / Kelly Hall

Resolved that Mayor Hurley will obtain a quote from both Advantage Personnel and KBRS (2 Recruitment offices) and will use his judgment to select one, then begin the process of recruitment immediately to fulfill the position of Town Clerk.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Discussion regarding Church Lane.

**Motion 2022- 2088** – Dwight Snow / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that Councillor Dwight Snow will obtain quotes for repairs on Church Lane

All in Favor Motion Carried

Discussion regarding North River Welcome signs.

**Motion 2022- 2089** – Kelly Hall / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that Councillor Dwight Snow finish the beautification of the Town of North River welcome signs, obtaining whatever materials he requires to do so.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Discussion regarding Community Garden Beds. Continue to offer for \$15, only 25 beds, Seniors first served, Draw if more than 25 individuals apply. Advertise on town web site and town sign. Deadline May 27<sup>th</sup>. May 30<sup>th</sup> beds will be assigned.

Discussion regarding Fall Clean up.

**Motion 2022- 2090** – Kelly Hall / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that Council will provide 2 community clean ups, May 28<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12pm with a community BBQ to follow as a thank you to all Volunteers who participate.

All in Favor Motion Carried



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**Development Applications:**

2 Cummings Lane-Shed 12 x 28 & domestic sawmill operation.

Referring to additional information provided council deferred to Kevin upon re-hire, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to investigate further.

**Correspondence for Information:**

None

**Committee Reports**

Bay de Grave – Brief report on last meeting. Firefighters ball tickets available for distribution.

Joint Councils – Mayor Hurley provided a brief report.

Animal Control – No meeting, no report.

Occupational Health Safety – No incidents to report.

**Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures**

Discussion on Tent rental for Come Home Year Events.

**Motion 2022 –2091** – Elsie Morrissey / John Newell

Resolved that Town Clerk pay to Kelly Hall full amount, \$400, of Tent Rental. \$100 Deposit paid-receipt submitted, \$300 remaining to be paid-receipt to be provided upon payment.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Discussion for Town Clerk to continue to pay outstanding bills as they become due.

Condolences offered to Councillor Joanne Morrissey with her recent loss.

**Motion 2022 –2092** – Dwight Snow / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that Town Clerk make a donation to Smallwood Academy, in the amount of \$100, on behalf of the Town of North River in memory of Roy Snelgrove.

All in Favor Motion Carried

**Other Business**

Discussion on acquiring a town Facebook page. Council asking Kelly Hall to investigate if having a page available that allows for no public comments is an option.

Discussion to Re-hire Kevin McLean as of Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, delayed from previous agreed upon dates of May 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> as per April 5, 2022 meeting minutes.

Adjournment

**Motion 2022- 2093** – Elsie Morrissey / Joanne Morrissey

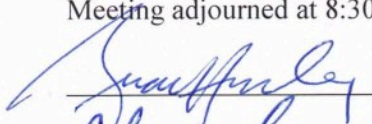
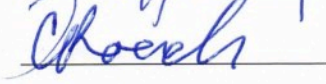
Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting



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June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.  
All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor Brian Hurley

Chantal Roach, Acting Town Clerk/Administrator