

Mount Moriah Connection

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New Maintenance Manager

A new maintenance manager was hired in December for our town on a temporary full-time basis. The Town Council would like to welcome Jack Dunphy to this position.

Revised Meeting Schedule for Town Council

The Town Council revised its meeting schedule. Public meetings are now held on a monthly basis, 3rd Wednesday of each month. As a result of monthly meetings, the Town Council has set up committees to address issues, if they arise. Committees will meet on as needed basis. The committees include:

- * Finance Committee
- * Public Works Committee
- * Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Budget 2022

The Town Council has approved the budget for 2022. The City of Corner Brook has increased our water rate by \$25.00 per household. The Town Council had no choice but to increase water taxes by \$25.

Tax Discount

You will receive a 3% discount if your 2022 Water and Sewer & Property Taxes are paid in full by March 31, 2022. You will receive a 3% discount if your 2022 Business Taxes are paid in full by March 31, 2022.

Payment Plan for Water and Sewer & Property Tax

Residents wishing to take advantage of paying out their **2022** *Water and Sewer & Property Taxes* from February 28, 2022 to December 31, 2022 <u>must</u> come to the Council Office to sign an agreement by February 28, 2022. First payment will be due on February 28, 2022, with payments being made at the end of every month. Interest of 0.45% per month will be added to the account after June 30, 2022. *Taxes must be paid in full by December 31, 2022*. Before any resident can set up a payment plan for 2022, prior years, Water and Sewer & Property tax **must be paid in full**.

ANY EXISTING POLL TAX ARREARS MUST BE PAID IMMEDIATELY.

Taxes can be paid by Cheque, Cash, Interact Debit or E-Transfer.

NSF Cheques

There will be a \$50.00 charge for any cheques returned to Council office for insufficient funds.

Water/Sewer Disconnection

If all taxes for 2022 are *not paid in full by June 30, 2022* or an *agreement plan set up*, the council will disconnect water service and start court proceedings to collect taxes. If water is disconnected, it will not be turned back on until all taxes have been paid in full, *plus \$100.00 Water Off/On fee*.

Water Overages

As posted on our town bulletin board, we are still experiencing significant monthly water overage charges. These additional charges right now are covered by the town. We are asking residents to be good stewards and do their part in helping to reduce and conserve water usage.

Water Meters

Water meters are available for purchase at the town office. The cost per meter is \$310.64. All households will be required to have a water meter installed by December 2024. Payment options can be made available. Please contact the town office to make arrangements. For the houses that currently have a water meter installed, readings of the meters will commence within the next few months. Residents will be notified of any overages but no additional fees will be charged for water overages. For now, these readings are just for awareness purposes only. Once all households have water meters installed, monthly reading will be collected and recorded.

New Crosswalk Light

A new crosswalk light has been purchased and installed on the crosswalk at the bottom of Serpentine Road. Town Council has been informed that there has been damage to one of the crosswalk buttons.

Dog License

Dog license fee is \$5.00 per dog. This is a onetime fee. Please note that dogs are not permitted to roam at large.

Covid-19 Vaccine Passports

For any seniors and residents that require a paper copy of their updated vaccine passport to be printed (with booster shot included), you can contact the town office at 785-5232. Vaccine passports will be required for all non-essential buildings. This would include bingo and card games or any private functions in any town facilities.

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

There still hasn't been an update regarding when the Recreation Committee will start bingos, card games or any other annual function they hold in the town hall. Once a decision has been made, Town Council will advise residents on our town website and facebook page.

Garbage Collection

The Town Council continues to enforce the 4 bag weekly limit on garbage. If you have more than 4 bags of garbage per week, extra garbage tags can be purchased at the council office for \$2.00 each. If there are more than 4 bags of garbage put out and there is no tab put on each extra bag, it will be left at the curb side and it will be your responsibility to dispose of it. Garbage collection is on Friday and must be curbside at 8 AM. Recycling is collected on Thursday's and must be curbside at 8 AM.

Permit Fees

Please be advised that the cost for permit fees have changed:

* Renovations Permit \$25.00

* New Home Permit \$250.00

* Garage and Shed \$50.00

- * Development Permit \$25.00
- * Renovations to changed Shed or Garage to Residential Home \$200.00

If construction or repairs begin before a written permit is obtained from the Council office, the cost of the permit will double in price.

Volunteer Firefighters

Our fire department is in need of more volunteers. If you are up for the challenge and want to learn about fighting fires, we have a place for you as a volunteer firefighter. There are benefits of being a firefighter, each year you get to claim a tax credit on your income tax, you will receive quality training on all types of firefighting equipment, the classes of fires and develop skills and techniques to fight these fires. It is important for our town to maintain a functional volunteer fire department, especially for homeowners to keep the cost of insurance reasonable. The more volunteers, the less reliant we are on other fire departments, which can be very costly if we must call in the City of Corner Brook Fire Department for assistance. Also, if you are new to the town, it is an excellent way to get to know fellow residents and develop lasting friendships. For more information, please contact the Council Office.