

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

Adoption of Agenda

2025-01 Butt/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the January 22, 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

- 2025-02 Porter/Butt
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will pay for the music for the Fire Department's ball.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- 2025-03 LeRoy/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay for the Honorariums for the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department for 2024.
All in Favor Resolution Carried

Councilor Penney and Councilor Hamlyn arrived at 7:06 p.m.

- 2025-04 Butt/Porter
Be it be resolved that the council will have extra plug-ins put in the kitchen and stage area of the Town Hall.
All in Favor Resolution Carried

Also, the council will have the heater in the corner of the Town Hall looked at and the two lights that are not working.

Mount Moriah Community Event

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring if the public is supposed to be included in the minutes. She feels that this is a good idea. The council agreed that the public in attendance would be listed in the minutes.

Adoption of Minutes

2025-05 Butt/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the minutes from the December 11, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure has not looked at the ditch on Morrison's stretch or the culvert and Pothole at 55 Main Street. Another email will be sent to the Department of Transportation and Works. Also, there is ice on the road near 35 Main Street, the council will ask the Department of Transportation to look at this. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that at 35 Main Street, they have a water leak on their property. The council will ask the resident at 35 Main Street to have this water leak repaired as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, has not heard back from Brian Hudson, CAO, Town of Pasadena regarding a shared Municipal Enforcement Officer. The Town Clerk/Manager will try and get in contact with Brian Hudson regarding the enforcement officer.

Public Concerns

The council received several letters concerning the council removing the trophy showcase from the Town Hall. Several residents attended the council meeting. Mayor Duffney, Councilor Hamlyn, and Councilor Porter pointed out why the council decided to remove the showcase. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the showcase.

2025-06 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council rescind motion 2024-152 Hamlyn/Porter be it be resolved that the trophy case be removed from town hall and public advised.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

The council, committees, and public will work on getting the showcase upgraded. The council will have to get a price on the cost of building a new showcase.

Letter from 24 MacDonald Drive regarding bingo cards having a musty smell, because of being stored in the basement. Lights and decorations are not being left up in the town hall during Christmas. The council

has since purchased lights which will be left up in the town hall. Also, concerns about the showcase and the trophies.

2025-07 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council purchase greenery(garland) for around the lights in the Town Hall.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring as to why the Town would have to pay the invoice for Itron for \$4,897.30 when the council is not using the Temetra radio. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will check into this invoice.

2025-08 Porter/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay the bills, see attached list.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- On Monday, January 20, 2025, Mayor Duffney, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, Councilor Hamlyn, and Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard had a meeting to complete the 2025 Budget. The Budget was completed with no increase to the mill rate and a \$10.00 increase to the water tax, due to the City of Corner Brook increasing the cost of the water for the Town of Mount Moriah.

Maintenance Committee

- Having problems with the sewer lift station on Main Street, had to get Western Pump to look at the lift station.
- There was a water leak on Serpentine Road, water leak has been repaired.
- At Cook's Brook Day Park where the Arbor is located, the land is washing out on the beach. Will need armor rock in this area.

Correspondence

- Kyle Taylor, BBA, Administrative Officer I, Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture regarding Historical Photographs for "Canada's Changing Place Names". Check to see if the council can get a copy of the book written by Allen Critch, regarding Mt. Moriah.
- Letter from Kim Kieley, P. En., FEC, Director – Municipal Infrastructure regarding New Intake for Federal Government Program.
- Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Winter 2025-Virtual Training.
- Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Towns and Local Service District Act.
- Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Towns and Local Service District Act-Tourist Accommodations Tax.
- L. Robert Fowler, Fire Commissioner/Director of Fire Services, Newfoundland and Labrador 2025-2026 Fire Protection Vehicle and Equipment Funding Programs.

- L. Robert Fowler, Fire Commissioner/Director of Fire Services, Newfoundland and Labrador January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership renewal.
2025-09 Hamlyn/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council renew the Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership for \$343.17.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- Email from Judy Bolt, regarding Public Advisory: Supporting Diversity in Newfoundland and Labrador with the Multiculturalism Grant Program.
- Email from Ashley Pomeroy, Economics Development Officer, ACOA-NL, regarding Call for Applications – Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada’s Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream.
- Email from NL Health Services, Western Zone.
- Email from Amanda Freake, Western Director, Municipal Assessment Agency
- Email from MMSB regarding the 2025 Compost Bin Distribution Program.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador December 12, 2024.
- Info Note December 18, 2024.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador December 20, 2024.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador December 6, 2024.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador January 6, 2025.
- Info Note January 8, 2025.

Building and Development Applications

- No Building or Development Applications

New Business

The Town of Mount Moriah received Price Quotes for Heavy Equipment for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, from the following:

A-1Transportation
Chuck MacDonald
G & F Murley Excavations Ltd.
D & T Construction Ltd.

Humber Arm Contracting Inc.
Sharon Wheeler
Ambstemel Trucking Ltd.

D & D Excavating and Trucking Ltd.

2025-10 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that when hiring heavy equipment for the Town of Mount Moriah the council will start with the lowest price quote.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-11 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will pay each councilor a remuneration of \$1,800.00 per year and the Mayor \$3,300.00 per year. The remunerations will be paid quarterly.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-12 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will give the Town Employees, a 2% raise, commencing January 1, 2025.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-13 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a mill rate of 7.50 mills on assessed value, with a minimum Property Tax of \$500.00.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-14 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a minimum vacant land tax of \$500.00.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-15 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Residential Water/Sewer Tax of \$760.00 per unit per year.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-16 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Water/Sewer Tax of \$760.00 on service or serviceable land.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-17 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Water Tax of \$670.00 per unit per year.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-18 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Commercial Water and Sewer Tax of \$900.00 per unit per year, plus meter reading if over the maximum allotment per day.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-19 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Business Tax of 13 mills on the assessed value of the property, basic Business Tax minimum of \$350.00.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-20 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge Utility companies a Business Tax of 2.5% of Gross Revenue.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-21 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge Business Tax on farm land at a rate of 13 mills on the assessed value of the property.

All Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-22 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Water and Sewer connection fee of cost incurred with a deposit of \$3,000.00. If the cost is less than the deposit paid, the exceeded amount will be refunded to the property owner. If the cost exceeds the deposit balance remaining it will be the responsibility of the property owner and due upon completion.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-23 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Water on/off fee of \$100.00 for shut-offs for tax purposes.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-24 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will not charge the Water on/off fee of \$100.00 if someone must have their water turned off in case of an emergency.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-25 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge \$100.00 for a Compliance Letter.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-26 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge \$100.00 for a Tax Certificate.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-27 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will give a 3% discount on all current year's taxes that are paid in full by March 28, 2025.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-28 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 any resident wishing to pay out their 2025 Water and Sewer and Property Tax from February 28, 2025 to December 31, 2025, must come to the council office to sign an agreement by February 28, 2025. The first payment will be due on February 28, 2025, with each following payment

due at the end of each month. Before any resident can set up a payment plan for 2025 Water and Sewer and Property Tax, prior years' Water and Sewer and Property Tax must be paid in full.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-29 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge simple interest on all outstanding Taxes as of June 30, 2025, at a rate of prime interest charged by the chartered bank on January 1, 2025, plus 3%.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-30 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that if all Water and Sewer and Property Taxes for 2025 are not paid in full by June 30, 2025, or a payment plan is put in place, the council will disconnect water services and start court proceedings to collect taxes. If water is disconnected, it will not be turned back on until all taxes have been paid in full plus \$100.00 off/on fee.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-31 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a dog licensing fee of \$5.00, this licensing fee will be a one-time licensing fee.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-32 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved 2025 that the deadline for payment of 2025 Business Tax will be June 30, 2025.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-33 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the cost of a renovation permit - is \$25.00; a New Home - is \$250.00; a Garage and Shed - is \$50.00; Renovations to change a Shed or Garage to a Residential Home - is \$200.00.

Development Permits - \$25.00. Permits for pre-existing new homes that were granted in 2020 and 2021 will be the rate of \$200.00 If a building permit is not picked up before construction begins the cost of the permit will double.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-34 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge \$50.00 for an NSF Cheque.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-35 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that in 2025 the Mount Moriah Town Council will no longer charge residents a Poll Tax.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-36 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will write off the previous year's Poll Tax.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council adopt the 2025 Budget.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Councillor Hamlyn suggested cleaning out the end of Serpentine Road.

Councillor Hamlyn informed the council that the Fire Department will have a snowmobile run on Saturday, March 1, 2025, followed by a dance.

Councillor Hamlyn mentioned that there are chemicals in Bunker Suits.

Discussed adopting a Fire Hydrant.

Councillor Porter informed the council that it is dark near 55 Main Street, Mount Moriah.

Councillor Porter is still concerned with the water on Morrison's stretch.

Councillor Penney spoke to Mr. Eddie Joyce regarding funding for a new Town Hall on Tower Road. Councillor Penney will check to see if the property owners of 20 Tower Road are interested in selling their property.

Councillor Penney discussed getting water down to Cook's Brook Day Park.

Notice of Motions

No Notice of Motions

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Adjournment

2025-38 Porter Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor

