
Town of North River Meeting Minutes March 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

Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion 2026-2540 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that the agenda for March 3, 2026, meeting be adopted with the following addition;

Mayor Mackey – Update on CBN Crime meeting

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2026-2541 – Hurley/Newell

Resolved that minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Business Arising:

Councillor Hall declared herself as a conflict of interest.

Clerk updated council with information on land transfer. Noted cost to upload the deed of rectification was \$100.00.

Motion 2026-2542 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that council reimburse resident \$50 towards the fee to upload the deed of rectification.

In favour: Mayor Mackey, Councillors, Hurley, Morgan and Snow

Against: DM Newell and Councillor Cummings

Motion carried

Going forward, ensure all land transfers include a survey of the property being transferred and are completed through lawyer.

Councillor Hall joined back in discussion

New Business:

Motion 2026-2543 – Hall/Morgan

Resolved that the records and retention policy be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Memorial project – Committee meeting set for Tuesday March 10 at 7pm.

Mayor Mackey spoke on meeting with CBN councils regarding crime and policing in the area. Highlighting new joint task force (RNC and RCMP). Discussion on the process of reporting a crime. Mayor Mackey suggested holding a town hall meeting, inviting the department and residents regarding crime and reporting process.

Mayor Mackey also noted a conversation with MHA regarding North River Road.

Clerk to follow up with assistant on requested meeting.

Development Applications:

Motion 2026-2544 – Hall/Snow

Resolved that council approve in principle the subdivision of land with variance pending advertisement for public input.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Council directed the clerk inform owner of pending changes to regulations and road policy.

Correspondence for Information:

MNL	Municipal symposium	File
Chase – Youth Rep	Request for town pin	File. Council to look at option for town logo.
Fire Smart	Application	Successful – Clean up day/education session and mail out
NRHFDs	Update	Deferred – Discussion below

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NRHFDS	Thank you!	File
Ascension Collegiate	Ad for annual auction	Motion
International Women's Day	Tickets	Motion
Bay de Grave	Ad and tickets	Motion(s)
NRHFDS - Request to donate TV.		

Councillor Snow declared himself a conflict of interest.
Mayor Mackey advised councillor Snow nor himself were in a conflict of interest.
Mayor Mackey spoke to the letter submitted by North River Heritage and Future Development Society.
Clerk noted the motion made by council declaring councillor Snow and Mayor Mackey as a conflict of interest.
Clerk and Mayor obtained conflicting information regarding conflict of interest.
Council directed the clerk to seek legal opinion.
Discussion deferred

Motion 2026-2545 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that council approve ad for brochure in the amount of \$100.00.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2026-2546 – Hurley/Snow

Resolved that council purchase tickets for members of council/staff/partners who are interested in attending International Women's Day
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2026-2547 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that council purchase tickets for members of council + partner who wish to attend the Bay de Grave Annual Firefighters Ball
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2026-2548 – Hurley/Hall

Resolved that council approve ad for brochure in the amount of \$50.00.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Will not be holding Paddy's Day dance. Suggested looking at doing something later in the Spring.

Due to Bay de Grave holding Easter breakfasts the same day, council decided not to proceed.

Joint Council: Mayor Mackey was unable to attend meeting in Spaniard's Bay. Noted anyone from council is welcome to attend these meetings.

Bay De Grave: No new information to share. Touched on additional shared services.

Animal Control: Report of 1 dog wandering around town. Clerk noted FB post prior to meeting.

Occupational Health Safety: N/A

Bills

Clerk noted she had not yet received bill for garbage collection.

Motion 2026-2549 – Newell/Snow

Resolved that council pay bills as presented in the amount of \$15,173.54.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Clerk requested time off on March 17&18. Office open March 16.

Reminder – Module 4 training – Friday March 6 – 9:30am-12pm

Adjournment

Motion 2026-2550 – Cummings/Hurley

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting on April 7, 2026, at 7PM.
All in Favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

 Mayor

 Katie O'Flaherty – Town Clerk

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