

Town of North River Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025  
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Kelly Hall, Dwight Snow, Blair Hurley (via call), James Cummings, Patrick Mackey, Henry Morgan and John Newell.

Absent: Nil

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk, James Callahan and Paula Cooney

The Town Clerk/Returning Officer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Nominations for Mayor:**

James Cummings/John Newell nominated Patrick Mackey - Accepted

Kelly Hall/Dwight Snow nominated Blair Hurley – Accepted

Council voted and Patrick Mackey was declared Mayor.

**Nomination for Deputy Mayor:**

Patrick Mackey/Kelly Hall nominated Dwight Snow – Accepted

James Cummins/Henry Morgan nominated John Newell – Accepted

Blair Hurley/Dwight Snow nominated Kelly Hall – Declined

Council voted and John Newell was declared Deputy Mayor

Councillor Blair Hurley left the meeting (via phone) at 7:13pm.

**Committees of Council**

Finance Committee – Committee of the whole.

Public Works – Councillors Henry Morgan and Blair Hurley

Special Events – Councillors Kelly Hall and Dwight Snow.

OHS/HR – Councillors Blair Hurley and Dwight Snow

Bay de Gave – Councillors Dwight Snow and Patrick Mackey

Shared Services (Animal Control/Enforcement Officer) – Mayor Patrick Mackey

Ad Hoc Committee (Memorial Project) Mayor Patrick Mackey, Deputy Mayor John Newell. Resident Joanne Morrissey to sit on committee.

Signing Authority: Mayor Patrick Mackey and Deputy Mayor John Newell.

Clerk noted appointment to complete paperwork scheduled for 12pm Wednesday October 15.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

**Motion 2025-2491- Hall/Morgan**

Resolved that the agenda for October 14, 2025, meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Minutes for the September 2, 2025 meeting were deferred.

**Delegation:**

James Callahan and Paula Cooney attended the meeting to address their development application which had been previously denied. Plans to have the foundation in before frosty weather have been put on hold due to councils' decision and their rental is only guaranteed until March leaving them in a hard place. Mr. Callahan said he was disappointed that no one from council reached out to them when they lost their home. Councillor Hall apologized for not reaching out.

Mayor Mackey spoke to the matter, advising the residents that council will get together to visit the property to see what can be done but that there are regulations and by-laws which need to be met prior to approvals being granted.

**Business Arising:**

**New Business:**

Council discussed garbage issue and alternate proposal for pick up. Council do not access private property. Garbage must be stored in a secure bin, easily accessible from the main road. Council to review garbage collection contract and further discuss implementing a bylaw.

Request to have "Kids at Play" signage installed on Efford's Road.

**Motion 2025-2492 Hall/Cummings**

Resolved that council purchase five "Kids at Play" signs to be installed around the town.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

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Ditching on Rocky Pond Road to be added to list. Update request from contractor to determine plan forward.

Council discussed the request to have a speed bump installed on Dr. Whelan's Road. Look at other areas around town that could also benefit. Speed bumps interfere with snow clearing – suggested removing in winter months. Clerk to gather options/pricing. Public works committee to review.

Clerk to check on options/pricing for the installation of cameras on town properties.

Council Christmas Supper – Clerk to get options and pricing.

Mayor Mackey along with the Public Works Committee to visit Calm Hole and bring back for discussion.

**Development Applications:**

**Motion 2025-2493 Hall/Morgan**

Resolved that council approve the subdivision of land located at 20-22 Newell's Road, with variance as presented pending advertisement and notice to local property owners.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Motion 2025-2494 Hall/Snow**

Resolved that council approve the application for development at 18 Newell's Road, with variance, pending advertisement and notice to local property owners and approval from Service NL for well and septic.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Correspondence for Information:**

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MACE                                       | Mental Health & Wellness - MTF      | File                       |
| Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure   | Notice of Project Cancellation      | File                       |
| Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture | Community Garden Support Funding    | Approval                   |
| MNL                                        | 2025 MNL Conference                 | File                       |
| Englobe                                    | Road Upgrading                      | Information                |
| TC Pageant                                 | Jr. Miss NL & Miss Teen TC - Events | Councillor Hall to contact |
| Canada Summer Jobs                         | Application – Nov 4, 2025           | Apply for 2 positions      |
| Celebrate Canada                           | Funding                             | Apply                      |

**Committee Reports**

**Events Committee:** Halloween Dance – Councillor Hall to gage interest and proceed if there is enough interest.  
Proceed with Guy Fawks celebration – November 5 at Town Hall

Annual Illumination Christmas Parade – December 5

**Joint Council:** Deputy Mayor Newell to attend on behalf of the town.

**Bay De Grave:** N/A

**Animal Control:** N/A

**Occupational Health Safety:** N/A

**Bills**

**Motion 2025-2495 Hall/Snow**

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$42,497.66.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

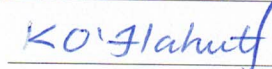
**Adjournment**

**Motion 2025-2496 DM Newell/Councillor Cummings**

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting November 4 2025, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07P.M.

 Mayor

 Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk

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