

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, April 17, 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
Town Clerk/Manager	Carol Skeard
Maintenance Man	Paul Murley
Absent	Councilor Arthur Hamlyn

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-056 Porter/Penney

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

All in Favor

Carried

Councilor David Butt arrived at the council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Check with Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department to see if they have naloxone kits.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about, Page 5, Mayor Duffney discussed the remunerations for councilors. Deputy Mayor LeRoy felt this should have been elaborated upon. Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, pointed out that only motions are supposed to go in minutes.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-057 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the minutes from the March 20, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

A Mutual Aid Agreement has been signed between the Town of Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Humber Arm Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Todd Flynn, City of Corner Brook has been notified.

Funding for breathing apparatus for the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department has been applied for through the Fire Services Division, Fire Fighting Equipment.

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

Councilor Porter will look into cameras for Cook's Brook Day Park.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, spoke to Steve Osmond, ADC regarding the project for the pump on Serpentine Road. Mr. Osmond said this project should go to tender soon. Also, spoke to Chris Power, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding this project.

The council last donated/membership to Go Western Newfoundland in January 2023. The Town Clerk/Manager was inquiring if the council is going to donate/membership to Go Western Newfoundland in 2024. Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring if Go Western Newfoundland does anything for the Town. The Town Clerk/Manager pointed out that Go Western does advertising for tourist attractions for communities. The Town Clerk/Manager will check to see if Go Western did any advertising for the Town of Mount Moriah.

The maintenance building has been cleaned up.

The Maintenance Men will do the Fall Arrest Course on April 25 & 26, 2024.

Public Concerns

Letter from Jeff Boardman, 9 MacDonald Drive regarding the ongoing issues with water coming from Soper's Drive. Two culverts direct water from Soper's Drive onto the trailway causing issues on MacDonald Drive every spring/fall and heavy rainfall. The water from one culvert overflows onto the trailway and flows down to the back of his property causing damage every year. The other culvert has nowhere to go, thus filling up the ditch on the trailway until it gives way and dumps the water into his backyard. Mr. Boardman, Mr. Doug Butt, and Mr. James Locke attended the council meeting to discuss this issue with the council. Discussed how the problem can be rectified. Councilor Porter and Councilor Penney will look at the problem. Maintenance Man, Paul Murley, also pointed out that there are residents of Soper's Drive who push the snow onto this side of Soper's Drive causing the culverts to be plugged off which causes the ditch to overflow. Some discussion regarding sending a letter to the residents who are pushing snow across Soper's Drive and asking them to refrain from doing so. Also, the council will look at installing a double guide rail in this area

Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy, Councilor Sandra Wells, and Councilor David Butt left the council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Letter from Kerry Wells regarding Spring Clean-Up. Mr. Wells attended the council meeting. Mr. Wells requested to have Spring Clean-Up put back to roadside pickup if at all possible. Mr. Wells pointed out that there are many seniors and disabled that cannot get the spring clean-up to the dumpsters. There was some discussion regarding Spring Clean-Up. This will be taken into consideration when deciding upon Spring Clean-Up.

Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy, Councilor Sandra Wells, and Councilor David Butt returned to the council meeting at 7:41 p.m.

A letter from Gary Butt was addressed due to the council office being closed last week.

Mr. Gary Butt attended the council meeting to speak to the council in regards to Spring Clean-Up, Water Meters, and Tax Increase. Spring Clean-Up was discussed earlier. Councilor Porter pointed out that the installation of the water meters has been extended to December 31, 2026, and the council is hoping when the new water lines are installed it will take care of some of the problems with water overages. In regards to the tax increase, the water tax has increased due to the City of Corner Brook increasing the water rate.

Email from Cory Basha, regarding his property on Stella Street, Mount Moriah. Mr. Basha would like to know once he receives approval from Service NL what else is it that he needs. Also with the approval in place do they anticipate any objections and how long is the process? The council will reintegrate to Mr. Basha that once he has approval from Service NL for a well and septic he will have to submit a building application to the council with a house plan, survey, and lot location.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-058 LeRoy/Butt

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

All in Favor

Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- 2023 Audit in the process of being completed. The Finance Committee will have a Finance Meeting once the audit is completed.

Maintenance Committee

- 2024 Spring Clean-Up
- Loader Operator finished for the season. The Maintenance Committee and Mayor decided to hire Paul Murley as the Maintenance Man.
- In regards to confined space for the Maintenance men, will need to contact CONA.
- Call Mr. Gord Batt regarding thermostats in the Fire Hall and Lights in the basement of the Town Hall.

Correspondence

- The council received a copy of the letter that Mr. Edward Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District sent Minister John Hogan, Minister, Department of Justice and Public Safety regarding Disaster Financial Assistance – Flooding, Western NL.
- Letter from Brian N. Hiller, CPA, CA, informing the council that the time has come for him to transition to retirement. To ensure the council continues to receive the highest quality of service they have come to expect, he has arranged with Arthur Skinner, CPA, and Lisa Allen, CPA, two of his current employees, to take over his practice under the new corporation, Allen & Skinner CPA Professional Corporation. This will be effective March 1, 2024.
- Email from Communications, Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. regarding animated video, Understanding Property Assessments & Property Taxes in Newfoundland and Labrador is now available on their website www.maa.ca.
- Email from Judy Bolt, Assistant to Edward Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District regarding Active NL Fund Applications Now Being Accepted. The council will apply for equipment for Cook's Brook Day Park.
- Email from Paul Wylezol, Chairperson, Cabox Aspiring Geopark regarding the proposed Cooks Brook Trail and its relationship to a larger Humber Arm Trail leading to the Blow Me Down Mountains, and eventually Lark Harbour. Mr. Wylezol needs approval from the council to apply for the Crown Lands License to Occupy (LTO) and add it to their development plans. There was some discussion regarding the walking trail. The council will contact Mr. Wylezol to see if he could attend a public meeting in Mount Moriah to discuss this walking trail.
- Spring 2024 Operator Education Seminar that is being offered this Spring/Summer. The course that the Maintenance Men, need Water Distribution Basics is not offered in Corner Brook. The course is offered in Carboneer and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will check to see when this course will be available in the Corner Brook area.
- Email from Jocelyn Dunn, Peer Support Supervisor (Contracted Services) regarding- the Peer Support First Responders Warm Line (FRWL). This email has been forwarded to the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department.
- Email from Officer of the Information and Privacy Commissioner regarding New OIPC Forms, Guidelines, and Website.
- Email from Membership of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the Town of Mount Moriah's membership renewal. The cost of the renewal is \$336.97.
Motion 2024-059 Penney/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay the membership fee of \$336.97 for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

All in Favor

Carried

- Email from Laurent Breault, Executive Director, Foundation Emergency asking the council to declare May 17 as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.
Motion 2024-060 Wells/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Town of Mount Moriah declare May 17, 2024, as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.
All in Favor Carried
- Earth Day is Leg Day, April 22, 2024. On April 22, the best thing you can do for the planet and yourself is skip the car, not leg day.
- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador March 21, 2024.
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- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador April 4, 2024.
- Info Note March 19, 2024.
- Info Note March 25, 2024.
- Info Note March 27, 2024.
- Info Note April 3, 2024.
- Info Note April 8, 2024.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that the council should join the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada this enables municipalities to purchase from pre-approved vendors without the need to go through a tender process.
Motion 2024-061 Butt/LeRoy
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council join the Canoe Group of Canada.
All in Favor Carried

Development and Building Applications

- Development application from Arthur & Roseanna Hamlyn 129, Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah to continue landscaping property (including but not limited to culvert cleaning, movement or replacement if necessary), continued lawn and driveway development and improvement, tree planting, redirection of water/springs from backyard and driveway to prevent further erosion, redistribution/removal of excess fill to take place throughout the year as time, weather and ability permit.

Motion 2024-062 Porter/Butt

- Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Arthur & Roseanna Hamlyn, 129 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah development application to continue landscaping property (including but not limited to culvert cleaning, movement or replacement if necessary), continued lawn and driveway development and improvement, tree planting, redirection of water/springs from backyard and driveway to prevent further erosion, redistribution/removal of excess fill to take place throughout the year as time, weather and ability permit.

All in Favor

Carried

- Development application from Brandon Poole, 7 Sweetapple Drive, Mt. Moriah to dig around his house and install the weeping tile.

Motion 2024-063 Penney/Leroy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Brandon Poole's, development application to dig up around his house and install weeping tile at 7 Sweetapple Drive, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

- Building application from Kerry Wells, 47 Main Street, Mount Moriah to build a piece onto his shed 6 feet x 12 feet. This application will have to be re-tabled at the next council meeting as Councilor Wells, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, and Councilor Butt are in conflict and there would not be a quorum.

- Building application from James Allen, 32 Main Street, Mount Moriah to build a garage 30 feet x 40 feet.

Motion 2024-064 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves James Allen's building application to build a garage 30 feet x 40 feet at 32 Main Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

New Business

- There was some discussion regarding council meetings being only once per month.

Motion 2024-065 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will revert to one council meeting per month, the third Wednesday of each month.

All in Favor

Carried

- Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about the Town's land on Serpentine Road. The time to move items off the land is April 30, 2024. All so the planer on the side of the road needs to go to Newco Metals.

- Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about the donations for using Cook's Brook Day Park. Whereas, the public used the Day Park but did not donate as they said they would. Discussed getting the donation before the Day Park is used as it costs the Town to have the Day Park ready for the event.

- Deputy Mayor LeRoy was also inquiring about the donation of a bench for the Day Park in memory of a loved one. There was some discussion regarding the benches for the park.
- Contact Barry Ellsworth regarding getting the grate put on the storm sewer in front of the old fire hall.
- Potholes in the pavement on Main Street that need to be filled with pavement or cold patch.
- Contact Barry Ellsworth regarding the side of the road between 41 and 47 Main Street that was washed out after the last rainfall.
- Ditches.
- Sides of roads need to be graded off where the sides of the roads are above the guide rail.
- Pest Control for the old fire hall.
- Discussed Human Resources.

Notice of Motion

- No Notice of Motion

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-066 Porter/Penney

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

All in Favor

Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor

