

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Present at the meeting:**

Mayor	Lisa Duffney
Deputy Mayor	Shelley LeRoy

Councilors	Brad Penney
	Sandra Wells
	Arthur Hamlyn
	David Butt
	Brad Porter

Town Clerk/Manager	Carol Skeard
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**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 2024-012 Hamlyn/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the January 24, 2023 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Delegations**

**Mount Moriah Recreation Committee**

- Email from Jodi Allen, Chairperson, Mount Moriah Recreation Committee in addition to the regular functions they have throughout the year, they will be concentrating on replacing the fence in the playground as well as doing up the grounds in the playground.

**Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department**

- Robyn Eddison and Robert Eddison attended the council meeting to discuss the Mutual Aid between the City of Corner Brook and the Town of Mount Moriah. The following met with Todd Flynn, City of Corner Brook, regarding a mutual aid agreement between the City of Corner Brook and the Town of Mount Moriah:

Mayor Lisa Duffney; Councilor Arthur Hamlyn; Councilor David Butt; Firefighter Robyn Eddison.

According to set up a mutual aid agreement with the City of Corner Brook, it is going to increase significantly, due to the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department being a defensive fire department. Mrs. Eddison explained that a defensive fire department cannot enter a burning building, but can only fight fires from outside of the building. There are only 19% of offensive fire departments in Newfoundland and Labrador. Mr. Flynn will get back to the Town in regards to the City of Corner Brook setting up a mutual aid agreement with the City of Corner Brook Fire Department. In the meantime, the City of Corner Brook will provide mutual aid to the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department until a mutual aid agreement is put in place.

The council will contact the Town of Humber Arm South regarding setting up a meeting with their council and fire department to discuss a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Humber Arm South Fire Department.

The council will have to advise the public that the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department is a defensive fire department.

Motion 2024-013 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will send a letter to all residents that the Town of Mount Moriah's current Volunteer Fire Department services are defensive only. Explanation of Defensive: In essence, defensive exterior fire suppression means that the firefighters do not enter the structure to attempt to put the fire out or rescue anyone trapped inside. At this level, they would not have the training, personnel, or equipment to safely enter the structure. They would only be able to spray water into the structure or try to save adjacent structures or property. Although defensive training has been existing for the last 45 years, as 81% of Newfoundland Fire Departments, the Town is presently negotiating Mutual Aid with other Fire Departments. It is our responsibility to inform the public, should you have any concerns please contact the Town Office or the Volunteer Fire Department.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Firefighter, Robyn Eddison informed the council that the York/Lark Harbour Fire Department will be selling survive air cylinders in the near future, she will check to see the cost of what they are selling the cylinders for.

Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy pointed out that she does not feel comfortable backing Councilor Hamlyn up as Liaison for the council for the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department, as her daughter is a member of the Fire Department, and at some times she will be in conflict.

Motion 2024-014 Butt/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will remove Deputy Mayor, Shelley LeRoy as back liaison for the Council with the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department. Councilor Brad Porter will be the backup liaison to Councilor Arthur Hamlyn for the Council with the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring if the Fire Department could advertise the snowmobile run on the Town's advisory board. It was pointed out that if the Fire Department advertises on the advisory board other organizations will have to be able to advertise on the advisory board.

Fire Department is now being trained to install smoke alarms in resident's homes.

**Mount Moriah Community Events.**

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

**Errors or Omissions of Minutes**

Deputy Mayor LeRoy Page 1 under Mount Moriah Recreation Committee Bullet 3, There was some discussion regarding conflict where some councilors are on the Mount Moriah Events Committee and are making decisions regarding the Recreation Committee. This should have read: There was some discussion regarding possible conflict where some councilors are on the Mount Moriah Events Committee and are making decisions regarding the Recreation Committee. It was clarified that there was no conflict as no voting was taking place.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Motion 2024-015 Hamlyn/Butt

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the January 10, 2024 council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she was in contact with Holly Scott-Walsh, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, and Justin Hewitt, lawyer for Stewart McKelvey regarding the requirements to rescind a motion. According to Holly Scott-Walsh and Justin Hewitt to rescind a motion the requirements are a majority vote of the council. Therefore, Motion 2024-003, Motion Carried.

The Town Clerk/Manager has to type up the 2024 Price Quotes for Heavy Equipment List.

The new copier has been set up.

**Public Concerns**

E-mail from Tanya Gillis regarding their neighbor's dog out all hours of the day and night barking constantly. Mrs. Gillis was inquiring if the council was able to do something about the dog barking constantly.

Motion 2024-016 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council sent a letter to Annie Moninghoff, 1 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah informing her that the council has received an official complaint regarding her dog barking constantly, the council will include a copy of the Town of Mount Moriah's Dog Regulations.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)**

Motion 2024-017 LeRoy/Hamlyn

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee**

- The Town Clerk/Office Manager, Carol Skeard, is hoping to get the 2024 Water and Sewer Tax bills out by the end of January.

**Maintenance Committee**

- Fire Hydrants need to be shoveled at all times. If the Loader Operator is busy the Maintenance man can hire a backhoe.
- The crosswalk at the intersection of Serpentine Road and Main Street needs to be cleared out.
- Welshman's Lane needs to be widened out.
- No parking sign at the bottom of Serpentine Road is covered by trees and needs to be cleared out.

**Correspondence**

- E-mail from Steve Osmond, P. Eng., ACD Engineering – Engineering Manager regarding the lift pump on Serpentine Road. According to Eco-Contracting crew, all checked out electrically (i.e. 50 amp. Breaker which breaks down to 2-25 amp. Breakers in the controller, AWG #8 wire which is fine for the existing pumps). No issue with the contactors so if there is an issue, it is either the pumps or the controller. Eco noted that while they were there, one domestic pump was running. Mr. Osmond is unaware of the current situation but Eco has suggested that if at the time of the worse condition they were notified, they could check it out. They have received a review from WRMD on this project review and will reply early next week. We have not received a review from MI. As before, we can try to upgrade the pumps/controller now but may be cost-prohibitive and outside the approved funding. This route would also take time so they hope they can proceed with tender for the booster pumping station soon.
- Letter from Don Hearn, M.I.M.A., ICD.D, Executive Director/CEO, Municipal Assessment Agency regarding Contractual Agreements.
- Email from Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the water from 33 Main Street is a residential problem. The grate needed at the Town's maintenance building will be installed once they gain access to the catch basin. The Department does not install nor take responsibility for street lights installed within their Right-of-Way.
- Email from Rod Hynes, Municipal Access and Privacy Analyst, Executive Council, ATIPP Office regarding Reminder of ATIPP Training on Anonymity (S12).
- Letter from Melissa Young, Chair of Go Western Newfoundland, and Owner of Rugged Edge requesting annual financial support of \$100.00, this amount includes annual membership with Go Western Newfoundland.

Motion 2024-018 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay \$100.00 for the annual membership with Go Western Newfoundland.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

- Email from Alicia Legge, Community Information Officer/Executive Director, Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador regarding municipal ridings across Newfoundland and Labrador to help Epilepsy NL celebrate Purple Day on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Email from Scotts Canada regarding the 2024 Gro for Good Grant initiative, the council will check into this grant.
- Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. 2024 Regional Meeting Registration Now Open.  
Motion 2024-019 Penney/Hamlyn  
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will send Mayor Lisa Duffney to the annual regional meeting for the Western and Northern Regions in Cow Head, September 20-21, 2024.  
All in Favor Motion Carried
- Info Note January 15, 2024.

#### **Development and Building Applications**

- No Development or Building Applications.

#### **New Business**

- Each councilor was given a copy of the Town of Mount Moriah Recreational Vehicles Regulations. The council is looking at making the Town of Mount Morah ATV-friendly. The council will contact the Town of Humber Arm South to get a copy of their Recreational Vehicles Regulations to see what changes need to be made to the Town of Mount Moriah's Regulations. Also, the council will check with the Town of Humber Arm South to see where they purchased the ATV-friendly sign.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she has a copy of the transfer of Hussey's Lane to the Town of Mount Moriah. The only thing left to do is register this at the Register of Deeds in St. John's which the lawyer has already sent to the Register of Deeds.  
Motion 2024-020 Porter/Penney  
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council accepts the transfer of Hussey's Lane and will begin regular services on Hussey's Lane.  
All in Favor Motion Carried
- The council has to get the cell phone upgraded. There was some discussion regarding whether the Maintenance Man should be compensated for having the cell phone after hours. Also, there was some discussion as to whether the Loader Operator should have the cell phone instead of the Maintenance Man. The council agreed to leave the cell phone with the Maintenance Man.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she needs help with the newsletter that is going in with the Tax Invoices.

- Councilor David Butt would like to be paid mileage for the meetings that he has been attending. Councilors are entitled to mileage when they attend meetings on behalf of the council. The Councilor will have to fill out a travel form and the kilometers will be paid according to Google Maps.
- The parking lot at Cook's Brook Day Park will be kept snow-cleared, as some people have been using the park for snowshoeing.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring if the Town employees have job descriptions. The council will check into this.

**Notice of Motion**

- No Notice of Motion.

**Next Council Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

**Adjournment**

Motion 2024-021 Porter/LeRoy

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

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Town Clerk/Manager

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Mayor