

Town of North River Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Brian Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, Kelly Hall, Elsie Morrissey, John Newell and Dwight Snow

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator, Blair & Nikki Spracklin, Juanita Bradbury and Patrick Mackey

Absent: Nil

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2023 – 2144– Councilors Hall/J Morrissey

Resolved that the agenda for the February 7, 2023 meeting be adopted with the following additions;

Frost Lane

Dog Park

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023- 2145 – Councilors Hall/DM Hurley

Resolved minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Blair and Nikki Spracklin attended the meeting to ask questions regarding the Municipal Boundary extension. They informed the council that they were never officially informed of the extension, nor did they receive a copy of their property assessment. Questions regarding how property taxes work, how they are assessed, and the services covered.

Business Arising:

Councilor J Morrissey provided the Council with an update on the proposed memorial. Councilor J Morrissey has been working on collecting information as discussed at the council's last meeting in January. She has made contact regarding funding opportunities and possible fundraising events.

Mayor Hurley noted he had been unable to look into fireworks. Councilor Snow to look into purchasing.

Clerk advised Council of upcoming dates for mandatory training. In person training will resume in the Spring. Training must be completed by all councilors and staff by September.

Discussion was had on doing a group training session at the town hall.

New Business:

Clerk to investigate tree cutting costs for tree located near 9 Newell's Road.

The clerk noted she was asked to inquire about the 50+ Seniors group using the hall as they did pre-covid. The request was to use the town hall for cards, etc. on Tuesday nights. The council advised they do not wish to use the building in that capacity at this time.

Clerk to contact NL Power to have streetlights installed in the new Municipal Boundary area of Snows Pond Road. As per policy, 1 streetlight every third pole.

Motion 2023-2149 - Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that Council proceed with the Municipal Planning Area extension as shown in the attached map (Schedule A).

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councilor Hall brought forward concerns regarding snow clearing in Frost Lane, she noted it is a very narrow road for plow trucks, along with the bridge. Councilor Hall also brought forward a concern from a resident regarding the amount of kindling along property on Frost Lane, that could potentially be a fire hazard, given the hot temperatures we had last year. The clerk was instructed to write to the owner to address the issue and to have the kindling cleaned up.

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Motion 2023-2154 - Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolve that the clerk has permission to purchase a bigger desk for office and new chair.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Development Applications:

Council reviewed the application for 250 North River Road. The clerk advised the council that the dilapidated shed on the property was removed and the application was to erect a new shed, while keeping 8ft from boundary line.

Motion 2023- 2146 – Councilors Hall/E. Morrissey

Resolved that the application for 250 North River Road – Shed, be approved with setbacks as required by the town's Development Regulations. be followed.

In Favor, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, Kelly Hall, Elsie Morrissey, John Newell and Dwight Snow

Opposed: 1 Mayor Hurley Motion Carried

Discussion was had over the next application for a Registered Day Home to be located at 8 Madengail Lane.

The Clerk reported that the ad was placed in the Saltwire paper as required as discretionary use. There were no concerns brought forward.

Clerk to contact neighboring properties to ensure no concerns.

Motion 2023- 2147 – DM Hurley/Councilor E. Morrissey

Resolved that the application for 8 Madengail Lane – Registered Day Home, be approved pending approvals from appropriate Government Departments and no concerns from neighboring properties.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley abstained from discussion and voting on the following motion.

Motion 2023- 2148 – Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the application for 44 North River Road – House, be approved pending approval from Service NL.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Correspondence for Information:

Scotts Canada	2023 Gro for Good Grant	Apply re: Town Garden
Heritage NL	Heritage Day/Week Proclamation	Motion
	2023	
Ascension Collegiate	Dinner & Auction Donation	Motion
Municipal Assessment Agency	Manager of Operations	File
Harris & Associates	Retirement	Clerk to contact re: engineer for town
Epilepsy NL	Purple Shirt Day Proclamation	Motion

Motion 2023- 2150 – Councilors J Morrissey/Hall

Proclaim Monday February 20, 2023 as Heritage Day and February 20-26, 2023 as Heritage Week.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023- 2151 – Councilors J Morrissey/DM Hurley

Resolve that the town donate to the Ascension Collegiate Annual Dinner & Auction by advertising one full page in booklet in the amount of \$100.00.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023- 2152 – Councilors Hall/J Morrissey

Proclaim March 26th, as Purple Shirt Day in an effort to raise awareness and understanding of epilepsy, and to support all those who live with seizures each day.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Bay de Grave – Have obtained new-to-them fire truck from the Town of Torbay. Will continue to explore options.

Thanked the Town for their donation.

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Joint Councils – Upcoming meeting first one since June.

Animal Control – New agreement signed by all parties. Invoice received from the Town of Spaniards Bay.

Occupational Health Safety – N/A

Bills

Motion 2023 –2153 –Councilors E. Morrissey/ Hall

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented.

All in Favor Motion Carried

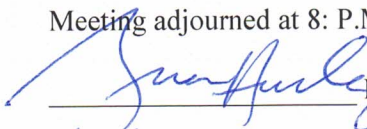
Adjournment

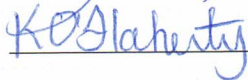
Motion 2023 –2155 – DM Hurley/ Councilor Hall

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8: P.M.

 Mayor Brian Hurley

 Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator