

Town of North River Meeting Minutes February 3, 2026  
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Patrick Mackey, DM John Newell, Councillors James Cummings, Blair Hurley, Kelly Hall, Henry Morgan and Dwight Snow

Absent:

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk and Cathy Mahoney

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Mackey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion 2026-2532 – Newell/Snow**

Resolved that the agenda for February 3, 2026, meeting be adopted

All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion 2026-2533 – Cummings/Morgan**

Resolved that minutes from the January 6, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Delegation:**

Cathy Mahoney addressed council on behalf of the North River Heritage and Future Development Society, asking council plans for the 70" TV, now that council has obtained a Smart Board. It was asked if council would consider donating the TV to the organization.

Cathy also expressed her interest in a town event for Easter – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and offered her assistance with cooking and collecting donations.

Council discussed the request for the TV and suggested a letter be sent to council for consideration. Clerk to confirm procedure.

Council agreed to Easter Event – Councillor Hall to work on with Cathy. Members of council also available to help.  
Open to residents of North River before going outside community.

**Business Arising:**

Garbage Policy – to begin March 1, 2026.

**New Business:**

Motions brought forward from the meeting of council held on January 19, 2026

Councilor Snow said that he felt he would be in a conflict due to family involvement with the organization and would remove himself from the discussion.

Mayor Mackey advised that his wife sits on the board and that he would step out of the room for council to discuss/decide if they felt he was in conflict (7:11pm)

No other conflicts identified by council.

Discuss request from North River Heritage and Future Development Society

**Motion 2026-2528 - Cummings/Morgan**

Resolved that Mayor Mackey and Councilor Snow are in a conflict of interest due to immediate family on board/unable to act impartially.

All in Favor (DM Newell, Councilors Cummings, Hall, Hurley and Morgan), Motion Carried

**Motion 2026-2529 - Cummings/Morgan**

Resolved that council will not act as the fiduciary agent on behalf of the organization, as they do not want to manage funds, assume liability for financial reporting, compliance and any additional risk outside of council business. Council remains interested in the success of the organization and will continue to offer letters of support for grant applications and in-kind support.

All in Favor (DM Newell, Councilors Cummings, Hall, Hurley and Morgan), Motion Carried

Mayor Mackey and Councilor Snow returned to the room (7:19pm)

Councilor Hurley declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting prior to discussing the request from 44 North River Road. (7:23pm)

**Motion 2026-2530 - DM Newell/Councilor Morgan** resolve that no amendments be made to the agreement. Resident to sign original agreement presented.

All in Favor (Mayor Mackey, DM Newell, Councilors Cummings, Hall, Morgan and Snow), Motion Carried(7:28pm)

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Prior to closing the meeting – the Clerk noted concern with new area of pavement undermining on Snows Pond Road. Mayor Mackey advised Council that it was made clear when he spoke to DOT&I, that the town does not own the road, therefore the town should not be spending money on the road.

**Motion 2026-2531 - Morgan/Cummings**

Resolve that the town stop snow clearing and ice control services in the area of Snows Pond Road.

All in Favor (Mayor Mackey, DM Newell, Councilors Cummings, Hall, Morgan and Snow), Motion Carried

Mayor Mackey will reach out to DOT&I.

Meeting concluded at 7:56PM.

Councilor Hurley was disappointed that he was not notified of this issue prior to leaving the meeting. Noting that council used Gas Tax funding to have the area paved and should continue to provide services/maintain.

Clerk to check on class 4 roads (ownership/servicing/options).

A resident has submitted a request for reimbursement of fees related to land/road transfer to the town.

Clerk to obtain additional information for next meeting.

**Motion 2026-2534 – Snow/Hall**

Resolve that council appoint Mitchell Moran as the Assessment Review Commissioner for 2026 property assessment appeals.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Clerk requested clarification on the process to identify Hardship. Council agreed that residents would be responsible for writing a letter to the clerk to explain their situation and present a proposal. Information to be kept confidential.

**Motion 2026-2535 – Snow/Hall**

Resolve that council approve fee for clerk have access to CADO.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Memorial – Committee to meet February 10 @2pm.

**Development Applications:**

299C – 10 plex building

**Motion 2026-2536 – Hurley/Snow**

Resolve that council approve in principle the construction of the 10-plex structure pending advertisement as discretionary use and approval from Service NL for a private well and septic system.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

330-334 North River Road

**Motion 2026-2537 – Hurley/Morgan**

Resolve that council approve the subdivision of land.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Correspondence for Information:**

|                   |                    |                                                                                                                                   |
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| 299A              | Garbage Collection | Property considered commercial – Town does not collect commercial garbage                                                         |
| Bob Tarrant       | NRHFDS             | Smart Board to stay at town hall. Council agreed to allow group to use facility for access to smart board if needed for meetings. |
| Municipal Affairs | Municipal Analysis | File                                                                                                                              |
| 4-8 Boones Lane   | Streetlight        | Deferred                                                                                                                          |
| Gov NL            | Summer Employment  | Clerk to complete application                                                                                                     |
| Bob Tarrant       | NRHFDS             | File                                                                                                                              |
| JDR Construction  | Newell's Road      | Service as needed to address ice build up                                                                                         |
| 6 Snows Pond Road | Parking            | Contact Transportation                                                                                                            |

**Committee Reports**

**Events Committee:** Councillor Hall spoke on collaboration with 50+ group. Clerk advised that she had been contacted regarding applications under Canadian Heritage Funding and was advised it was likely only one group would receive funding.

St. Patrick's Day Dance – Clerk to check on hall/Councillor Hall to gauge interest

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Work on Easter breakfast.

**Joint Council:** Next meeting to address crime in the area. Mayor Mackey to attend.

**Bay De Grave:** Discussion on additional shared services.

**Animal Control:** N/A

**Occupational Health Safety:** N/A

**Bills**

**Motion 2026-2538 - Hurley/Morgan**

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$27,135.21

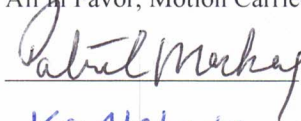
All in Favor, Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**Motion 2026-2539 - Snow/Newell**

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting March 3, 2026, at 7PM.

All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.

 Mayor

 Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk