

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-080 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the June 12, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- Mount Moriah Recreation Committee would like to apply through Active NL for fencing the playground area and other upgrades to the playground area. However, since the Mount Moriah Town Council owns the property, they will need a letter from the council allowing them to apply for funding through Active NL for fencing and other upgrades to the playground area.

Motion 2024-081 Hamlyn/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will give the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee a letter approving their request to apply for funding through Active NL for fencing and upgrades to the playground area.

In Favor: Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Penney
Councilor Butt
Councilor Porter
Councilor Wells

Opposed: Mayor Duffney
Deputy Mayor LeRoy

Carried

Mayor Duffney pointed out that she opposed the request for the letter, as the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee has funding available. Deputy Mayor LeRoy also pointed out that is why she opposed the motion.

- Mount Moriah Recreation Committee would like to have the washroom in the basement and the basement of the Town Hall cleaned up for Canada Day.

- The Mount Recreation Committee was inquiring if they used the Town Hall for Arts and Crafts for the children would they have to pay rent for the town hall.

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Duffney, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, and Councilor Penney declared a conflict of interest, due to being on the Mount Moriah Community Events Committee.

Councilor David Butt arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Councilor Brad Porter chaired the council meeting.

The councilors discussed the Recreation Committee's request.

Motion 2024-082 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that if the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee has the arts and crafts on the days that they already use the town hall for bingo and cards (Monday & Tuesday) there will be no extra charge. However, if the Recreation Committee uses the town hall another day for arts and crafts they would have to pay rent for the town hall.

In Favor: Councilor Porter
Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Wells

Opposed: Councilor Butt

Carried

Mayor Duffney, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, and Councilor Penney returned to the council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Duffney continued to chair the council meeting.

- The Mount Moriah Recreation Committee was inquiring if they could go into the town hall on June 30, 2024, to prepare for Canada Day, July 1. The Recreation Committee can go into the town hall on June 30, 2024, as long as the town hall is not booked out.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Councilor Hamlyn pointed out that the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department would like to help with Canada Day, however, no one from the Recreation Committee has contacted the Fire Department. Mayor Duffney pointed out that Trish was supposed to contact the Fire Department about the Canada Day parade.
- Funding for the firefighting equipment has not been announced yet.
- Information regarding the naloxone kits has been forwarded to the Mount Morah Volunteer Fire Department.
- Councilor Hamlyn will check on the installation of the fire detectors.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out a spelling error on page 3, paragraph 4, Upper should be lowercase not capitalized.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-083 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the May 8, 2024 council meeting, be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The app for the water meter needs to be put on the Town's cell phone.

Councilor Porter pointed out that the cost of cameras for Cook's Brook Day Park is \$299.99 plus HST. There was some discussion regarding cameras. Deputy Mayor LeRoy will check to see where she bought their cameras.

The council will contact Mr. Batt regarding the electrical in the fire hall.

Councilor Hamlyn pointed out that the camera on the front of the fire hall is out.

The gyroscop needs to be replaced in the electrical room at the fire hall.

The council will have to check to see if more than one organization from a community can apply for funding under Active NL. At the last council meeting, the council agreed to apply for a piece of playground equipment for Cook's Brook Day Park. Therefore, if there is only one organization from a community that can apply through Active NL, then the council will not be able to give the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee the letter of approval to apply for fencing and equipment for the playground area as the council is going to apply for playground equipment for Cook's Brook Day Park.

Councilor Hamlyn informed the council that the planer had been removed from Serpentine Road. However, there is a mess of debris that needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Duffney pointed out that there is a mess of debris on Soper's Drive where Mr. Bellows hauled fill from Hussey's Lane over Soper's Drive. The council will send Mr. Bellows a letter informing him that the debris on Soper's Drive has to be cleaned up.

Mr. Jens Jenson can amend the Mount Moriah Development Regulations regarding no roosters allowed in the Town of Mount Moriah. The cost will be \$1,000.00 plus HST.

Spring Clean-Up is completed.

The curb stop at 7 Sweetapple Drive has been repaired.

The streetlight has been installed in the town hall parking lot.

The ATV Friendly signs will have to be put up, one by the advisory board and one near Cook's Brook.

Sand/salt for the 2024-2025 winter season has been ordered.

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that instead of taking two weeks' holidays from June 17-28, 2024. She will be taking June 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 off. For the remainder of the summer, she will be taking some of her holidays by taking Mondays off.

An email was sent to Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding ditching on Morrison's stretch and the culvert at 55 Main Street.

Public concerns

Email from Tina Saunders, 111 Main Street, Mount Moriah that the issue regarding the rooster has not been resolved. The rooster is still crowing through the early hours of the morning. This has to be dealt with ASAP. The council will have to send another letter to Jinene O'Dell informing her that the council has received another official complaint regarding the rooster crowing. The council will also, send a letter to Tina Saunders informing her that the council is after doing everything possible and that she should contact the RNC.

Mayor Duffney pointed out that the council sent Ms. O'Dell a letter regarding the rooster because the council received an official complaint and council must act on official complaints.

Letter from Lorne Flynn, informing the council that he is in the process of purchasing land from Cory Basha, land located at 7-9 Stella Street, Mount Moriah. Mr. Flynn attended the council meeting. Mr. Flynn was inquiring if the council foresees any issue with him obtaining a building permit to build a new home in this location. Mr. Flynn is aware that he must install an engineered septic system and provide his own water. Mayor Duffney pointed out that Stella Street is a public right-of-way that was left out. This property is located on the left-hand side of Stella Street across from 12 and 14 Stella Street. The council does not see any problem with issuing a building permit for 7-9 Stella Street as long as approval is received from Service NL for the septic system and water. However, Mr. Flynn must now proceed with the building application.

Letter from Joanne Hackett, Davis Drive regarding speed bump on Davis Drive. At the last council meeting council agreed to put two-speed bumps on MacDonald and two speed bumps on Davis Drive.

Mayor Duffney pointed out that if the council is going to install extra speed bumps, the council must include the cost in the budget.

Email from Kendra Allen, Davis Drive regarding potholes on Davis Drive. Since this email was received Davis Drive has been graded.

Councilor Hamlyn left the council meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Email from Arthur Hamlyn requesting the council's permission to dump clean fill from the hill on their property to an approved location. Mr. Hamlyn was inquiring if the council would consider him depositing the material on the town property near the area across from 173 Serpentine Road, behind the alders to increase usable space. This is the place where material has been dumped when ditching has been done on the main street. Mr. Hamlyn would use equipment to ensure the area was leveled afterward.

Motion 2024-084 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council permit Mr. Arthur Hamlyn to dump fill from his property at 129 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah on town property across from 173 Serpentine Road, behind the alders to increase usable space. Mr. Hamlyn will ensure that the fill is leveled off.

All in Favor

Carried

Email from Arthur Hamlyn informing the council that Roseanna returned from a walk-along the T'railway from 129 Serpentine Road to 225 Serpentine Road. She found that, if anything, it's attracted more garbage than was ever there last year including moose carcasses. Wondering if we could send a letter to T'railway asking them to clean some of the garbage along the T'railway.

Motion 2024-085 Butt/Wells

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council send a letter to T'railway asking them to clean up the garbage along the railway bed.

All in Favor

Carried

Council Hamlyn returned to the council meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-086 Hamlyn/LeRoy

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

All in Favor

Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- 2023 Audit has not been completed due to Computers and Communications not fixing the glitch in the Town Manager system.
- The Finance Committee will have a finance meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Maintenance Committee

- What is the council going to do over on Soper's Drive? Are they going to get price quotes or use the Equipment Rental List? The council decided that they would use the Equipment Rental list and start at the lowest price. The council agreed that the maintenance men would hire the equipment starting with the lowest price quote and do the repairs that are required.
- Can the garbage and recycling be changed back to Thursday and Friday? There was some discussion regarding this. However, the council will decide at the next council meeting.
- Craig Randell has upgraded the existing pump on Serpentine Road, it cost \$6,742.45.
- The council will also get Murley's Drive ditched when they have the equipment hired. The council will ditch down to 5-9 Murley's Drive and if there is no culvert installed in the driveway then the council will leave that area of the ditch filled in until the property owner installs a culvert.

Correspondence

- Letter from Chris Power, P. Eng., Regional Engineer, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Approval to Call Public Tender, 17-GI-22-00008- Water and Sewer Replacement Along Serpentine Road.
- Letter from Chris Power, P. Eng., Regional Engineer, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Approval to call Public Tender, 17-GI-22-00008-Water and Sewer Replacement Along Serpentine Road Phase II. The Town Clerk Manager explained to the council that the tender for both projects was supposed to have closed on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. However, the City of Corner Brook will not permit the installation of a fire pump (750 GPM) because of negative pressure in the water distribution system. Therefore, the engineering company is checking to see if the City of Corner Brook will allow a fire pump (500 GPM). The tender now has been amended to close on June 25, 2024.
- Letter from Karen Greene, Client Service Officer, Immigration, Population Growth and Skills informing the council that their Job Creation Partnerships application 343349 has been approved for funding. The JCP Approval is for Twelve (12) weeks. Four (4) participants One (1) Foreman at \$668.00 and three (3) Laborers at \$624.00. Total overhead cost approval is \$12,192.00 for materials and equipment rentals.
- Email from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture, Crown Lands Division, Western Regional Lands Office informing the council that to report unauthorized occupation or possession of Crown Lands, visit the Resource Enforcement Division's website and Click "Report Suspected Illegal Activity" (stoppoaching.ca/make-a-complaint/)
- Email from Paul Wylezol, Chairperson, Cabox Aspiring Geopark regarding approval of their proposed Cooks Brook Trail through crown lands. Also, for the council to reconfirm its support for the Cabox UNESCO Global Geopark project and permit them to install two storyboard panels (one on James Cook and the other on Cooks Brook Geological Formation) at the Cooks Brook Day Park.
Motion 2024 -087 Penney/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Cabox Aspiring Geopark to apply for crown land along Cooks Brook for a Cooks Brook Trail.
All in Favor Carried
- Motion 2024-088 Penney/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council confirms that it supports the Cabox UNESCO Global Geopark Project.
All in Favor Carried
- Motion 2024-089 Butt/LeRoy
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council grant Cabox Aspiring Geopark permission to install two storyboard panels (One on James Cooks and the other on the Cooks Brook Geological Formation) at the Cook's Brook Day Park.
All in Favor Carried
- Letter from Stepanie Budgell, Agreement Manager, Immigration, Population Growth and Skills regarding the Summer Employment Program for Students Approval: Agreement 339241. The total approved amount for your organization is \$5,000.00. The program was applied for under the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

- Email from Jessica Hackett, enclosed was the information regarding the St. John Ambulance Nasal Naloxone Program. This information was forwarded to the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department.
- Letter from Don Hearn, M.I.M.A., ICD.D, Executive Director/CEO Municipal Assessment Agency regarding Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2025.
- Email from Kim Delaney, Provincial Radio Communications Office, Emergency Services Division, regarding Province Wide Radio System-P25 Radios for Provincial Fire Department. The completed form has been returned to the Provincial Radio Communications Office.
- Email from Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. regarding the 2024 Clar Simmons Scholarship.
- Letter from Megan Pederson (she/her) Water Resources Technician II, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Water Resources Management Division, Water Rights, Investigations & Modeling Section regarding Permitting requirements associated with work in and near water bodies.
- An email from Robert Finch, Dominion Chairman, The Monarchist League of Canada regarding the official Canadian picture of King Charles has not yet been released. In response to widespread demand, the Monarchist League of Canada has produced its picture of King Charles. The picture is 14 x 17 inches, colored, on glossy stock paper. 1 picture is \$25.00, 3 pictures is \$65.00 and 5 pictures is \$100.00.
Motion 2024-090 Penney/LeRoy
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will order three pictures of King Charles for \$65.00.
All In Favor Carried
- Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
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Development and Building Applications

- Development application from Dennis Rose, 7 Davis Drive, Mount Moriah to upgrade personal driveway by backfilling and levelling.
Motion 2024-091 Penney/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Dennis Rose's, Development Application to upgrade his driveways by backfilling and leveling at 7 Davis Drive, Mount Moriah.
All in Favor Carried
- Development Application from Paul/Michelle Blackwood, 22 MacDonald Drive, Mount Moriah to add a 12-foot culvert to the ditch in front of their home.
Motion 2024-092 Penney/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Paul/Michelle Blackwood's, Development Application to put a 12-foot culvert in the ditch in front of their home at 22 MacDonald Drive, Mount Moriah, upon approval from Maintenance Men, Paul Murley and Kyle Specker.
All in Favor Carried

- Building application from Robert Cochrane, 10 Cochrane's Lane, Mount Moriah to build a shed 10 feet x 12 feet. Maintenance men, Paul Murley and Kyle Specker have already approved this building application.

Motion 2024-093 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Robert Cochrane's building application to build a shed 10 feet x 12 feet at 10 Cochrane's Lane, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

Councilor Brad Porter left the council meeting at 8:59 p.m.

- Building application from Brad Porter, 77 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah, to build a new wood shed 8 feet x 32 feet at 77 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah. Maintenance men Paul Murley and Kyle Specker have already inspected this property.

Motion 2024-094 Butt/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Brad Porter's building application to build a new wood shed 8 feet x 32 feet at 77 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

New Business

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she found a position description for the Town Clerk/Office Manager and Temporary/Full Time Maintenance Manager that Councilor Hamlyn had requested. A copy will be sent to Councilor Hamlyn for review.

Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring about the current status regarding the acquisition of land behind the Fire Hall for the eventual construction of a new town hall/rec center. The Town Clerk/Manager sent an email to Mr. Gord Doman, but did not receive a reply. Councilor Penney will check with Mr. Doman regarding the acquisition of this property.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, was inquiring if the council can give Mr. Brian Bellows a letter stating he can build on the property at 1 Hussey's Lane and 3 Hussey's Lane, Mount Moriah. The council agreed that no letter can be given out until the building applications have been submitted and approved.

Find out the size of the crown land that the council occupies on Serpentine Road.

Councilor Penney suggested that the council should see how much crown land is on Serpentine Road.

Councilor Porter suggested filling in the potholes at the bottom of Serpentine Road.

Get a bracket for the TV that needs to be put up in the Town Hall.

Mayor Duffney cannot make it to Corner Brook High's 2024 graduation on Thursday, June 20, 2024, and she was wondering if any other councilor would like to go.

Notice of Motion

- No notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-095 Porter/Butt

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

All in Favor

Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

