

2023 NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor – Elaine Nash
Deputy Mayor – Kevin McDonald
Councillors – Ian Goudie, Brenda Young, Doug Dean, F. David Power
Town Clerk – Stacey Dean; Assistant/Acting Town Clerk – Brenda Pike

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Public meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except in the case of holidays when they are held the following Monday). There will be no public meeting in the months of July and August. A schedule of meetings can be viewed on our webpage. 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. Citizens with concerns to be addressed by Council must submit a signed letter detailing the concern for Council's review.

PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS (by appointment): Monday and Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Please call (709) 521-2040 or email townclerk@townofmountcarmel.ca to book an appointment

TAX STRUCTURE 2023:

Property Tax (Residential).....	2.5 mils (\$300 min.)
Property Tax (Commercial).....	2.5 mils (\$300 min.)
Unserviced Lot Tax.....	2.5 mils (\$200 min.)
Vacant Land Tax.....	2.5 mils (\$150 min.)
Business Tax.....	3/10 of 1% of Gross Revenue
Minimum Business Tax.....	\$300
Utility Tax.....	2.5%

All taxes are payable no later than **June 30th**. As of July 1st 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. Tax payers have the option of setting up a payment plan. Council accepts the following methods of payment: cash, cheque, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Debit or e-transfer to townclerk@townofmountcarmel.ca. A drop box is also available for submissions outside of business hours.

PERMITS

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

Garage or Shed: Building, Demolition, or Renovation
Up to 100 Square Feet: \$15.00
101-200 Square Feet: \$20.00
201 Square Feet and Above: \$25.00

Greenhouse or Deck: Building, Demolition, or Renovation
Up to 100 Square Feet: FREE
101-500 Square Feet: \$10.00
501 Square Feet and Above:
Council Approval Required

Commercial: Building or Demolition
\$1/Square Foot
500+ Square Feet: Council Approval Required
Repairs and Renovations: Subject to Council
Review

Septic System: Installation or Repair: FREE

Permit Renewal: \$25
Permits are valid for one year from date issued.

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.

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

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 691-7057.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Volunteer Fire Department plays a vital role in our community. If you would like to join the Fire Department, please contact the Council Office for more information. Donations for the Fire Department are also graciously accepted at the Council Office during business hours. We would like to thank our volunteer Firefighters for their ongoing commitment.

Effective January 1, 2021, 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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: In case of a fire, call the Mount Carmel Volunteer Fire Department at 521-2525 or 911. For medical emergencies, call Gibbon's Ambulance at 521-2554 or 911.

Waste Collection: Please refer questions or concerns to the Eastern Regional Service Board (ERSB) at (709) 579-7960. The collection schedule has been distributed by mail to town residents and is available on the ERSB website at www.easternregionalserviceboard.com. Copies of the schedule are also available at the Council Office.

Mount Carmel, Mitchell's Brook and St. Catherine's: garbage is collected every Monday.

Route 91 (St. Catherine's): garbage is collected every Tuesday.

Missed Pick-Up: If your garbage was not collected, you must report a missed pick-up to the ERSB.

Recycling: Collected every other week, as per the collection schedule. Recycling must be in clear blue bags.

Bulk Garbage Days: July 10th and September 13th

Hazardous Waste Collection: Date and location to be determined by ERSB.

St. Joseph's Dump Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: Noon - 4:00 pm and Saturday: 8:00 am - 11:30 am; 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Community Clean-Up Week: June 5th-10th. We are seeking volunteers to help pick up trash along the roadside throughout the week. The waste must be bagged and placed roadside on Saturday June 10th. Please note that only clear garbage bags are accepted by ERSB for clean-up events. We are also seeking volunteers with pick-up trucks to help us bring the collected trash to the St. Joseph's Waste Management site on Saturday June 10th. Please contact the Council Office to register to volunteer and to arrange for pick up of supplies, including clear garbage bags, blue recycling bags, gloves, and pickers. Participants are invited for refreshments at the Town Hall Saturday June 10th. Further details to follow.

Town Hall Rentals: \$50.00 per day. To book the Town Hall for a function, please contact the Council Office. The Town Hall (including kitchen, bathrooms and floors) must be cleaned after each function. Council received a grant from the MMSB to purchase reusable dinnerware and a dishwasher for the Town Hall in an effort to reduce waste. Council respectfully requests that Hall Users participate in this initiative by eliminating single-use products and using the dinnerware provided.

Fitness Group: There is a low-impact community fitness group that meets at the Town Hall Mondays and Thursdays 1:00-2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Brenda Kielley at 682-2477.

Eastern Health Clinic: The Eastern Health Mount Carmel Clinic is no longer in operation. For information or appointments with Eastern Health, please call the St. Mary's clinic at 525-2980 or the Holyrood clinic at 229-1551.

Library Hours: Sunday and Wednesday 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

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.

Mount Carmel Recreational Trails Committee: This Committee was established by Council in 2022 to facilitate the development of a trail system for the Town as directed by you from your input in two surveys circulated by the Town. The Committee has been meeting regularly and working towards its mandate. As part of this mandate, the Committee is also seeking funding from various levels of government and other agencies for the development of trails. As further information becomes available, we will share it in our newsletters and/or on our webpage and Facebook page. Stayed tuned for updates!

Community Garden: The Mount Carmel Community Garden will be active again in the Spring, and we are looking forward to a great 2023 growing season! Applications for garden beds will be accepted in May. All information regarding this growing season will be forthcoming in April.

Playground Update: The community playground reopened in the Spring of 2022 after a complete resurfacing and replacement of equipment. We thank you for your patience throughout the renovation process and we hope you enjoy the playground improvements!

50th Anniversary: The Town is celebrating 50 years of incorporation in 2023! Stayed tuned for further information on upcoming events for the weekend of August 4th-6th.

Town Plan: Council appreciates the community input at the recent public hearing and throughout the town plan development process. Council has approved the final version of the town plan and is awaiting final approval from the government before its implementation.

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 projects and events. Your support and participation promote community spirit and help us to grow and prosper. Thank you!

Stay Informed: Council publishes at least three newsletters annually which are delivered to residents via flyer in the mail. For timely updates regarding current happenings in the Town, please visit our webpage and Facebook page (@), or contact the Council Office.