

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in the council chambers on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

The following bills were added to the agenda:

West Coast Excavating & Equipment Co. Ltd. (Claim 4, Phase 2 Water/Sewer)	\$369,433.81
West Coast Excavating & Equipment Co. Ltd. (Claim 3 Water /Sewer)	199,858.50

Adoption of Agenda

2025-120 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the August 20, 2025, council meeting be adopted as amended.
All in Favor Resolution Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- The Fire Department is looking at getting prices on equipment.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- Mount Moriah Fun Day will be on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at Cook's Brook Day Park from 1-3 pm.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Town Clerk/Manager Carol Skeard pointed out that the incorrect date was in the header of the minutes, which has now been corrected.

Adoption of Minutes

2025-121 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the July 16, 2025, council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The Town Clerk/Manager is still working on the bylaws.

The water repair has been done at 35 Main Street, Mount Moriah.

The council did not receive any applications for the Job Creation Program for brush cutting.

The sand and salt have been ordered.

The Town's lawyer, Melissa May, has reviewed the draft water agreement sent to the Town of Mount Moriah by the City of Corner Brook. The water agreement looks okay.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she contacted Stewart McKelvry regarding the MI Project No: 17-GI-22-008, and the lawyer informed her that, before making any decision on the project, he would have to review the contract completely.

Public Concerns

Letter from Kari Sigurdsson regarding the application for Coastal Paintball at 6 Birchy Drive. As a resident of the adjacent property, Mr. Sigurdsson, opposed this application. Mr. Sigurdsson attended the council meeting. Mr. Sigurdsson had the following concerns: Safety Concerns where Birchy Drive is not wide enough for two vehicles, no parking space, and no public washrooms.

Letter from Tom & Vicki Brake objecting to the proposed paintball business at 6 Birchy Drive. Mr. & Mrs. Brake were concerned: Site lacks basic infrastructure, including public washrooms. The field has been set up without council approval and is being used unsupervised. Birchy Drive is a narrow, steep dirt road with limited parking. Increased traffic will worsen road conditions, create safety hazards, and make access difficult for residents.

Email from Stephen Clarke, requesting permission to open Coastal Paintball at 6 Birchy Drive, Mount Moriah, in a field behind his house. The business will be a jelly ball field, where kids can play and have fun. There is netting around the field, and the proper safety signs. Jelly balls are biodegradable and not bad for the environment, and they pose no danger.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding setting up this business at 6 Birchy Drive, Mount Moriah.

Mayor Duffney asked three times if anyone would like to make a resolution to approve Stephen Clarke's request to set up a business, Coast Paintball, at 6 Birchy Drive, Mt. Moriah. There was no resolution made.

Mayor Duffney then proceeded to ask if anyone would like to make a resolution to disapprove of Stephen Clarke's request to set up a business, Coastal Paintball, at 6 Birchy Drive, Mt. Moriah.

2025-122 Hamlyn/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council not approve Mr. Stephen Clarke's request to set up Coastal Paintball at 6 Birchy Drive, Mt. Moriah. This is due to safety concerns, as Birchy Drive is too narrow for two-way traffic, lacks parking spaces, and has no public washrooms.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Email from Stephanie Lowe, 10 Sweetapple Drive, Mount Moriah, requesting to put up two signs near her driveway on Sweetapple Drive. The signs will say Slow Down, Special Needs Child at Play.

2025-123 Hamlyn/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council allow Stephanie Lowe to put up two signs near her driveway at 10 Sweetapple Drive, Slow Down, Special Needs Child at Play.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Email from Kelly and Sheldon Adey regarding their driveway being repaired. Also, they would like the orange barriers removed from the side of their driveway so that they can get off the road and be able to park where they always parked. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that the maintenance men put Class A in their driveway. Also, she informed Mr. & Mrs. Adey that the barriers cannot be removed, due to the barriers marking where the water shut-offs are located.

Letter from Joanne Hackett, 19 Davis Drive, Mount Moriah, regarding the washing down of Davis Drive and calcium for Davis Drive. Doug Hackett attended the council meeting. The Fire Department decided not to wash down the roads because the water pressure could damage the roads. Class A was put on Davis Drive last week. In regard to calcium, the council will have calcium with water put on Davis Drive. Mr. Hackett was inquiring when Davis Drive was going to be paved. Due to the cost of pavement for Davis Drive, the council does not know when Davis Drive will be paved. There was a lengthy discussion regarding Davis Drive.

Letter from Wayne Barnes, 179 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah, wondering if there is any way possible that he can put his wood back across the road from his house on town property. The council would not agree to putting the wood back on Town property on Serpentine Road.

Letter from Dr. Prathap Sarma, 12 Davis Drive, Mt. Moriah, requesting consideration for paving of Davis Drive. Due to the cost of pavement for Davis Drive, the council is not in a position to pave Davis Drive.

Letter from Kirk & Stephanie Fowler, Mountain Side Cash & Carry Ltd., informing the council that they have purchased 84 Mian Street and are currently in the process of building an addition for a convenience store. Mr. Kirk Fowler attended the council meeting regarding the water and sewer for this property.

2025-124 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will find the manhole behind 84 Main Street, Mount Moriah, as this is the Town's infrastructure.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

2025-125 Penney/Porter

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

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- 2024 Audit is being completed.

Maintenance Committee

- Mayor Duffney pointed out that the Town of Humber Arm South would like to put up no littering signs along the Road from Cook's Brook to Halfway Point to deter people from littering. The council has no problem with the Town of Humber Arm South putting up no littering signs.
- The Town of Humber Arm South was inquiring if the Town could clean up the sides of Main Street from Cook's Brook to Halfway Point.
- Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that where they wanted to install the guiderail on Soper's Drive, there is a sewer line. Councilor Penney will discuss this issue with the maintenance men.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring if we could reverse directions on Serpentine Road. Go up Welshman's Drive and come down Serpentine Road.

2025-126 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will allow the public to go up Welshman's Drive and come down Serpentine Road while construction work is being done on Serpentine Road.

In Favor: Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Porter
Councilor Penney
Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Councilor Butt

Resolution Carried

Correspondence

- Letter from Hon. Paul A. Pike, MHA, District of Burin-Grand Bank, Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, informing the council that they have received Community Enhancement Employment Program (CEEP) in the amount of \$25,000.00 for renovations to the Town Office. As of today, no qualifying applicants have applied for this Program.
- Letter from Kim Kieley, P. Eng., FEC, Director – Municipal Infrastructure, Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding Open Call for Applications for the 2026-2027 Infrastructure funding program.

2025-127 Hamlyn/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council apply for funding for the next phase of the water/sewer through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – Municipal Infrastructure.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

- Email from Boyd Ivany, Design Approval Tech IIB, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, informing the council that the Project Amendment Request Approval for Mount Moriah – Water & Sewer City Boundary to Serpentine Road 17-GI-21-00079 for \$719,375.71 has been approved.

2025-128 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council accepts the additional funding for the Water & Sewer City Boundary to Serpentine Road 17-GI-21-00079 for \$719,375.71.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

2025-129 Hamlyn/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council borrows the Town's share of the \$719,375.71, which is approximately \$72,000.00, for a period of five years, with payments \$1,345.12 per month.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

- Email from Garret Anderson, Civil Engineer-in-Training, Allnorth, informing the council that the tender for the project for the water for Main Street has not gone to tender. Additionally, the tender for the pavement on Town Hall Road has not been issued yet.
- Email from Jeremy Keeping, Regional Emergency Planner, Emergency Services Division, regarding the newest Emergency Management Plan Template for towns only. The town's emergency plan will need to be updated.
- Letter from Hon. Paul A. Pike, MHA, District of Burin – Grand Bank, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, regarding Special Assistance Grant Program.
- Memo from Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement regarding Election Material – Municipal General Election 2025.
- Memo from Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement regarding Notice for 2025 Municipal Election Kits.
- Email from Chris Wilson, COO Medicuro, regarding Medicuro: Virtual Healthcare for Communities.
- Email from Patrick Davis Project Coordinator – Humber Bay of Islands Tourism Committee, City of Corner Brook, regarding Branding Project Update & Next Steps – HBOI Tourism Committee.
- Email from Tina Olivero regarding Historical Province-Wide Rally.
- Letter from Canadian Public Works Association regarding Notice of Fall Conference, Holiday Inn Express, Deer Lake, NL, October 22 -24, 2025.

- Info Note July 23, 2025
- Info Note July 29, 2025.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Info Note August 6, 2025.
- Info Note August 13, 2025.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

Building and Demolition Permits

- Development application from Stephen Clarke, 6 Birchy Drive, Mt. Moriah, to use an excavator to level the hill to make it flat to be able to access the land.
2025-130 Hamlyn/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Stephen Clarke's development application to use an excavator to level the hill to make it flat to be able to access land at 6 Birchy Drive, Mt. Moriah.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
 - Development application from Jay Hussey, 5 Hussey's Lane, Mount Moriah, to put in a driveway.
2025-131 Porter/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Jay Hussey's development application to install a driveway on his property at 5 Hussey's Lane, Mt. Moriah.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
 - Building application from Carson Stewart, 11 Stella Street, Mount Moriah, to build a shed 16 feet x 16 feet.
2025-132 Hamlyn/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Carson Stewart's building application to build a shed 16 feet x 16 feet at 11 Stella Street, Mount Moriah.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- Councilor Arthur Hamlyn left the council meeting at 9:01 p.m.
- Building application from Roseanna and Arthur Hamlyn, 129 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah, to construct a greenhouse. Maintenance Men, Jay Hussey and Kyle Specker, have already approved this application.
2025-133 Penney/LeRoy
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Roseanna and Arthur Hamlyn's building application to construct a greenhouse at 129 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah.
All in Favor Resolution Carried

Councilor Hamlyn returned to the council meeting at 9:03 p.m.

New Business

- July 18, 2025, the following Councilors: Mayor Lisa Duffney, Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy, Councilor Arthur Hamlyn, Councilor David Butt, and Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, met with Steve Osmond and Jeff Banks, ADC Company Limited, and Glen Fisher, and Joshua Randell, West Coast Excavating, also in attendance by telephone were Wendy Henstridge and Boyd Ivany, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss the Water/Sewer project on Serpentine Road.
2025-134 Butt/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council spend up to \$7,200.00 to finish the paving on Serpentine Road.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- 2025-135 LeRoy/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay the invoice for Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting Company Ltd. for \$13,253.75.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- 2025-136 Butt/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay the invoices for West Coast Excavating Co. Ltd. for \$47,170.13 and \$204,640.20.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- Discussed the water agreement with the City of Corner Brook.
- 2025-137 Hamlyn/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council adopts the Town of Mount Moriah Snow Clearing By-Law, this 20th day of August 2025.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- 2025-138 Hamlyn/LeRoy
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council adopts the Town of Mount Moriah Arrears Sale By-Law, this 20th day of August 2025.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- The Residential Waste By-Law will have to be updated further.
- Road sign put up by 77 Serpentine Road advising the public that 78 -225 Serpentine Road is on in Serpentine Road.
- Sign by where the railway bed is that Serpentine Road is on in the Road and Soper's Drive, you turn left.
- The street light at 110 Main Street is out.

- The car across from 59 Serpentine Road needs to be removed, as the car has been there for a while. As the owner is unknown, the council will have to contact RNC with the license plate and serial number.
- 2025-139 Porter/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council accepts the Land Acknowledgment, Welcome to the shores of Akilasié'wa'kik Qospem... We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in traditional Mi'kmaq and Beothuk territory, and we also recognize the rich histories and cultures of the Innu, Inuit and their ancestors.
We will strive for respectful relationships with all peoples as we commit ourselves to collective healing, true reconciliation, and the honouring of this beautiful land.
All in Favor Resolution Carried

Notice of Motion

- No notice of motion.

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Adjournment

2025-140 Porter/Hamlyn
There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.
All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

