

TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL-MITCHELL'S BROOK-ST. CATHERINES

2022 NEWSLETTER

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Council Members

Mayor – Elaine Nash

Deputy Mayor – Kevin McDonald

Councillors – Ian Goudie, Brenda Young, Doug Dean, Ashley Byrne and F. David Power

Town Clerk – Stacey Dean; Acting Town Clerk – Brenda Pike

Council Meetings: Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except in the case of holidays when they are held on the following Monday) and are open to the public. A schedule of meetings may be viewed at www.townofmountcarmel.ca. *Please note Council meetings will be held virtually during COVID restrictions.* Citizens with concerns must submit a written letter detailing the concern/issue to be addressed by Council at the meeting. This letter must be signed. Please contact the Council Office no later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before a meeting with a request to have an item added to the agenda.

Office Hours: Due to COVID restrictions, the hours for in-office visits may change depending on pandemic levels. Please call the office at 521-2040 before visiting to ensure the office is open or to make an appointment. When the office is closed to the public, the Clerk is available by phone and email during regular business hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We thank you for your patience.

2021 Taxes:

Due to an increase of \$20.00 per household by Eastern Waste Management for waste disposal fees, Council has had to review and revise taxes for residents and businesses in the Town, as follows:

Poll Tax: \$250.00 annually.

In accordance with s.126 of the Municipalities Act, poll tax applies to all individuals 18 years and over living or owning property within the municipality with a taxable income at, or exceeding, the basic personal amount (\$14,398.00). Individuals making less than the basic personal amount (exclusive of OAS) are exempt from paying poll tax but must contact the Council Office during business hours to file an exemption request form and provide a copy of their 2021 Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada.

Exemption request forms must be filed at the Council Office by June 30, 2022.

Business Tax: Minimum business tax: \$270.00 annually.

Non-Profit and Charitable Organization Business Tax: \$100.00 annually.

In accordance with s.120-125 of the Municipalities Act, anyone advertising a sale of goods or services within the municipality must be charged a business tax based on gross revenue (3/10 of 1% of gross revenue). Businesses are required to submit a sworn statement of gross revenue for the previous year by February 1, 2022. Failure to provide documentation will result in Council estimating the gross revenue for the business and taxes will be established based on the estimate.

Utility Tax: 2.5%. Applies to utility companies, including Bell Aliant, Eastlink, and Newfoundland Power.

Taxes Due: All taxes are payable no later than **June 30, 2022**. Tax payers have the option of setting up a payment plan. **As of July 1, 2022, anyone owing tax is considered to be in arrears; those in arrears could have their name submitted to credit recovery or small claims court (depending on amount owing).** It is very important to pay your taxes prior to the deadline to avoid penalties. Council accepts the following methods of payment: cash, cheque, money order, Visa, Mastercard, debit and e-transfer to townclerk@townofmountcarmel.ca. A drop box is also available for submissions outside of business hours. We do not recommend leaving cash in the drop box.

2022 Permit Structure

House or Cabin: Building or Demolition: \$50; Repair or Renovation: \$25

Garage, Shed or Other Outbuilding: Building, Demolition, or Renovation: \$15, \$20, \$25 (dependant on size)

Greenhouse or Deck: Building, Demolition, or Renovation: Up to 100 Square Feet: Free; 101-500 Square Feet: \$10; 501 Square Feet and Above: Council Approval Required

Septic System: Installation or Repair: Free

Commercial: Building or Demolition: \$1/Square Foot.; 500+ sq. ft. requires Council approval.

Commercial: Repairs and Renovations: Council approval is required.

Permits are valid for one year from date issued.

Note: Council has the authority to issue a stop work order to any person who does not obtain a permit prior to the start of their project. Please ensure you have your permit before commencing work.

Note: Any work within 15m of a water body requires a permit from Water Resources Management Division, in accordance with the *Water Resources Act, 2002*. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

Septic Systems: Installation or repair of any part of a septic system requires a permit from Council (subject to approval by Service NL) if more than pumping out the tank. In the event of an emergency, contact the Council Office or the Mayor, Elaine Nash at (709) 691-7057.

Garbage Collection: Please refer questions or concerns to Eastern Waste Management 709-579-7960.

The collection schedule has been mailed out to town residents and is available on the ERSB website (www.easternregionalserviceboard.com). A limited number of booklets are available at the Council Office.

Mount Carmel, Mitchell's Brook and St. Catherine's garbage is collected every Wednesday; recyclables (in clear blue bags) are collected every 2nd Wednesday.

Route 91 (St. Catherine's to Placentia) garbage is collected every Thursday; recyclables are collected every 2nd Thursday.

Bulk Garbage Days: March 30 and September 14 – Mount Carmel-Mitchell's Brook-St. Catherine's
May 19 and October 6 – Route 91 (St. Catherine's to Placentia)

Hazardous Waste Collection: Date and locations to be determined by Eastern Waste Management.

Dump Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: Noon to 4:00 pm; and Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. (subject to change due to COVID protocols).

Community Clean-up Day: Saturday, June 4, 2022. Please collect garbage from your property and roadside to keep our town tidy. If you have elderly or ill neighbors, reach out and assist them with removing garbage from their properties and roadside as well. Garbage bags and gloves can be obtained from the Town Office.

Fire Department: In case of a fire, call 521-2525 or 911.

The Volunteer Fire Department plays a vital role in our community. The Department relies on donations from our community to operate. Donations for the Fire Department are graciously accepted at the Council Office during business hours. We would like to thank our volunteer Firefighters for their ongoing commitment. If you would like to join the Fire Department, please contact Dave Parrott (521-2726) or the Council Office.

Note: The Mount Carmel Volunteer Fire Department will charge a fee of \$500 for fire response to insured home and car fires that are a total loss, as well as a \$200 fee for false alarms for fire response dispatch.

Ambulance: For medical emergencies, please call Gibbon's Ambulance at 521-2554 or call 911.

Civic Numbers: There are still some households in the town who have not posted their civic numbers. Emergency 911 relies on civic addresses to ensure timely emergency response. Please have your civic number posted and visible from the roadside. Also, please remember there are two "Main Roads" in the community: Main Road (Route 90, Salmonier Line) and Main Road NORTH (Route 93, Mount Carmel Road). This information is vital to your health and safety and it is essential for timely emergency response in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Eastern Health Clinic: There is no doctor or nurse practitioner presently on site at the Mount Carmel clinic on a regular basis. For information or appointments with Eastern Health, please call 521-2113 or 525-2980.

Library Hours: Sunday and Wednesday 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. (subject to change due to COVID protocols).

Town Hall Rentals: \$50.00 per day. To book the Town Hall for a function, please contact the Council Office. The Hall (including kitchen, bathrooms and floors) must be cleaned after each function. Availability and use of the hall is dependent on COVID protocols, and when rented, Vax Passes or an approved letter of exemption are required.

Roadways: Public road complaints can be made to the Department of Transportation and Works, St. Joseph's Depot at (709) 521-2230.

Street Lights: If you are experiencing a problem with a street light in your area, please contact the Council Office so Newfoundland Power can be notified.

Abandoned/Derelict Properties: Town Council is currently reviewing abandoned and derelict properties in the Town and will be in contact with owners for action in the near future. Property owners are responsible for abandoned or derelict properties. Under Section 401(1)(f) of The Municipalities Act: "where a building is in a dilapidated state, or is, in the opinion of the council, unfit for human habitation, or another use for which it is then being used, or is a public nuisance, the owner or occupier is to pull down, remove, fill in or otherwise destroy the building and restore the site to its original state, or make the disposition or alteration of the building that the order directs;"

Mount Carmel Recreational Trails Committee: There will be a meeting of those interested in sitting on the Trails Committee as soon as COVID protocols allow. Please call or email the office if you are interested in becoming a member of this committee as membership is limited.

Community Involvement: Council would love to hear your suggestions/ideas for community growth. We encourage you to provide your suggestions to the Council Office for consideration.

Thank You: Volunteers are an asset to our community. Council would like to thank all those who give their time and talents to our community groups, particularly those who assist with Council sponsored events. Your support and participation promote community spirit and help us to grow and prosper.

On behalf of Town Council and staff, have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022. Stay safe!