

Town of North River Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

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

Absent: Councilor Dwight Snow

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator, Paul Rideout, James Cummings, Cathy Mahoney & Cheryl Edmunds

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2023 – 2242– DM Hurley/Councilor J Morrissey

Resolved that the agenda for the October 3, 2023, meeting be adopted with the following additions.

North River Recreation Truck of Treat

Bon Fire

Christmas Parade

25th Annual Port De Grave Boat Lighting

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2243 – Councilors Hall/Newell

Resolved that the minutes of September 5, 2023, meeting of council be adopted. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Paul Rideout attended the council's meeting to discuss/follow up on the area of the "Calm Hole". Mr. Rideout recalled his visit to the council's regular meeting about a year ago to offer suggestions and assistance in protecting the area and the possibility of enhancing it. Mr. Rideout would like to see the area protected from cars and ATV's.

Business Arising:

Thanksgiving dinner – Currently 99 eat in and 15 take out tickets sold/picked up.

Councilor Hall confirmed 10 volunteers in addition to council to assist with prep work Friday night and serving on Saturday. Joanne to confirm time to meet with school.

16 North River Road – Clerk confirmed letter was sent and call received to confirm information as they were doing some work to have addressed.

It was questioned if property met building requirements for future development. Not of concern now. Council to address if application for development is submitted in the future.

Motion 2023-2244 – Councilors J Morrissey/E Morrissey

Resolved that as per section 404(1)(f) of the Municipalities Act 1999, issue an order to 16 North River Road.

In Favor, Mayor Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, Kelly Hall, and John Newell;

Against, Councilor Elsie Morrissey. Motion Carried

Community Collaboration Grant – Clerk advised that some other towns have decided to explore other avenues, Town of Brigus, unsure. Clerk to reach out to Town of Spaniards Bay as we already share services.

New Business:

Councilor Newell spoke on the Finance Committee and suggested that all members of council take part in the committee.

Motion 2023-2245 – Councilors Newell/Hall

Resolved that the finance committee include all members of council.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee to meet November 7 at 6pm.

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Motion 2023-2246 – Councilors Hall/E Morrissey

Resolved that the clerk attend the PMA conference in Gander October 18-20, 2023.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councilor Hall spoke on short term rentals of the town hall.

Council policy “North River Town Hall/Chambers Rental Policy” adopted March 3, 2015, states that council does not rent the town hall/chambers for private functions and is to be used by council and associated groups considered an arm of council.

Councilor E Morrissey to gather info for Christmas get together.

Breakfast Program Donation for 2023.

Motion 2023-2247 – Councilors J Morrissey/E Morrissey

Resolved that the annual \$500 donation for the Breakfast Program be made to All Hallows Elementary School.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2248 – Councilors J Morrissey/E Morrissey

Resolved that \$100 donation be made to the Renee Power Memorial Softball Tournament to support local breakfast programs. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley met with G&J Backhoe Services to look at culvert to be installed on Riverside Road.

Motion 2023-2249 – DM Hurley/Councilor J Morrissey

Resolved that quote from G&J Backhoe Services to install culvert be accepted in the amount of \$1327.00. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley noted the river has been eroding the bank and limiting access to property beyond 1-3 Riverside Road. Armor stone would need to be placed to widen/protect the road.

Motion 2023-2250 – DM Hurley/Councilor E Morrissey

Resolved that Council obtain 3 quotes for additional work to be completed on Riverside Road. Mayor Hurley to meet with contractors. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Bon Fire night – complaint of children not being able to use playground after last year.

Area by dog park discussed, but too congested for parking.

Council to check on firepits to use at town hall parking lot. Access to the kitchen would allow for serving treats and hot chocolate.

Motion 2023-2451 – Councilors E Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that council proceed with purchase of firepits, if available. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councilor Hall spoke on the Trunk or Treat hosted by North River Recreation. She took part on behalf of the town last year and would be happy to do so again this year. Planning for 150 kids.

Motion 2023-252 – Councilors Hall/E Morrissey

Resolved that council take part in the trunk or treat. Councilor Hall to pick up treats for reimbursement All in Favor, Motion Carried

Town of North River Christmas Parade – aim for December 4th. Councilor Hall to check on neighboring Christmas Parade dates.

Port De Grave Boat lighting celebrating 25 years. Over the 28 days of the lighting, the committee will host extra activities. To commemorate the occasion, the committee will be putting out a souvenir booklet.

Motion 2023-253 – DM Hurley/Councilor E Morrissey

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Resolved that council sponsor event by purchasing ¼ page ad for \$125 All in Favor, Motion Carried

Development Applications:

Motion 2023-2254 – Councilors Hall/Newell

Resolved that the application received for 12 Snow's Pond Road - Garage, be approved.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2255 – Councilor Hall/DM Hurley

Resolved that the business application received for 6-8 Church Lane – before/after school program, be approved in principle, pending advertisement for public input. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Correspondence for Information:

MNL	2023 Convention	Confirm with Councilor J Morrissey
5-7 Madengail Lane	Culvert installation update	Council to reach out to original engineers
Municipal Affairs	Training	Clerk to attend budget training
Mariner Resources	Disability employment	File
Anna Myers	Planning area extension	Approval. Set up meeting
Sabrina Jenkins	Upcoming events	Councilor Hall to contact
Bev Moore-Davis	National Child Abuse Awareness	Motion

Motion 2023-2256 – Councilor Hall/E Morrissey

Proclaim October as Child Abuse Prevention Month. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Bay de Grave – Nothing to report.

Joint Councils – Mayor Hurley attends the September 28 meeting in Clarkes Beach. Most discussions were around mental health and awareness.

Animal Control –. Nothing to report.

Occupational Health Safety – Nothing to report.

Bills

Motion 2023 –2257 –Councilors E Morrissey/Hall

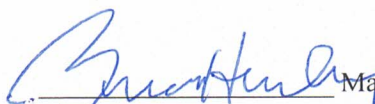
Resolved that the bills be paid in the amount of \$29,011.13.
All in Favor Motion Carried

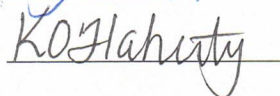
Adjournment

Motion 2023 –2258 – Councilors E Morrissey/J Morrissey

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.


Mayor Brian Hurley


Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator,

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