

Town of North River Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Brian Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councillors' Joanne Morrissey, E. Morrissey, John Newell (7:05pm), Dwight Snow and Kelly Hall

Absent:

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2025-2423 – Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the agenda for April 1, 2025, meeting be adopted with the following additions.

Dog park area

Maintenance Personnel

Application for 59 North River Road - Extension

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2025- 2424– Councillors Hall/E. Morrissey

Resolved that the minutes for the March 4, 2025, meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Cathy Mahoney was registered as a delegate but unable to attend.

Business Arising:

Memorial - Councillor J. Morrissey was happy to announce a donation of \$1000.00 received for the memorial from John Dawson in memory of his parents, Joan & Ed. Provided a review of the March 26 meeting with Dale Russell Fitzpatrick. Additional monument design circulated and agreed upon. Phase 1 to concentrate on groundwork, concrete and placement of monument. Councillor J. Morrissey provided a draft newsletter to be sent out to residents. Clerk to send letter ASAP.

Council to meet Tuesday April 8 at 7pm for further discussion.

Motion 2025- 2425– Councillors E. Morrissey/Snow

Resolved that council proceed with purchase on monument as presented.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2025- 2426– Councillors E. Morrissey/Hall

Resolved to appoint Brady Sheehan as By Law Enforcement Officer for the Town of North River in accordance with S.278 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Further discussion regarding distribution of roll out garbage bins. Original suggestion was to provide each resident with a bin to help with rodent issue. Council discussed whether every resident would want one and the convenience/inconvenience it may cause. Approx. cost \$50,000 to supply each household with one. Expense was not budgeted for.

New Business:

Council met on March 26 to discuss privileged legal issue.

In person attendance; Councillors E. Morrissey, J. Morrissey and Newell. Councillors Hall and Snow attended via Zoom. Mayor Hurley and DM Hurley declared conflict of interest prior to meeting.

Motion 2025- 2422– Councillors E. Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that the clerk contact Stewart McKelvey for assistance and grant permission to proceed based on legal advice.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Garden Beds – Clerk to advertise bed for 2025. Priority given to those returning at 50+. Beds must be claimed by May 15 and planted by June 15 or will be considered abandoned and reassigned.

Draft audit documents were issued for review and approval.

Motion 2025- 2427– Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the draft financial statements prepared by Beacon Accounting be approved as presented.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

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Two by-laws circulated for review; Arrears Sale and Development

Motion 2025- 2428– Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the Arrears Sale By-law be approved.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2025- 2429– Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the Development By-law be approved.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Maintenance Personnel to start back on May 5, 2025.

Councillor Hall spoke on funding received to erect a pavilion on property next to dog park. Space to have picnic tables and believed to add to the kayak launch approved by council. Councillor Hall provided picture and to follow up with quotes for concrete pad for next meeting.

Mayor Huley spoke on upgrades to the track. Council set aside \$1000 towards repairs last year but repairs were unable to be completed by Trail Committee. Mayor Hurley suggested council contribute an additional \$1000.00 for 2025 and proceed with completing upgrades.

Motion 2025- 2430– Councillors J. Morrissey/DM Hurley

Resolved that the council contribute, in total, \$2000 for tail upgrades and hire G&J Backhoe Services to complete the work on behalf of the town.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2025- 2431– Councillor Newell/DM Hurley

Resolved that the council write off uncollectable debts in the amount of \$217,671.72.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Development Applications: 176 North River Road – Triplex – advise applicant that a triplex would require an acre lot.

59 North River Road – resident required to be back 8m from boundary to meet building line setback as per town regulations. Due to lack of space, council suggest building up.

Correspondence for Information:

MNL	Municipal News	File
Loyal Lodge #40	140 th Anniversary	Motion
Communities in Bloom	2025 Registration	File
Elections Canada	Polling Station Lease	Sign
All Hallows Parish Committee	Donation – Bell Tower	Motion

Motion 2025- 2432– Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that council place ad in 140th anniversary brochure in the amount of \$100.00

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2025- 2433– Councillors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the clerk advise the committee that the town is prepared to make a \$500 donation, should the committee move forward with repairs to the church bell tower.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Events Committee –St. Patrick's Day dance was a great success. Plans for events even under way.

Joint Council – Mayor Hurley gave update.

Bay De Grave – Nothing to report.

Animal Control – N/A

Occupational Health Safety – N/A.

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Bills

Motion 2025-2434 –Councillors E Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$24,725.67

All in Favor, Motion Carried

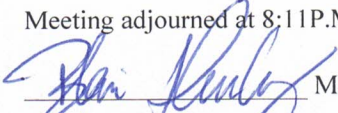
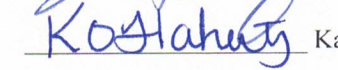
Adjournment

Motion 2025-2435 – Councillors E Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on May 6, 2025, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:11P.M.

Mayor Brian Hurley

Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk