

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The 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
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Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2024-067 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the May 8, 2024 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- Financial Statement January – April 30, 2024.
- Letter from Mohammad Atik, Manager, Examinations and Investigations, Digital Government and Service NL regarding Audit Results.
- Email from Jody Allen and Recreation Committee Members regarding looking into materials and options for a fence for the playfield by the playground. Also, they are asking if the playfield could be cleaned up, and items removed (metal pieces, flower beds) before they proceed. The council will have the playground cleaned up. In regards to the fence, the council would like to know in advance where the Recreation Committee are planning on putting the fence. As the council would like to have the fence moved in toward the playfield by a few feet, so there will be more room by the garage for parking.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Check on the application for breathing apparatus.
- Check to see where to get naloxone kits for the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department needed 5 keys for the fire hall.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- No correspondence from the Mount Moriah Community Events.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy informed the council that there is a spelling error on page 2 under public concerns. Mr. Boardman had a d on the end of the name that should not have been there.

Spelling error page 6 under new business bullet 2. Also was spelled All so should have been also.

Page 4. Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out that since new accountants will be doing the Town's annual audit, remember to ensure the council is not charged for auditing the Mount Moriah Recreation Committee's books.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2024-068 Wells/Butt

Be it be resolved that the minutes from the April 17, 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 will look into cameras for Cook's Brook Day Park.

No advertisement was put out by Go Western Newfoundland for the Town of Mount Moriah.

The Maintenance Men has done the Fall Arrest Course.

Mr. Batt is waiting on Eco Contracting to get the electrical plans for the Fire Hall to see what needs to be done in there, to try and rectify the problem of high electrical bills.

The council will have to decide what piece of equipment they want to apply for under Active NL. There was some discussion regarding a piece of equipment for children with autism.

Mr. Paul Wylezol, Chairperson, Cabox Aspiring Geopark, can attend a public meeting to discuss their application for crown land for a walking trail in the Cook's Brook area. The council will check to see if Mr. Wylezol is available for the meeting on Wednesday, May 22 or 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The Water Distribution Basics course that the maintenance men need to do will not be offered in the Corner Brook area until November 2024.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she spoke to Newco Metal regarding the planer on Serpentine Road. The request to pick up the planer will be sent tomorrow to Newco Metal.

Pest Control has been down to service the old fire hall.

Public Concerns

Mr. Jason Banfield attended the council meeting to discuss the ditch on Murley's Drive. Mr. Banfield pointed out that the ditch above his property needs to be dug out as the ditch is filled in and there is no ditch beyond his property on Murley's Drive. The council will get ditching done on Murley's Drive on the left-hand side going down Murley's Drive. Discussed the top of Murley's Drive, concrete needs to be repaired. Discussed Park Lane the gravel washing down from Park Lane and filling in the gutter on Main Street.

The council will send a letter to Mr. Tyson Murley informing him that he needs to put a culvert in the front of his garage and house at 5-9 Murley's Drive.

The railway bed needs to be filled in where it washed out onto MacDonald Drive.

Email from Doug Butt regarding the status of the water issue they are having from water runoff from Upper Soper's Drive running down on their property on MacDonald Drive. Mr. Butt attended the council meeting. Councilor Brad Porter and Council Brad Penney looked at this section of Soper's Drive and the trailway bed to see how the water could be diverted from running down onto properties on MacDonald Drive. Councilor Porter and Councilor Penney will explain to maintenance men Kyle Specker and Paul Murley what needs to be done in this area so the water does not run down on the residence of MacDonald Drive.

Tina Saunders and Rodney Seymore said they had to call the RNC regarding rooster crowing because the Town by-laws clearly state that the Town Council will not be enforcing anything. Even though it is going against the noise by-law imposed by the council. Why have by-laws in place if the council is not going to enforce them, just a waste of words. But in saying that we were told by the RNC that the Town has to be the one to call on this person and bring it to civil court and she can be fined up to \$500 for continuing with this issue. If this is not done, we as residents can take the Town Council to court for failure to do their due diligence in this matter. Again, going against the noise by-laws, if these persons are getting away with it, others will follow and before you know it there will be no need to have by-laws in place for anything. According to the Town's Development Regulations, the Town of Mount Moriah does not become involved by virtue of these Development Regulations where pets are presenting dangers or nuisances to others, or are not properly housed or not given appropriate care. In those cases, regulations concerning public health, public safety, running at large, cruelty to animals, noise and other such matters better enable authorities to deal with offending behavior. The council will send the residents at 109 Main Street another letter asking them to abide by the Town of Mount Moriah Nuisance Regulations.

Motion 2024-069 Penney/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that from this date forward no roosters will be allowed in the Town of Mount Moriah, only laying hens.

All in Favor

Carried

Motion 2024-070 Penney/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will amend the Town of Mount Moriah Development Regulations for 2017-2027 to include that no roosters will be allowed in the Town of Mount Moriah only laying hens.

All in Favor

Carried

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2024-071 Butt/Hamlyn

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

All in Favor

Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- Waiting on the 2023 Audit, before the audit can be complete Computers and Communications will have to fix the glitch in the Town Manager Program.

Maintenance Committee

- The Maintenance Men, Kyle Specker, and Paul Murley will do the Confine Spaces Course on June 12-13, 2024 at CONA.
- Discussed Spring Clean-Up, curbside pick-up on June 5, 6, and 7, 2024. Council will need two dump trucks, Paul Murley will operate the Loader, and Maintenance Men Kyle Specker and Steve Belfry will do the pick-up. The council will also hire another person to help the maintenance men and a dump truck if required.
- Discussed Murley's Drive.
- Serpentine Road. The council will get Serpentine Road graded.
- Park Lane. The council will get the Loader Operator to push the gravel at the bottom of Park Lane back onto Park Lane. Also, the gutters going down towards 77 Main Street need to be cleaned out and the rocks removed from the storm sewer. Once this is done the council will contact the Department of Transportation to get a sign put up by the storm sewer.
- The curb stop needs to be replaced at 7 Sweetapple Drive, Mt. Moriah.
- The main valve on Serpentine Road near Welshman's Drive must be replaced.
- ATV Friendly signs have been ordered.
- The eave on the garage will be repaired when birds are gone out of the nest.
- The bandstand blueprints are in the council office.
- The streetlight for the parking lot for the Town Hall has been ordered.

Correspondence

- Email from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Ice Control Materials 2024-2025. The sand/salt has to be ordered by June 30, 2024.

Motion 2024-072 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council orders 300 tonnes of sand and salt mixture for the 2024-2025 Winter Season.

All in Favor

Carried

- Letter from Stephen Mercer, CPA, CA, Director of Municipal Finance, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding Increase to Municipal Operating Grants.

- Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District regarding Applications Open for Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program.
- Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District regarding Provincial Government Invites Applications for 2024-25 Accessibility Grants.
- Email from Barry Ellsworth, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the deterioration along Main Street between house number 73 -75, which is due mostly to uncontrolled water management from the local town-owned side road. During a rain event, the material is washed out onto Route 450, filling the curb and gutter and spilling onto the main street. They recommend the town reshape, crown the driving surface, and construct some ditches to collect the water from the side road. There was some discussion regarding as to what the council can do with Park Lane, as this road is not very wide.
- E-mail from Rod Hynes, Municipal Access and Privacy Analyst, Executive Council, ATIPP Office regarding Upcoming Training Opportunities.
- The council received a copy of the letter that John Hogan, KC, Minister of Justice and Public Safety, Attorney General Department of Justice and Public Safety sent to Mr. Eddie Joyce, MHA, District of Humber-Bay of Islands regarding washouts associated with the rain in Western Newfoundland and its consideration under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) program.
- Email from Holly Williston, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association, Campaign Office regarding the 34th Annual Crime Prevention Guide.
- Email from Geoff Bowlby, Director General, Census Program Statistics Canada/Govern of Canada regarding the 2024 Census Test.
- Email from Mary Ennis, Coordinator, NL Network for the Presentation of Elder Abuse, Seniors NL, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2024.
- Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, May 3, 2024.

Development and Building Applications

Councilor Porter left the council meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Development application from Tex Porter, 2 Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah to install water and sewer line to Soper's Drive.

2024-073 LeRoy/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approve Tex Porter's development application to install a water and sewer line from his property at 2 Soper's Drive down to Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

Councilor Porter returned to the council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Development application from Jonathan Wheeler, 34 Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah, to install retaining wall along driveway and front of land. Pave driveway. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, pointed out that she approved the retaining wall, however, she did not inform Mr. Wheeler that the height of the retaining wall should be in from his boundary. Therefore Mr. Wheeler built the retaining wall on his boundary. She would not permit him to pave his driveway as she was unsure whether the council would ditch this side of Soper's Drive.

Motion 2024-074 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Jonathan Wheeler's development application to install a retaining wall along the driveway and front of his property at 34 Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah. However, the council cannot permit him at this time to pave his driveway, until the water issue is solved on Soper's Drive.

All in Favor

Carried

Councilor Sandra Wells, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, and Councilor Butt left the council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

A building application from Kerry Wells, 47 Main Street, Mount Moriah to build an extension onto his existing shed, 6 feet x 12 feet.

Motion 2024-075 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Kerry Wells, building application to build an extension onto his existing shed, 6 feet x 12 feet.

All in Favor

Carried

Motion 2024-076 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will have curbside Spring Clean-Up on June 5, 6, and 7, 2024.

All in Favor

Carried

Council Sandra Wells, Deputy Mayor LeRoy, and Councilor Butt returned to the council meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A building application from Darryl Pike, 31 MacDonald Drive, Mt. Moriah to build a garage 16 feet x 20 feet.

Motion 2024-077 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Darryl Pike's building application to build a garage 16 feet x 20 feet at 31 MacDonald Drive, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Carried

New Business

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, would like holidays from June 17 – 28, 2024. The Town Office will be closed from June 17 – 28, 2024.

The ditch on Morrison's stretch needs to be cleaned out, will have to contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Contact Gord Doman regarding land next to the fire hall.

Get the culvert at 55 Main Street (Cash & Carry) checked,

Councilor Penney is working at Cook's Brook Day Park.

Get the Fire Department to wash down the Town's byroads.

Speed bumps must be put out, 2 on MacDonald Drive and 2 on Davis Drive.

Motion 2024-078 Penney/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council send a letter to Brian MacDonald giving him one month from the date of the letter to have his personal possessions removed from the Town's property on Serpentine Road.

All in Favor: Councilor Penney
Councilor Butt
Councilor Well
Councilor Hamlyn
Deputy Mayor LeRoy
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Councilor Porter

Carried

Discussed the garbage dumpster in by the Fire Hall. The council will leave the dumpster in by the Fire Hall.

The Job Creation Program has been applied for, for the Cook's Brook Day Park.

Notice of Motion

No notice of motion

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion 2024-079 LeRoy/Penney

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

All in Favor

Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor