

Town of North River Meeting Minutes November 7, 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

Councilor Dwight Snow joined meeting via Zoom (7:14pm)

Absent:

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

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2023 – 2259– Councilor Hall/DM Hurley

Resolved that the agenda for the November 7, 2023, meeting be adopted with the following additions.

Development application 169 North River Road

Santa Claus Parade update

Light poles on North River Road

Town notices

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2260 – DM Hurley/Councilor Hall

Resolved that the minutes of October 3, 2023, meeting of council be adopted. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Cathy Mahoney and Cheryl Edmunds attended the meeting to express interest in establishing an events committee with the council to put off different events in the community for both children and adults.

James Cummings spoke on the culvert that was approved to be replaced on Efford's Road. Mr. Cummings questioned why the culvert has been installed on Riverside Road but not yet on Efford's Road. He had been advised that the council was awaiting approval but said a permit was never needed in the past. He noted that while development is still taking place, the council should not spend money to upgrade roads until development is completed. Mr. Cummings also spoke on the Community Garden and areas he felt were neglected during this summer's maintenance/repairs.

Business Arising:

It was reported that two tenders were received for garbage collection which closed on Thursday October 26, 2023.

Lynch's Trucking Enterprises Ltd.

\$625.00 plus HST for garbage collection

\$825.00 plus HST for garbage and recycling collection

Around the Bay Disposal

\$690.58 plus HST for garbage collection

\$690.58 plus HST for garbage and recycling collection

Motion 2023-2261 – DM Hurley/Councilor J Morrissey

Resolved that council accept the lowest tender and award contract to Around the Bay Disposal with a 12-month probation period included in contract.

All in Favor (5) Mayor Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' J Morrissey, Hall and Snow. Opposed (2) Councilors Newell and E Morrissey Motion Carried

A quote from G&J Backhoe Services was provided to council at the October 3rd meeting in the amount of \$21,500 plus HST. Following the meeting, Mayor Hurley met with Blue Rock Excavating and JDR Construction to obtain 2 additional quotes for work to be completed on Riverside Road.

JDR Construction Ltd.

\$23,785.60 plus HST

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Blue Rock Excavating Ltd
\$35,000 plus HST

Councilor Snow obtained as he felt he was a conflict of interest.

Motion 2023-2262 – DM Hurley/Councilor E Morrissey

Resolved that council accept the lowest quote provided by G&J Backhoe Services Inc in the amount of \$24,725 and that the town submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$24,725 for Riverside Road – Road Upgrades.

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

Motion Carried

Councilor Hall provided an update on the Santa Claus parade. The 5th annual illumination parade is being held on December 5. Councilor Hall will prepare loot bags. Helping Hand will provide signage to be displayed on a vehicle in the parade to collect non-perishable food items along the route.

New Business:

Councilor Snow noted that the speed sign installed on North Rive Road by the Town Office was removed some time ago and never put back. Clerk to too into.

Councilor Hall asked if the old light poles along the main road will be removed. Mayor Hurley advised that when he spoke to NL Power, they advised that they would be removed by Bell and could take up to 2 years. Clerk to request update.

Councilor Hall also spoke on notices for special events and how we can get them to all residents as not everyone is on Facebook. Notices are normally posted at Harbourview grocery, Clarke's Beach post office and the town Hall. Council to investigate notice board to be displayed at mailboxes, clerk to have key to change out notices. Look at ideas and review in the new year.

Councilor J Morrissey spoke to the letter recently sent to MHA Conway-Ottenheimer regarding the condition of North River Road which was read out in the House of Assembly. Council submitted a follow up letter this past week to reiterate the towns frustration and the lack of action from Government in repairing North River Road. MHA to note this in her speech in the House.

Development Applications:

Motion 2023-2263 – DM Hurley/Councilor Hall

Resolved that the application received for 6-12 Riverside Road – Garage extension, be approved.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2264 – Councilors J Morrissey/E Morrissey

Resolved that the application for an extension to existing residence be denied, as the extension does not meet the required distance from neighboring boundary as per the town's development regulations. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Correspondence for Information:

MAA	2024 assessment fees	No change – file
Royal Canadian Legion. Brach 32	Poppy campaign	Motion
Heritage Canada	Canada Day grant	Clerk to apply
Town of Spaniards Bay	Dog catcher – request for wage review	Deferred to committee
Canada Summer Jobs	Summer job application	Clerk to apply
MNL	Towns and LSD Act	File
17 Dr. Whelan's Road	Ongoing complaint	Mayor Hurley to meet

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Resolved that council donate \$100.00 to support the Poppy campaign, as they have in previous years. All in Favor,
Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Bay de Grave – Nothing to report.

Joint Councils – Meeting was cancelled.

Animal Control – Addressed under correspondence.

Occupational Health Safety – Nothing to report.

Bills

Motion 2023 –2266 –Councilors E Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that the bills be paid in the amount of \$19,454.77.

All in Favor Motion Carried

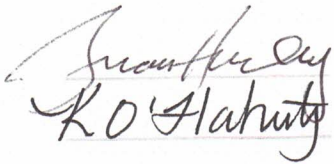
Adjournment

Motion 2023 –2267 – Councilors E Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting December 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



Mayor Brian Hurley

Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator,

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