

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Present at the meeting:**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 2024-117 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the September 18, 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**

- Jay Walsh to look at the security camera in the Fire Hall.
- Have not heard from the government regarding the funding the council applied for under the Firefighting Program for breathing apparatus.
- Contacted Western Lockes regarding remotes for garage doors in the Fire Hall, waiting to hear back.
- Mr. Gord Batt said that where the Fire Hall is using so much electricity, installing a heat pump in the bay might be a good idea.

**Mount Moriah Community Events**

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

**Errors or Omissions of Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy pointed out that on page 7, Check on the cost of calcium for Serpentine Road, next year calcium will be needed for Serpentine Road. This should have read: Check on the cost

of calcium for Serpentine Road and Davis Drive, next year calcium will be needed for Serpentine Road and Davis Drive.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Motion 2024-118 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the August 21, 2024 council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Carried

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

Another email was sent to Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding ditching on Morrison's stretch and the culvert at 55 Main Street, Mount Moriah. The council has still not heard from Mr. Ellsworth regarding this issue.

The Job Creation Program started on September 16, 2024, due to no one with carpentry experience being hired, the bandstand will be removed from the JCP.

Councilor Penney has still not contacted Gord Doman regarding whether they are interested in selling their land next to the fire hall.

The guide rail has been installed on Soper's Drive.

The car has been removed from Cook's Brook.

The sand truck is up to Layden's Mechanical to see what is required to pass inspection.

Mayor Duffney has already received her 16 years of service for the Municipal Long Service Award. Councilor David Butt has not reached his 16 years of service for the Municipal Long Service Award.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, did the 2025 Budget training today.

Tanya Campbell will fill in for Carol Skeard, Town Clerk/Manager, when she is off due to medical reasons.

Town Clerk/Manager, Rodger Hunt, Town of Massey Drive will investigate the Code of Conduct Complaint.

The culvert has been returned to Atlantic Industries Ltd.

The Fire Department is working on installing the smoke alarms under the smoke alarm program.

### **Public Concerns**

Email from Jinene O'Dell informing the council that she would like to discuss the regulations regarding live stalk in Mount Moriah. Ms. O'Dell attended the council meeting to discuss with the council the

keeping of live stalk in Mount Moriah. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter. Ms. O'Dell pointed out that she has a petition with 200 names on it, to leave the regulations as they are. The petition was not given to the council. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter.

A letter from Jennifer Barnes informing the council that she would like to speak at the council meeting on September 18, 2024, regarding changes to the Municipal Act of Roosters & Livestock. Ms. Barnes attended the council meeting and informed the council that the Town of Mount Moriah Development Regulations should stay as they are. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter.

E-mail from Tina Saunders and Rodney Seymore regarding the rooster situation. Mr. Seymore attended the council meeting. Mayor Lisa Duffney asked Mr. Seymore if he would like to speak regarding his email. Mr. Seymore informed Mayor Duffney that he did not want to speak regarding the email.

A letter from Jonathan Wheeler & Stephanie Peckford regarding recent work that was done to the ditch by the Town on Soper's Drive. Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Peckford were concerned about safety. A guide rail has been put up in this area of Soper's Drive. The only thing that the council did was clean the ditch and put in a larger culvert. The council will send a letter to Jonathan Wheeler & Stephanie Peckford regarding this matter.

### **Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)**

Motion 2024-119 Butt/Penney

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

All in Favor

Carried

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee**

- On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, there was a finance meeting. Present at the meeting: Mayor Duffney, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, Councilor Porter, Councilor Hamlyn, Councilor Wells, and Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard. We reviewed the balance sheet and income statement (Actual to budget). The council must watch the budget for the remainder of the year.

#### **Maintenance Committee**

- The sand truck is at the garage to see what repairs must be done.
- The Sewer Lift Station has to be repaired. It looks like someone hit the electrical box.
- Had to purchase a new tamper.
- Credit for the returned culvert was \$2,203.15.
- Water Leak by 107 Main Street was repaired today.

### **Correspondence**

The council received a copy of the letter that Steve Osmond, P. Eng., Engineering Manager, Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting sent Josh Randell, West Coast Excavating & Equipment Co. Ltd regarding Water and Sewer Replacement - Route 450 and Serpentine Road – 17-GI-22-00008.

The council received a copy of the letter Marsha Park, Office Manager, West Coast Excavating & Equipment Company Limited sent to Mr. Steve Osmond, P. Eng., Engineering Manager, Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting Company regarding Water and Sewer replacement Route 450 and Serpentine Road 17-GI-22-00008 accepting the contract offer as per their award letter dated September 12, 2024.

Letter from Murray Adams, Manager of Equipment Support, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Vehicles/Equipment Disposal.

Letter from Western Regional Waste Management regarding WRSB Adapts Pay-As-You-Go at Transfer Stations.

Letter from Deann Spurrell, Manager, Canada Community-Building Fund Administration and Compliance, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Administrative Agreement 2024-2034.

Email from Deann Spurrell, Manager of CCBF, enclosed was a copy of the Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Agreement 2024-20234(the Agreement) for the Town of Mount Moriah's consideration and signature.

Motion 2024-120 Wells/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves the Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Administrative Agreement 2024-2034.

All in Favor

Carried

The council received a copy of the letter that William Lush, Regional Lands Manager, Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture sent to Brian MacDonald regarding Application No: 112975.

Email from Stephanie Mullins Lands, Officer II, Crown Lands Division regarding an application from Darryl Pike, 31 MacDonald Drive, Mount Moriah to apply for crown land directly behind his home at 31 MacDonald Drive.

Motion 2024-121 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Darryl Pike's crown land application for crown land directly behind his home at 31 MacDonald Drive, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

Email from Stephanie Mullins, Lands Officer II, Crown Lands Division regarding an application from International Appalachian Trail Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter Inc. to apply for crown land for a Hiking/Biking Trail.

Motion 2024-122 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves International Appalachian Trail Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter Inc. crown land application for crown land Application 163047, along Cook's Brook to connect to the Newfoundland T'Railway to the Blow Me Down Mountains.

All in Favor

Carried

Email from Carson Stewart informing the council that he is in the process of buying land on Stella Street and wondering if there would be any problem getting a building permit for a new home.

Motion 2024-123 LeRoy/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council does not see any problem with issuing a building permit for this section of Stella Street as long as approval is received from Service NL for the septic system and water.

All in Favor

Carried

Email from Brian Hudson, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Pasadena inquiring if the Town of Mount Moriah would be interested in a shared Municipal Enforcement Officer. The council will inform Mr. Hudson that the Town is interested in a shared Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Email from Kelsey Smith, Administrative Assistant to City Manager, City of Corner Brook inviting a member of the municipality for a tour of the progress of the new Recreation Centre and a meeting on its operational details on October 29, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the rec centre.

An email from Terri Jean Murray, Director, of Disability Policy Office, Children, Seniors, and Social Development informing the council that their application for the Accessibility Grant Program was not approved due to the high volume of applications.

Email from Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association regarding a Metrology, Basic-Repair-Calibration Course offered in Corner on October 22, 2024.

Email from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Water Resources Management Division regarding Fall 2024 Operator Education Seminars. The Water Distribution Basics Course is not offered in Corner Brook.

Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

Info Note August 26, 2024.

Info Note September 3, 2024.

Info Note September 9, 2024.

Info Note September 10, 2024.

### **Development and Building Applications**

A development application from Verna and Wayne Barnes 179 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah to remove the flower bed and replace it with concrete or wood. Maintenance Men, Kyle Specker, and Paul Murley have approved this development permit.

Motion 2024-124 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Town Council approves Verna and Wayne Barnes's development application to remove the flower bed and replace it with concrete or wood at 179 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

A development application from Chris Tobin, 12 Davis Drive, Mount Moriah, to excavate for weeping tile. Maintenance Men, Kyle Specker, and Paul Murley have approved this development application.

Motion 2024-125 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Morah Town Council approves Chris Tobin's development application to excavate for weeping tile at 12 Davis Drive, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

### **New Business**

Motion 2024-126 Penney/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council extend the investigation period for the Code of Conduct Complaint by an additional forty business days.

All in Favor

Carried

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, would like a week's holiday from October 21-25, 2024. The office will be closed at this time.

The deadline for the Active NL application is September 30, 2024.

Councilor Porter was still concerned with the ditch on Morrison's stretch, the culvert, and the pothole by 55 Main Street, Mount Moriah. Send another email to Barry Ellsworth.

Councilor Butt pointed out that he contacted the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding where he arrived late at the last council meeting. It was pointed out to Mr. Butt that for remuneration purposes you must arrive within 30 minutes of the start of the meeting whereas Mr. Butt didn't arrive until 38 minutes after the start of the meeting.

Councilor Wells was inquiring if the height of the speed bumps on MacDonald Drive was the standard height. The speed bumps are a standard height.

Discussed HR issues.

### **Notice of Motion**

No notice of motion.

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

Motion 2024-127 Hamlyn/LeRoy

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

All in Favor

Carried

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager