

Town of North River Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Hurley, DM Blair Hurley(7:36pm), Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, E. Morrissey, John Newell, Dwight Snow and Kelly Hall

Absent:

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk, and Nancy Hudson (7:10pm)

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2024-2374 – Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the agenda for the November 12, 2024, meeting be adopted with the following addition.
Christmas Lights

Motion 2024- 2375– Councilors Hall/J. Morrissey

Resolved that the minutes for the October 1, 2024, meeting be adopted as circulated.
All in Favor (6), Motion Carried

Delegation:

Business Arising:

Memorial – Application work ongoing. Councilor J. Morrissey spoke on proposed location and purchasing land for memorial.

Thanksgiving Dinner – Thank you card received from resident.

Right of ways – Cutting started prior to Kevin finishing. Will continue when he returns in the Spring. Councilor Hall advised that a resident had reached out with concern and councils plans for the right of ways. It was noted at this time the council were just making them and would discuss further later.

Council discussed NYE. Bay de Grave are unable to set off fireworks. Councilor Snow to look for assistance. Limited volunteers for dance. Clerk to cancel hall for NYE and rebook for Valentines Day dance and a St. Patrick's Day dance.

The Christmas parade is set for Sunday December 1. Line up at 6pm, parade starting at 6:30pm. Float and Santa confirmed.

Motion 2024- 2376– Councilors Hall/Snow

Resolved that council purchase gift cards for prize floats in the amount of 1st – 200.00, 2nd 100.00, 3rd \$50.00 and ATV - \$50.00

All in Favor, Motion Carried

New Business:

Complaints Re: garbage collection. Council to look at bag limit. Clerk to request meeting with contractor.

The council discussed the option of a tree for outside.

Motion 2024- 2377- Councilors Hall/E. Morrissey

Resolved that council purchase of a galvanized pole from J&J Ironworks to use instead of real tree and decorations to construction a Christmas Park.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Clerk advised Councilor that the Town audit will commence on Thursday November 14.

CEEP – Only one applicant approved. Request to re-advertise, no response to date.

Church Lane is washed out again. Need to consider ditching or alternate to fix washout issue.

Development Applications: Clerk advised that an application had been filed and fees paid for 10 Newell's Road.

Motion 2024- 2378 Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the application for 256 North River Road – Shed, be approved as presented.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

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Motion 2024- 2379 Councilor Snow/DM Hurley

Resolved that the application for 99-101 North River Road – Garage Extension, be approved as presented.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2024- 2380 Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the application for 99-101 North River Road – Garage, be approved as presented.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Application for 6-12 Riverside Road was presented. Council advised that no permits are required for floating dock.
Applicant is responsible for obtaining any Provincial permits (i.e. Water Resources, Crown Lands, Fisheries, etc.)

Correspondence for Information:

Gov NL Enviro Assessment Division	Watercraft Launch EA Registration Confirmation	Motion
Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 32	Poppy Campaign (\$100 donation in previous years)	Motion
Municipal Assessment Agency	2025 Assessment Fee, No Change	File
Animal Control	Request for Wage Increase	Same as Provincial Government
Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure	2025-2026 Municipal Capital Works Application Open	Motion
MA – Local Gov and Land Use Planning	Municipal General Election 2025	File
Canada Summer Jobs	Applications Open Nov 18 2024	Clerk to apply

Motion 2024- 2381 Councilors E. Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that the town withdrawal the application for the boat launch and look for an alternative location.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2024- 2382 Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the town donate \$100.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 Poppy Campaign.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2024-2383: Councillor Snow/DM Hurley

BE IT RESOLVED to apply for cost-shared funding through the Municipal Capital Works Call for Applications, in the amount of \$215,673.76, for the purpose of Infrastructure Upgrades/Paving to the new section of Snows Pond Road now within the Municipal Boundary. The Town of North River agrees to provide its share of the cost-shared funding, \$107,836.88 as the Municipal Share Value, for this project should it be selected for funding, and acknowledges that project costs above the approved project total cost will be the sole responsibility of the Town of North River.
In Favour 7; (Mayor Brian Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, E. Morrissey, John Newell, Dwight Snow and Kelly Hall); Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Motion 2024-2384: Councillor Snow/DM Hurley

BE IT RESOLVED that council submit a Capital Investment Plan application under the Canada Community-Building Fund to the Department of Municipal Affairs in the amount of \$107,836.88 for the purpose of Infrastructure Upgrades/Paving to the new section of Snows Pond Road now within the Municipal Boundary.
In Favour 7; (Mayor Brian Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, E. Morrissey, John Newell, Dwight Snow and Kelly Hall); Opposed 0; Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Events Committee – Events committee to plan a Christmas Social/Tea and a Kids event with Santa.

Bay De Grave – N/A

Animal Control – N/A

Occupational Health Safety – N/A.

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Bills

Motion 2024-2385 –Councilor E Morrissey/ Councilor Hall

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$35,051.24
All in Favor, Motion Carried

The council entered a private meeting to discuss finances and budgeting at 8:09pm.
The council opened the chambers to the public at 8:27pm

Motion 2024- 2386– DM Hurley/Councilor Snow

Resolved that council move forward with the memorial budgeting up to \$25,000 which includes the land purchase in the amount of \$10,000.00.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2024- 2387– DM Hurley/Councilor Hall

Resolved that council budget up to \$2,500 for the purchase of Christmas lights and decorations for Christmas Park. Budget includes purchase of galvanized pole.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2024- 2388– Councilors Snow/E. Morrissey

Resolved that for the 2025 fiscal year, Council the following tax structure:

Residential & commercial mil rate at 4.25

Minimum property tax at \$400.00

Business Tax at \$300.00

Fees for permits shall be applied according to the following schedule.

Residential Development \$100.00

Commercial Development \$100.00

Extensions \$50.00

General Repairs \$20.00

Garages/Sheds \$20.00

Other Fees and charges shall be applied according to the following schedule.

Tax Certificate \$100.00

Compliance Letter \$75.00

Pavement Cutting Fees \$1000.00

Tax Discount Policy must be in receipt of GIS or Widowed Spouses Allowance will be accepted. Discount will only be applied to primary residence.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley stated that the Council has a balanced budget for 2025 in the amount of \$446,376.13.

Motion 2024-2389 – DM Hurley/Councillor E Morrissey

Resolved that the 2025 Municipal Budget be accepted and approved as presented.

All in Favor Motion Carried All in Favor, Motion Carried

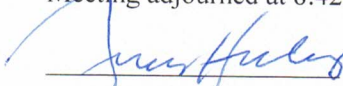
Adjournment

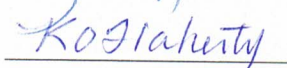
Motion 2024-23 – Councilors J. Morrissey/ Snow

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on December 3, 2024, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:42P.M.

 Mayor Brian Hurley

 Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk

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