

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, January 10, 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 Arthur Hamlyn Sandra Wells David Butt
Town Clerk/Manager	Carol Skeard

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-001 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the January 10, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- The Council received Financial Statements from September 2022 to October 31, 2023, from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.
- James Gillam, Mount Moriah Recreation Committee attend the council meeting to discuss the Bingo and Card license for the committee. Mayor Duffney and Deputy Mayor LeRoy explained to Mr. Gillam that the Town has to make sure the Recreation Committee is in good standing and how the Town is benefiting in order for the Town to validate the Recreations Committee's certification. Therefore, the council will need a report of what the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee will be doing in 2024 for the Town of Mount Moriah.
- There was some discussion regarding conflict where some councilors are on the Mount Moriah Events Committee and are making decisions regarding the Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- The Fire Department 45th Annual Ball will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024.
- Mayor Duffney will be attending.
- The council will cover the cost of the music.
- The council needs a copy of the attendance sheet for 2023.
- Contact Todd Flynn regarding the Mutual Aid Agreement.

- Is the Town going to do anything for the 45 Anniversary of the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department?

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Mount Moriah Day Park

- The parking lot in Day Park has been cleared out.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- Selling tickets on a hunting package for Father's Day.

Errors of Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out that The Fire Department's Ball will be going ahead on Saturday, January 20, 2023. This should have read The Fire Department's Ball will be going ahead on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-002 Hamlyn/Butt

Be it be resolved that the minutes of December 13, 2023, be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The Mount Moriah Community Events have applied for 4 students under the Student Summer Program.

Dulah Gill, Eco-Contracting Ltd., was down today to look at the pump on Serpentine Road. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, is waiting back to hear from Steve Osmond, ADC, regarding what needs to be done with the pump.

An email was sent to Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding water by Mr. Webber's on Main Street, a new grate needed by the Maintenance Building (Old Fire Hall), and a request for information on a street light at Cook's Brook bridge.

Public Concerns

A letter from Jay Hussey requesting a copy of the letters between the engineer and the Town of Mount Moriah for the private roads that were taken over (Birchy Drive, Cochrane's Lane, Butt's Lane, and Bennett's Lane). Mr. Hussey would also like a copy of the takeover letter between the road owners and the Town of Mount Moriah. Mr. Hussey attended the council meeting. Mayor Duffney pointed out that Mr. Hussey could have a copy of the letter between the engineer and the Town of Mount Moriah for the private roads. However, regarding the Deeds of Transfer, the council will have to check with Stewart McKelvey to see if these transfers are public knowledge, as the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs wasn't sure if these Deeds are public knowledge.

A letter from Leonard Paul Roberts regarding the water meters:

1. Mr. Roberts would like to see the paperwork to justify why the council gave out free water meters and who received them.
2. Mr. Roberts would like to see and have a copy of the cost of services and fees paid out, concerning water meters, since 2014.
3. Mr. Roberts would like to know the names of the people who put in the complaints about the water overages being posted.
4. Mr. Roberts would like to know why the council is not collecting the money for the water overages from residents who are connected to the service main.
5. What plan or plans does the council have to help curve the overages?

Mr. Roberts attended the council meeting. There was a lengthy discussion regarding water and water meters.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, brought it to the attention of the council that when residents sold their property, they were told by the Town that a water meter had to be installed on the house before the sale was finalized. There the seller of the property is entitled to a refund for the water meter. However, the council does not want to give refunds just credits on taxes. How is the council going to handle these situations as these people are no longer property owners in the Town of Mount Moriah?

Motion 2024-003 LeRoy/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council rescind Motion 2023-113 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Town of Mount Moriah abolish water meters and anyone that has purchased a water meter from the Town will be given a credit on 2024 taxes.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Wells
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Councilor Porter
Councilor Penney
Councilor Butt

Motion Carried

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, pointed out that when rescinding a motion, she is unsure if you need a two-thirds vote of the council or a majority vote of the council, this will be checked into.

Motion 2024-004 Wells/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that no credits be given for water meters, until after a decision has been made on what is going to happen with the water meters.

In Favor: Councilor Wells
Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Porter
Councilor Butt
Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Councilor Penney

Motion Carried

Finance (Bills payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-005 Porter/Penney

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- The 2024 Budget has been sent to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for approval.
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Maintenance Committee

Price Quotes for Heavy Equipment were received from the following:

A-1 Transportation
D & D Excavating and Trucking Ltd.
Sharon Wheeler
G & F Murley Excavations Ltd.
Ambstemel Trucking Ltd.

Motion 2024-006 Butt/Penney

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Letter from Donald DiCesare, P. Eng., Senior Project Engineer, Allnorth regarding Hussey's Lane -Transfer to Town. In Mr. DiCesare's opinion, the street is up to the standards as outlined in the "Transfer of Land to the Authority Regulations" and appears capable of withstanding normal climatic conditions. While his visits were during periods of moderate rainfall, the effect of climate change, with more frequent and intense storms, is somewhat difficult to predict. The Council may wish to explore the possibility of approval of the Transfer on the condition that the developer accepts liability in the event of damages as a result of a severe storm situation. Mr. Hussey does not want to have this stipulation put in the Transfer of Land, since the stipulation was not put in the Transfer of Land from the other private roads.

Motion 2024-007 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council take over Hussey's Lane as the lane is currently up to standard.

In Favor: Councilor Porter
Councilor Penney
Councilor Butt
Councilor Hamlyn

Opposed: Councilor Wells

Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Mayor Wells

Motion Carried

There was some discussion regarding ATV Regulations. The council will table the ATV Regulations for the next council meeting.

Letter from Supt Ryan Wentzell, Corner Region, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary regarding Civic Address Information. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, has forwarded this information to the RNC.

Letter from Denis Mahoney, KC, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice and Public Safety, regarding Western Policing Transition.

Letter from Glen G. Seaborn, Poole Althouse, regarding Purchase of Property at Route 450 (116 Main Street), Mount Moriah.

Email from Glen McCarthy, Modern Business Equipment Limited regarding a Copier Upgrade Offer. The Mount Moriah Town Council can upgrade their current copier with a new lease payment of \$269.00 plus HST., this is just a \$10.00 increase in your overall cost for your lease and copies. A 50-inch TV will also be included with the lease of the copier.

Motion 2024-008 Wells/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council lease a new copier for \$269.00 plus HST from Modern Business Equipment Ltd.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Email from Patrick B. Dunne, Municipal Finance Office, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs informing the council that he is leaving the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for a position with the Department of Finance with their Treasury Management Team.

Letter from Kim Kieley, P. Eng., FEC, Director -Municipal Infrastructure, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding INFC's Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Planning and Design Projects Stream.

Letter from Amanda Freak, Western Director, Municipal Assessment Agency, regarding an Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.

Email from Josh Willcott, Engineering Technologist, Newfoundland Power regarding approval to install a pole and two anchors to service 41 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah. This has already been approved by the Maintenance Men.

Email from Rashmi Hazarika, Lands Officer I, Crown Lands Division, Western Regional Lands Office, Corner Brook, NL attached was a referral for Brian MacDonald (W-162072) to apply for property next to his existing property at 181 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah to build a garage and gardening.

Motion 2024-009 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Brian MacDonald's application to apply for crown land next to his existing property at 181 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Email from Catherine Connolly, Coordinator, Community Relations & Engagement, SeniorsNL inquiring if the council would like to be added to their email distribution list and/or any of their resources. The council will be added to their email list.

Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.

Info Note January 2, 2024. The council will check into the Text Notification System for Municipalities.

Development and Building Applications

- No Development or Building Applications.

New Business

- Email from Daniel Hynes, P. Eng., Assistant Operations Leader, Allnorth regarding the status of the 17-GI-21-00079 Approval of Scope Change Water & Sewer City Boundary to Serpentine Road has the council decided to retender? According to Kim Keiley, P. Eng., FEC, Director, Municipal Infrastructure, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, the only option is to retender. Also, according to Chris Power, P. Eng., Regional Engineer - Municipal Infrastructure, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, they require the project to be retendered in the Spring of 2024 given the variation in quantities.

Moton 2024-010 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will retender Project 17-61-21-00079 due to the Scope Change for the Water/Sewer City Boundary to Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about Tanya Campbell's employment with the Town of Mount Moriah. Mayor Duffney pointed out that Ms. Campbell will continue with 35 hours bi-weekly.

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about the dumpster, and whether or not we still need the dumpster. The dumpster is still being used, but the council will contact Murphy Brothers in regards to when the Town would like to have the dumpster emptied.

Check Cook's Brook Day Park for garbage.

Councilor Porter brought it to the attention of the council that there was a car parked across from 59 Serpentine Road, that has since been removed, but the road needs to be widened out.

The council will have to look into certain times during the winter months when there will be no parking on byroads at certain times.

Notice of Motion

- No Notice of Motion

Next Council Meeting

- The council is supposed to start having two council meetings a month starting January 2024, the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The next council meeting is supposed to be next week Wednesday, January 17, 2023 are the council going ahead with this meeting? The council decided that the next council meeting would be Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-011 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that there being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor