

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in the council chambers on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Lisa Duffney
Deputy Mayor	Shelley LeRoy
Councilors	David Butt Arthur Hamlyn Brad Porter Brad Penney
Town Clerk/Manager	Carol Skeard

Adoption of Agenda

2025-066 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the April 16, 2025, council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- April 26, 2025, the Fire Department will have a Spring Clean-Up of the fire hall, if anyone is interested in volunteering.
- The Fire Department has purchased a computer, a printer, a barbecue, and tables.
- Get HiTech to install Provincial P25 radio.
- Do not pack chairs on tables when cleaning.
- The pump needs to be tuned up/pressure tested.
- Medals for 45 years of service for Paul Butt and Ronald Bellows, 20 years of service for Victor Perrett and Robyn Eddison.
- Location for the flag pole. Up to the Fire Department, where they put the flag pole.
- The dumpster is taking up two parking spaces. It will be moved to where they have the bonfire.
- The fire department needs cleaning supplies.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Councilor Hamlyn pointed out that on page 4, There was some discussion as to when the Loader Operator will be laid off. This should have read There was some discussion as to when the Loader Operator will be laid off.

Adoption of Minutes

2025-067 Hamlyn/Butt

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the March 19, 2025, council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Councilor Penney is looking into obtaining a price quote for two corner showcases for the town hall.

The street light for 129 Serpentine Road has been installed.

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she needs a resolution to apply for the Job Creation Program for brush cutting on Serpentine Road. She is also wondering if they can apply for brush cutting on Main Street, as this road is the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. The council will have to check with Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding Main Street.

2025-068 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council apply for a Job Creation Program to cut brush on Serpentine Road and brush cutting on Main Street near Cook's Brook bridge, if permitted by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she tried to set up a meeting with Brian Hudson, CEO, Pasadena, regarding the Municipal Enforcement Officer, however, she was unsuccessful in setting up the meeting so that the council could attend. However, she will try to get in touch with Mr. Hudson concerning the Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Lisa Duffney informed the council that she attended the mayor's meeting – Hughes Brook, Wednesday, April 2, 2025. There was some discussion regarding the Municipal Enforcement Officer. According to them, they should check with Lifeline Safety and the security companies regarding an enforcement officer.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she spoke with the residents who have a water leak on their property at 35 Main Street. The water leak has not been repaired, as the water leak is under the basement floor; however, they are planning on having the leak repaired in the spring. Regarding the water that is running out onto the road, this is the water coming from the backland.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she spoke with the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs and the Public Procurement regarding whether the council needs ministerial approval to purchase property at 20 Tower Road. According to the new Act, ministerial approval is not required. However, according to the Public Procurement, if the purchase of the property

is over \$133,800.00, it must go to tender. If the purchase of the land is under \$133,800.00, the council must get 3 price quotes, unless they can justify the reason for purchasing this particular piece of property. The council can justify the purchasing of this piece of property because of the location of the existing town hall and the fire hall is near this property. The council will contact the Town's lawyer to see what is required from the owners of the property for the council to purchase the property at 20 Tower Road.

A letter was sent to West Coast Excavating and cc to Aguathuna Consulting regarding safety concerns when installing the water and sewer on Serpentine Road.

Public Concerns

Letter from Robert Butt and Robert Cochrane regarding, they would like to know if they bought a block of land each next to 34 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah would they be able to build a house on the land. There were some concerns about a right-of-way next to 34 Serpentine Road. Also, the Town Clerk/Manager pointed out that there is no main water line to 34 Serpentine Road; there is only a copper line. Also, it was pointed out that there is no main sewer line in this area of Serpentine Road. A survey of the property is also required to see exactly where the land is located on Tower Road.

A letter from Joanne Hackett, 19 Davis Drive, requesting that the speed bump be put back on Davis Drive. The council agreed to put the speed bump back on Davis Drive.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

2025-069 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the bills are paid, see attached list.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Committee Report

Finance Committee

- The 2024 Audit has to be completed.

Maintenance Committee

- There was a sewer plug at 104 Main Street, Mount Moriah, there were wet wipes found in the sewer. Steven Hickey, Norten Contracting, advised the council that they should get the sewer line flushed between 102 and 104 Main Street. Councilor Penney will check with the City of Corner Brook to see if they can flush the sewer in this area. If not, the council will have to get Pardy's. Letters will be sent to residents in the vicinity of the sewer plug, informing them that disposable wipes should not be flushed in the toilet but thrown in a trash bin, as they cause sewer problems.
- The Town will have to start flushing the water and sewer lines one day a week to prevent problems in the future. The Town stopped flushing when they had to pay the City of Corner Brook for their water supply.
- There was some discussion regarding Spring Clean-Up.

2025-070 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will have Spring Clean Up from May 22 to May 24, 2025. The council will have dumpsters at Cook's Brook. Property owners will be responsible for getting their garbage to the dumpsters.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Correspondence

Letter from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding 2025 Election Training.

Letter from Holly Scott-Walsh, Regional Manager, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, regarding the Town of Mount Moriah's 2025 Budget.

Email from Desiree Day, BYS, Senior Employment Services Specialist, Single Parents Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, regarding the SESP Employment Program.

Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District, regarding Applications Open for Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program. The council will check into this program.

Email from Flora Jackman, Manager of Retention, Health Professional Recruitment and Retention Office, Department of Health and Community Services, regarding Health Care Recruitment.

Email from Susan Bonnell, Director, Public Engagement and External Relations, NL Health Services, regarding a survey about Climate Change.

Email from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, regarding New Guidance – Reasonable Safeguards.

Email from Amy Coady, MNL President.

Email from Make-A-Wish Canada.

Emails from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

Info Notes from MNL.

Volunteer Week April 27 - May 3, 2025. The council will put up on the bulletin board Happy Volunteer Week.

Check on Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Welcomes Additional Support for Municipalities and Volunteer Fire Departments.

Building and Development Applications

Development application from Carson Stewart, to cut trees off land, grub off land, and level land with an excavator on Stella Street, Mount Moriah.

2025-071 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Carson Stewart's development application to cut trees, grub land, and level land with an excavator on Stella Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Councilor Brad Porter left the council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Building application from Cole Porter to build a new garage with a loft, 36 feet x 40 feet, on his property on Stella Street, Mount Moriah.

2025-072 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Cole Porter's building application to build a new garage with a loft, 36 feet x 40 feet, on his property on Stella Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Councilor Porter returned to the council meeting at 7:39 p.m.

New Business

- Mayor Duffney informed the council that she spoke with Superintendent Ryan Wenzell, RNC, and he was inquiring if the council was satisfied with the RNC service for Mount Moriah. The council would like more patrols in the early mornings.
- Mayor Duffney suggested doing a newsletter.
- Water on Morrison's stretch.
- Ditching on Morrison's stretch.
- Potholes filled in on Main Street.
- The ditch needs to be dug out from Welshaman's Drive to Tower Road.
- The bullrushes near 28 Serpentine Road need to be removed.
- Beautify between Serpentine Road and the railway bed, by filling in the ditch, as this ditch is dead water. Check to see if a wooden culvert is going across the railway bed. does it go across Serpentine Road?
- Fill in potholes on Serpentine Road, gravel and pavement.
- Check on planter boxes.
- Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, suggested that the Town have their Municipal Asset Management Plan updated.

Notice of Motion

- No Notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

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2025-073 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Adjournment

202-074 Porter/Butt

There being no further business, the council meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor

