

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-042 Wells/Butt

Be it be solved that the agenda for the March 6, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- The Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department received an email that their existing breathing apparatus will expire at the end of December 2024. Therefore, it is no good to purchase the breathing apparatus from the York Harbour Fire Department.
- The Fire Department's snowmobile run will be Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- The Mount Moriah Community Events meeting will be the second Wednesday of each month.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out that on page 5, Mayor Duffney asked if the council received an email from Peter Antle, Western Health regarding a tour of the new hospital. The council did not receive either email. This paragraph was double-printed in the minutes, one paragraph will be removed.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-043 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the minutes of February 21, 2024, be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The maintenance check on the fire extinguishers has been completed.

The scrappers for the roof on the Town Hall are already installed.

The Maintenance Man has a new cell phone.

A letter was sent to Mr. Gillam regarding him blowing snow on the crosswalk near his property.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, needs help with the Town of Mount Moriah Vehicles Regulations to make the regulations ATV-friendly.

There are no main water or sewer lines on Bennett's Lane. Since this is a road owned by the Town of Mount Moriah, the council would be responsible for installing the water/sewer line. However, the council does not have the funding at present to install the water/sewer line.

Email sent to Eric Bourgeois regarding the Water/Sewer Tax.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, contacted Allnorth Engineering about applying for additional funding to include the replacement of the sewer on Main Street, Mount Moriah that was to be originally done. The cost for them to apply for the funding for the Town will be \$2,500.00.

When Mr. Batt looks at the thermostat in the Fire Hall the council will get him to look at installing an exit sign over the back door in the Town Hall.

Public Concerns

Letter from David Butt, Town Councilor of the Town of Mount Moriah requesting that the water meters be brought up again at the next council meeting. He is doing this at the request of some taxpayers of the Town of Mt. Moriah whom he was elected to serve. There was a lengthy discussion regarding water meters and the deadline for installation is December 31, 2024.

Motion 2024-044 Butt/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council abolish the water meters.

In Favor: Councilor Butt

Councilor Porter

Councilor Penney

Opposed: Councilor Hamlyn

Councilor Wells

Deputy Mayor LeRoy

Mayor Duffney

Motion Defeated

Motion 2024-045 Hamlyn/Wells

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council defer the deadline for the installation of water meters from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2026.

In Favor: Councilor Hamlyn
Councilor Wells
Councilor Porter
Councilor Penney
Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Councilor Wells

Opposed: Councilor Butt

Carried

Mayor Duffney brought it to the attention of the council that she feels that the council should put on the Town's website an explanation of the water meters.

Councilor Wells suggested that the council get the app for the water meters put on the maintenance telephone and the council start reading the water meters for informational purposes.

Letter from Millard Bennett, 5 Bennett's Lane, Mount Moriah requesting to put a bandsaw for personal use on his property.

Motion 2024-046 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approve Millard Bennett's request to put a bandsaw on his property for personal use at 5 Bennett's Lane, Mt. Moriah. Stipulation: the property around the bandsaw is maintained.

All in Favor

Carried

Letter from Tina Saunders, 111 Main Street, Moriah regarding a formal complaint regarding the roosters crowing just about every hour on February 19-20, 2024. This is causing a disturbance for them. There is no peaceful enjoyment not with roosters crowing through the night. Ms. Saunders was inquiring if there is anything that the Mt. Moriah Town Council can do regarding this matter. The council will send a letter to Jenine O'Dell and Richard Ryan informing them of The Municipalities Act, Town of Mount Moriah Nuisance Regulations 2020. Section 4. No person shall use any noise making device including that of voice which can be heard in streets, or disturb the peace and quiet of neighborhood between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The council will ask that they abide by the Town's Regulations.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-047 Hamlyn/Penney

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

All in Favor

Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, currently gathering information for the 2023 Audit.

Maintenance Committee

- No meeting of the Maintenance Committee.

Correspondence

- Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District regarding Applications Open for the Community Garden Support Program.
- Email from Catherine Connolly, Coordinator, Community Relations & Engagement, SeniorsNL regarding Applications Being Accepted for Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative. The Mount Moriah Community Event will look into applying for this funding.
- Email from Danielle Preston, Executive Administrative Assistant, Direct West regarding Friends of the Force Gala.
- Info Note February 19, 2024.
- Info Note February 26, 2024.

New Business

- Discussed Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Corner Brook and the Town of Humber Arm South.
- Mayor Duffney pointed out that according to Robyn Eddison, Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department there is someone across the bay that can do offense training with the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department. Robyn Eddison is checking into this further.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring about job descriptions.
- Councilor Hamlyn was inquiring about the land behind the fire hall.
- Councilor Butt was inquiring about the training that needs to be done by the Maintenance Men. This will have to be checked into to see what courses the maintenance men, already has done.
- Deputy Mayor LeRoy will help the Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, with the ATV Regulations.
- Mayor Duffney pointed out that if the council is going to dispose of the picture of the Queen, Mr. Sam Sheppard is interested in the picture.
- Councilor Penney would like a copy of the plans for the bandstand for Cook's Brook Day Park.

Notice of Motion

- There is no Notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-048 Butt/Wells
There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.
All in Favor

Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor