

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-096 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the July 17, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Councilor Hamlyn informed the council that he checked with the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department regarding installing the smoke detectors. Some smoke detectors have been installed and some haven't been installed.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- The Mount Moriah Community Events were inquiring if they can have the Town Hall on Wednesdays for the students.

Councilor David Butt arrived at 7:08

- Deputy Mayor Wells, and Councilor Penney, declared a conflict of interest due to being on the Mount Moriah Community Events Committee.
- There was some discussion where the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee has the town hall for free 4 days per month and the Mount Moriah Mix Darts has the town hall for free for 2 days per month. The Mount Moriah Community Events Committee currently does not use the town hall.

- Motion 2024-097 Hamlyn/Wells
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Community Events can use the town hall for free one day per week on Wednesday.
All in Favor Carried
- Joyce Murley, Chairperson of the Mount Moriah Community Events pointed out that the groundwork being done at Cook's Brook Day Park is being paid for by the Mount Moriah Community Events, not the Mount Moriah Town Council. Also, there have been several donations made toward Cook's Brook Day Park.
- On July 20, 2024, Mount Moriah Community Events will have a Yard Sale at Cook's Brook Day Park from 10 am - 2 pm., with tables being \$10.00 each.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of June 12, 2024.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-098 Wells/Porter

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the June 12, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

The council has still not heard from the funding for firefighting equipment.

The app for the water meters needs to be put on the Town's cell phone.

The gyroscop has been replaced in the electrical room at the fire hall.

Different committees from the same town can apply for funding under Active NL.

The council has not heard from Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding ditching on Morrison's stretch and the culvert at 55 Main Street.

The letter was sent to Jenine O'Dell and Richard Ryan regarding the rooster.

The speed bumps have been installed on MacDonald Drive and Davis Drive.

Email sent to T'railway regarding the garbage along the railway bed throughout Mount Moriah.

The Finance Committee did not have a finance meeting because the Town Clerk/Manager only received the 2023 audit on the day that the meeting was supposed to be.

The garbage and recycling will remain on Monday and Tuesday.

The council has not received any application for the Job Creation Program for Cook's Brook Day Park.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, explained to the council that the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee did not accept the Summer Employment Program for Students. However, she and the Mayor contacted Immigration, Population Growth, and Skills and changed the Summer Employment Program for Students back to the Mount Moriah Town Council. She then contacted Jodi Allen, Chairperson of the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee to see if they only received two applications for the student program. Mrs. Allen confirmed that they only received two applications, so she hired the two students for 4 weeks each at 35 hours per week. The two students started work on Monday, July 15, 2024, and will finish on August 9, 2024.

Councilor Brad Penney did not get in contact with Gord Doman regarding whether or not they are interested in selling their land next to the fire hall.

There is no survey of the land that the council acquired from crown lands on Serpentine Road, therefore if the council would like to know exactly where the land is located a survey will be required.

Bracket is required to put the TV up in Town Hall.

Public Concerns

Email from Paula Welshman, 15 Welshman's Drive dated June 17, 2024, regarding the bottom of Serpentine Road has been a mess for more than a year. Now there is another big hold dug up a little way up and another bad spot just on the road almost to 19 and 22 Serpentine Road. Mrs. Welshman is aware that the pavers are working in Curling this week. Does the Town have any plans to have the roads fixed up anytime soon? Before the council repairs the pavement on Serpentine Road, the council is waiting to see if the water line is going to be replaced on Serpentine Road. However, the council has filled in the pothole with Class "A" for the time being.

Get cold patch for the bottom of Serpentine Road.

Class B along 2 Serpentine Road.

The council received a letter from Kirk & Stephanie Fowler regarding it was his understanding to build at 46 Soper's Drive that Soper's Drive extension would not be maintained by the Town of Mount Moriah. Mr. Fowler attended the council meeting. Since moving into their home, they have done all maintenance and snow clearing for the existing extension. Under the understanding that the Town of Mount Moriah has a right-of-way from crown land at the base of Michael Allen's driveway from crown lands. We are requesting that we take over the right of way from crown lands. There will be no expense to the Town of Mount Moriah. Furthermore, we will maintain, upgrade, and ensure all necessary expenses related to Soper's Drive Extension. There was some discussion regarding Soper's Drive extension and whether the land is transferable. The council will check with crown lands

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-099 Butt/Penney

Be it be resolved that the bills be paid, see attached list.
All in Favor

Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

The 2023 Audit has been completed. The council had a surplus of \$14,068.

Motion 2024-100 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves the 2023 Financial Statement.

All in Favor

Carried

The Finance Committee will need to have a finance meeting.

Maintenance Committee

Each councilor was given a copy of the price for culverts for the railway bed at the end of Soper's Drive. There was some discussion regarding the size of the culvert required.

Motion 2024-101 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the council will purchase 900 mm (36 in) Duo Tite Hi-Flo HDPE 320PA x 6 M (20 ft) Bell End certified w/Gasket 3 @ 2,115.78, a total of \$6,347.34, for the railway bed at the end of Soper's Drive.

All in Favor

Carried

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she contacted Garret Anderson, Allnorth regarding the new water line for Main Street, Mount Moriah. They are in the process of retendering the water line.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that the water pump for Serpentine Road has just gone through a 7 amendment in the tender process, where the fire pump had to be removed.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard was inquiring as to what to do with the garbage when the town hall is booked for two days on the weekend. The council suggests that whoever has the town hall booked on the first day must put the garbage in the basement. Councilor Wells suggested that the council purchase a big garbage can for the basement of the town hall.

The cost of the 2024 Spring Clean-Up was \$13,554.60, the cost of the 2023 Spring Clean-Up was \$7,780.19. Therefore, there was an additional cost of \$5,774.41 for the 2024 Spring Clean-Up.

Discussed having garbage collection once per month for bulk items (washers, dryers, etc).

Correspondences

An e-mail from Jens Jensen, P. Eng., MCIP, Jens Jensen Consulting Services regarding the Amendment to the Mount Moriah Development Regulations. Mr. Jensen enclosed a draft of the amendment for the

Development Regulations. The council reviewed the draft of the amendment. The council will check with Mr. Jensen to see if the council will need to put in the draft that preexisting roosters can still be in Mount Moriah. Also, at the end of Serpentine Road there is farmland with no other occupants, is it possible that this area of Serpentine Road could be allowed roosters?

E-mail from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District informing the council that the Community Enhancement Employment Program Applications are now open. The deadline for applications is Friday, July 26, 2024.

Motion 2024-102 Porter/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council apply for a Community Enhancement Employment Program to change the door to the opposite side of the building for the council office and chambers and put a wheelchair-accessible door in the basement of the town hall.

All in Favor

Carried

Letter from Kim Kieley, P. Eng., FEC, Director – Municipal Infrastructure, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the New Regional Engineer for Western Region Office, Wendy Henstridge.

Letter from Roger Avery, Residential Assessor Municipal Assessment Agency informing the council that the new point of contact for the Town of Mount Moriah at the Municipal Agency is Rosalyn Hann.

E-mail from Employment Support, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the Community Enhancement Employment applications are now being accepted.

E-Mail from Western Regional Waste Management regarding Update: Blue Bag Non-Compliance Fees.

E-mail from Hilary Spinney, Land Management Specialist, Western region Crown Lands Office, regarding there having been no written permission given to Mr. Quilty (or anyone else) to park the tractor/skidder on Crown Land. A letter will be sent to Mr. William Quilty informing him of the email from Crown Lands regarding the parking of the skidder on Crown Land on Serpentine Road and asking him to have the skidder removed from Serpentine Road.

Email from Amy Tatchell, DSW, TR, Program Manager, Single Parents Association of Newfoundland & Labrador regarding Back-to-School Registration.

Email from The HealthADAPT Team regarding Funding Opportunity – Green Municipal Fund, the council will look into this further.

Email from Municipalities from Newfoundland and Labrador Fire Ban Now in Effect.

Info Note June 10, 2024. Check with Mayor Duffney to see if she will attend the 2024 MNL Conference from November 7-9, 2024.

Info Note June 17, 2024,

Info Note June 25, 2024.

Info Note July 2, 2024.

Info Note July 8, 2024.

Development and Building Applications

Development application from Calvin & Denise Blackwood 19 MacDonald Drive, Mount Moriah to add 8 feet of new culvert onto their upper driveway. Maintenance Men, Paul Murley, and Kyle Specker have already approved this development application.

Motion 2024-103 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Calvin & Denise Blackwood's development application to add 8 feet of new culvert onto their upper driveway at 19 MacDonald Drive, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

Development application from Lorne Flynn, to clear trees and rough landscape with an excavator at his property on Stella Street, Mount Moriah Maintenance men, Paul Murley and Kyle Specker have already approved this development application.

Motion 2024-104 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Lorne Flynn's development application to clear trees and rough landscape with an excavator on his property on Stella Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

New Business

- Gudie Hutchings can meet with the Mount Moriah Town Council on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to discuss any concerns of the council.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will be on holiday from August 12 – 16, 2024. The office will be closed during this time.
- There are a couple of trees foundering in Cook's Brook by the swimming hole. Since this is a salmon river the council will contact the Department of Fisheries.
- The car is still left at Cook's Brook the council will contact RNC Sergeant John Gosse regarding contacting the owner of the vehicle to have the vehicle removed.
- Mount Moriah Day will be August 24, 2024.
- The Fire Hydrant needs to be whipper-snipped around and painted. The students can do this.
- The old fire hall needs the windows painted and the steps removed or repaired.
- Discussed garage door for the piece that was built on to the old fire hall.
- Contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding brush needs to be cut around Cook's Brook bridge and near 50 Main Street as it is obstructing the view.

Notice of Motion

- No notice of motion.

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-105 Penney/Porter

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

All in Favor

Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

