

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Lisa Duffney
Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy

Councilors Sandra Wells
Brad Porter
Brad Penney
Arthur Hamlyn
David Butt

Town Clerk/Manager Carol Skeard

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2022-118 LeRoy/Butt

Be it be resolved that the agenda for September 28, 2022 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- Councilor Butt informed the council that the Recreation Committee had a meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2022. They had their election of officers; there was 14 people to their card game last week; and they were wondering if there were any hamburgers and hot dogs left from Mount Moriah Day, so they can use them for the children's party.
- Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she had an email from Jodi Allen, Mount Moriah Recreation Committee informing the council that after their last meeting the recreation committee had a discussion around the situation of the key. After their discussion a vote was held and they were all in agreement and in favor that it was not necessary for the council to have a key to their storage room. It was also brought up that after Mount Moriah Day, tables were brought back to the hall dirty (perhaps face paint) and one is broken. Mayor Duffney pointed out that the tables have been cleaned and they could not see where the table was broken.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Councilor Hamlyn pointed out that he attended the Fire Departments meeting. The Fire Department had concerns about getting water from Cook's Brook. In the Spring 2023 the council will look at removing the rocks and putting post down with a pad lock and chain across it. The rocks will be removed for now.
- The council will have to get a culvert put in on Tower Road so the fire truck can turn to go in Serpentine Road when coming from the fire hall.

- Councilor Hamlyn will get permission from the fire department to use the two flags that they currently have inside, to use outside on a flag pole.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Mayor Duffney asked if there were any errors or omissions of the minutes.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2022-119 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that the minutes of August 17, 2022 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Did not hear from Cory Sparklin, Fire and Emergency Services, as to whether the Fire Department must have someone cover for them when they take the fire truck out of the town to fuel up.

Received notification from Glen Seaborn, Poole Althouse that Birchy Drive has been signed over to the council and is sent into St. John's to the register of deeds.

The lawyer is in the process of the getting the bill of sales drawn up where the council is purchasing the piece of property from William Crocker on Serpentine Road for the pump house.

Mayor Duffney is registered for the 2022 MNL Conference.

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that Casual Call-In Town Clerk, Tanya Campbell is back to work. Therefore, she did not advertise for a new Casual Call-In Town Clerk.

Lines are painted on the road at the beginning of Davis Drive.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2022-120 Penney/Porter

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Maintenance Committee

- Councilor Hamlyn suggested that that the council purchase a removable truck mount crane for the town pick up. Councilor Penney will look into the cost of a removable crane for the pickup.
- The Town's main sewer line was plugged down behind Johnny Francis, 2 Murley's Drive. Tree roots were grown out in the sewer line. Each councilor was given a picture of the roots plugging the sewer line.
- The water/sewer must be located for Kirk Fowler, on Soper's Drive extension.
- Verna Barnes was inquiring if the council was going to ditch Serpentine Road.
- Culvert needs to be installed in the front of 12 MacDonald Drive where the pavement is breaking off.
- Road needs to be widened at the intersection of Serpentine Road and Tower Road.
- Shed on playground must be taken down.
- Filter in pump house on Davis Drive was plugged. Mr. George Murley helped Kyle with this problem and is taking care of getting the pump repaired for the council.
- Mrs. McLeod, 6 Serpentine Road, called the council office informing the Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, that the rain running down from Serpentine Road has washed her driveway out and would like for the council to repair her driveway. Since the water ran off Serpentine Road, council will fill in the ruts in Mrs. McLeod's driveway.
- The council will get a couple loads of Class A to put down behind the Town Hall.

Correspondence

- Letter from Jim and Donna Gillam regarding the application they submitted in June 2020 to have their mobile home designated as a shed. They are requesting that the council remove the building from the water and sewer tax and include it as a shed for the property at 2 Serpentine Road, as this shed is not on a separate piece of land. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the exemption of this piece of property from Water and Sewer Tax.
Motion 2022-121 Wells/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council exempt 51 Main Street, Mount Moriah from the Water/Sewer Tax from June 2020 going forward, since the trailer has been converted into a shed and is to be included with the property at 2 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.
All in Favor Moton Carried
- Email from Colin George inquiring if there is any more info regarding the culverts for MacDonald Drive. There is no new information on the installation of culverts on MacDonald Drive, as this requires additional funding.
- Email from Mike & Tammy Allen, 44 Soper's Drive, requesting to have a street light installed at the end of Soper's Drive. Since there is a new home being constructed in this area, the council will wait to see where a street light needs to be installed.
- Email from Shawn Edmonds inquiring about maintenance to Serpentine Road. When/if the town is going to upgrade the road? The road is in desperate need of repairs. There was some discussion regarding the gravel section of Serpentine Road. The council will check to see how much gas tax funding is left.

- Email from Glen Gower concerning he is looking at purchasing vacant land at 76 Main Street, Mount Moriah. Mr. Gower need to obtain written approval from the Town, Dept of Works and Transportation or similar that there is and/or can be driveway access to the property from Main Street. He also needs a Municipal Compliance letter from the Town of Mt. Moriah confirming that the property is approved for building lot and there are no outstanding work orders or restrictions against the property. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she sent an email to Mr. Gower informing him that the first thing he will need is to get permission from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to obtain access to the property.
- Email from Stephen D. Hickey, NorTen Contracting regarding Sanitary Sewer Inspection & Location, Soper's Drive extension.
- Email from Aubrey Rose, Engineering Technologist, Newfoundland Power regarding Street Lights for Cooks Brook. There was some question if there would be a power outlet at the Cook's Brook, Day Park. Mayor Duffney will check into this further. This email will be re-tabled for the next council meeting.
- Letter from Hon. Krista Lynn Howell, MHA, District of St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadow, Minister, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding Municipal Conduct Act, Municipal Conduct Regulations, Municipal Conduct Templates.
- Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Island District regarding Applications Being Accepted for the Capacity Grant Program.
- Email from Austin Jayne, Lands Officer I, Crown Lands Division, Western Regional Lands Office regarding a crown lands application from Shawn Edmonds, 203 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah, to apply for crown land adjacent to him to create a new driveway.
Motion 2022-122 LeRoy/Porter
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Shawn Edmonds, 203 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah, crown lands application to apply for crown land adjacent to him to create a new driveway.
All in Favor Motion Carried
- Email from Kim MacPherson, Manager, Municipal Training Programs, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding training seminars for Developing Your Municipal Code of Conduct; Mandatory Orientation Training- 4 Modules; and Mandatory Orientation Training - ATIPPA Module. Each councilor will have to do the mandatory training.
- Email from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Water Resources Management Division regarding Fall 2022 Operator Education Seminars.
- Email from L. Robert Fowler, Fire Commissioner/Director of Fire Services Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Justice and Public Safety, Fire Services Division regarding Fire Prevention Week 2022.

- Email from Amanda Earle-Pennell, B.A., M.S.W., R.S.W. Wellness Facilitator, Community Health, Western Health regarding Community Grants Program.
- The council received a copy of the letter that Eddie Joyce, M.H.A., District of Humber – Bay of Islands sent to Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding Wind Power and Hydrogen Generation Project, Western NL (Project Nujio’qonik GH2). The council will contact Mr. Joyce to see if there is someone that can give the council a presentation regarding this project.
- Email Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
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- Info Note August 29, 2022. This Info Note will be forward to Deputy Mayor LeRoy as she is interested in the Essential Knowledge for Councilors.
- Info Note September 7, 2022.
- Info Note September 12, 2022.
- Info Note September 20, 2022, Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about Telus Business for Municipalities. The council cell phone is currently with Bell Mobility.

Development and Building Applications

Building application for a utility shed 16 feet x 22 feet from Anthony Basha, 63 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.

Motion 2022-123 Porter/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Anthony Basha’s building application to build a utility shed 16 feet x 22 feet at 63 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

New Business

- Each councilor was given a copy of the Heritage Regulations for the Town of Mount Moriah. Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring about in the regulations, it stated that a committee would bring the information to the council, whereas the council do not have a heritage committee and the information would be brought directly to the council. The Town Clerk/Manager, will check into this further.

- Deputy Mayor LeRoy received an email from Senior Account Executive, Voyent Alert, ICEsoft Technologies regarding a demo. The council will have a demo done on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Deputy Mayor LeRoy brought to the attention of the council that she feels that there are too many keys going around for the Town's buildings. Deputy Mayor LeRoy feels that the locks should be changed and one key should be given to each organization and they will have to sign a letter that the keys will not be copied.
Motion 2022-124 LeRoy/Hamlyn
Be it be resolved that the council will have the locks changed on the town hall, rooms in the town hall, maintenance building and garage.
All in Favor Motion Carried
- Mayor Duffney brought it to the attention of the council that she feels that the council should order some Mount Moriah flags, as several residents was inquiring if the council were going to have some Mount Moriah flags for sale. Mayor Duffney pointed out that she can have Mount Moriah flags made and the council could sell them for approximately \$20.00 per flag. The more flags that the council orders the cheaper the flags will be.
Motion 2022-125 Porter/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town council purchase 50 Mount Moriah flags to sell.
All in Favor Motion Carried
- Deputy Mayor LeRoy informed the council that she has heard positive feedback from the lines that are put at the beginning of Davis Drive.
- Councilor Porter was inquiring as to what the council are going to do with the millings at the end of the pavement on Serpentine Road, as this is where the snow plow operator pushes the snow during the winter month. The council will get the millings moved to the Town's piece of property in on Serpentine Road.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring about getting the potholes on Serpentine Road filled in with cold patch.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring if the council are going to donate to the red cross for the residents of Port-Aux-Basques that had severe damage from Hurricane Fiona. The council will look at this after the finance meeting.
- Tyson Murley was inquiring as to what happened to his building application that he applied for to build a new home at 5-9 Murley's Drive. The council pointed out that additional information was required. Mr. Murley said he was never contacted about the additional information. However, the Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed Mr. Murley that she contacted him about the additional information that was required. The Town Clerk/Manager, will go back and check to see what information was required and will send an email to Tyson Murley.
- Mr. Tyson Murley pointed out that the council is going to have to get the survey pin replaced where they repaired the sewer behind Johnny Francis, 2 Murley's Drive.

- Tyson Murley, also pointed out that Murley's Drive is in terrible shape.
- Mayor Duffney pointed out that if a councilor sees a problem can they please see if they can have the problem rectified themselves, instead of phoning her, as they are also member of the council.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that the Town needs their Emergency Plan updated. Also, with the additional work, she is having trouble keeping all the work up-to-date. She would like for the council to purchase another computer, so she can get extra help when needed.

Motion 2022-126 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council purchase a laptop for the council office.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Councilor Brad Penney left the council meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Mayor Duffney informed the council that the Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, did not pay Ryan Penney for the day he was off for the Queen's funeral, as Mr. Penney was not employed by the Town for 30 days prior to this holiday. There was some discussion regarding as to whether Mr. Penney was entitled to be pay for this holiday.

Motion 2022-127 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council pay Ryan Penney for the holiday for the Queen's funeral.

In favor: Councilor Butt
Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Porter
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Councilor Wells

Motion Carried

Councilor Brad Penney returned to the council meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Notice of Motion

- No Notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Adjournment

Motion 2022-128 LeRoy/Hamlyn

There being not further business meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager