

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2023-001 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the agenda for January 18, 2023 council meeting be adopted.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- The Recreation Committee has changed the Bingo from Friday nights to Monday nights.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Email from Robyn Eddison regarding the members of the fire department called the Town of Mount Moriah's emergency line on Christmas Eve as the roads were very slushy. Mr. Bennett call our member and our member asked to have the roads plowed and he told their member the roads were done three times today. This is not acceptable. We as a town need to work together and feel if we call and need something like this done, we should not have an issue. The plow was not used at all today to do the roads when there were extreme amounts of slush on the roads. Fire Chief Paul Butt, Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Poole, Firefighter Chris Wells and Firefighter Robert Eddison attended the council meeting to discuss this issue with the council. The Fire Department would like for the council to check into this matter further regarding the snow plow operator. The council will check into this issue further.

Deputy Mayor Shelley LeRoy, Councilor Sandra Wells and Councilor David Butt left the council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

The council discussed the payment of remunerations for the firefighters and junior firefighters. Remunerations is usually paid by attendance and training for the firefighters and junior firefighters.

However due to the Covid Pandemic, no attendance was kept in 2022. Therefore, for this year only the council had to decide a different method for paying the firefighters and junior firefighters.

Motion 2023-002 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that for this year only each firefighter would be paid a flat rate of \$104.00 and junior firefighters a flat rate of \$52.00. Beginning in January 2023 each firefighter and junior firefighter will be paid by attendance/training.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

The council agreed that the council would take into consideration firefighters that cannot attend the meeting because of work or sickness.

Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Poole pointed out that the Town of Humber Arm South pays each firefighter for attending meetings, attending fires and fire department events. He was inquiring if the Mount Moriah Fire Department could be paid the same way.

It was brought to the attention of the council that that for 10 years of service the Fire Department members would receive a ring. For the last couple of years, the fire department are unable to get rings. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, was inquiring as to what the council are going to do for the 10 years.

Motion 2023-003 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will give the Mount Moriah Fire Department, firefighter for 10 years' service with the volunteer fire department the monetary value of a ring.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion 2023-004 Porter/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will pay for the music for the Mount Moriah Fire Department's Ball.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor LeRoy, Councilor Wells and Councilor Butt returned to the council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Great Humber Joint Council

- Email from Terry Randell, Deputy Mayor, Town of Pasadena regarding the Great Humber Joint Council will be meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. at Pasadena Place (19 Tenth Avenue, Pasadena) for its Annual General Meeting to determine the direction of the council moving forward. Councilor David Butt agreed to represent the Mount Moriah Town Council at the Great Humber Joint Council meetings.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out on page 3, second paragraph: The Town Clerk Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she checked with the auditor, Brian Hillier, regarding the audit of the Recreation Committees books. The auditor just checks to assure that the Recreation Committee are doing their debits and credits correctly. The auditor does not charge any extra for looking at the Recreation Committees books. However, there is a tax that the Recreation Committee are supposed to pay. Check with the Recreation Committee to assure they are paying the taxes which they are supposed

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Page 3, third paragraph: Tanya Campbell done the Code of Conduct module on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Spelling error in Campbell.

Page 4, fourth paragraph:
Multi-year was spelled incorrect.

Page 5:

Deputy Mayor LeRoy questioned:

Motion 2022-170 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that in 2023 the Mount Moriah Town Council will charge a Commercial Water and Sewer Tax of \$80.00 per unit per year, plus meter reading if over the maximum allotment per day.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor LeRoy was inquiring if we were going to charge commercial properties if they went over the maximum allotment per day. The Town Clerk/Manager pointed out that this motion was in place for several years.

Page 8:

Motion 2022-89 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council in 2023 will have the key to the main entrance to the council office, the key to the council chambers and the key to fire hall but on the master key.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

This should have read:

Motion 2022-89 Penney/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council in 2023 will have the key to the main entrance to the council office, the key to the council chambers and the key to fire hall put on the master key.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Page 8:

Email from Liana Munroe, Senior Account Executive, Voyent Alert, ICEsoft Technologies, following up on the Voyent Alert Notification Service quote and demo from October 26, 2022. Ms. Munroe was inquiring if the council was going to move ahead with this service. Deputy Mayor LeRoy will contact Liana Munroe advising her that the council will make a decision on this service in the new year.

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Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2023-005 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the minutes of December 14, 2022 council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Still trying to get in contact with Parts for Truck in Halifax regarding a removable truck crane for the town truck.

Culvert has been installed on Tower Road and 12 MacDonald Drive.

Working on getting the wand for reading the water meters setup.

The council received the invoice today from Poole Althouse for the purchase of the land from William Crocker.

The council received a copy of the Veterans Service Recognition Book.

Did not hear from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding water running on Morrison's stretch.

Still not sure if Leo Quilty owns timber jack and planer on Serpentine Road. The council will sent an email to Jason Quilty to see if Leo Quilty owns the equipment on Serpentine Road.

Will have to get the locks for the Office, council chambers and fire hall added onto the master key.

Did not hear from Mount Moriah Recreation Committee regarding the federal student summer program. Did hear from the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department, however, if the Fire Department or council applies, they can only get 50% funding.

In process of getting bank account set up for the Day Park Group.

Sent an email to Thomas Blundon, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding getting a street light installed on the Cook' Brook bridge. Did not hear back from him. Will contact Aubrey Rose to see if he knows who the Town would contact at Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding getting a street light installed on Cook's Brook bridge. Mayor Duffney understood that Mr. Rose was going to contact Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding a street light for the bridge at Cook's Brook.

Public Concerns

- Email from Robyn & Robert Eddison regarding the water pressure in their home at 55 Serpentine Road, Mount Moriah. Mrs. Eddison pointed out that she is having constant issues

with the pressure in her home. At some points when the water pressure is low, they cannot shower, do laundry, or even run the dish washer. This has been ongoing since they moved into their home 4 years ago and every time, they call the town the pump does get cut in and the issue is temporarily fixed. Mr. Robert Eddison attended the council meeting to discuss the water pressure with the council. Mr. Eddison was inquiring as to what the council are going to do with the problem with the water pressure on Serpentine Road. Mayor Duffney pointed out to Mr. Eddison that the council are hoping that in the spring of 2023 when the new pumps are installed this will rectify the problem. In the mean time when the pumps cut-out, they will have to call the council office or the emergency line to have the pumps cut back in. Also, the council will check with Keith Costello, City of Corner Brook to see if they are turning the water pressure down on the weekends.

- Email from Alicia Park requesting to book the Mount Moriah Day Park for their wedding ceremony on October 5, 2024. The ceremony will be held at 1:30/2:00 and will be no longer than 1 hour. I understand that the park would not be closed to the public and I am completely fine with that. If there is a fee associated with it or a donation to be made to the Day Park, I would be happy to take care of that when Council has approved my request.

Motion 2023-006 Butt/Hamlyn

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will allow Alicia Park to have her wedding ceremony at the Day Park on October 5, 2024. The Day Park will not be closed to the public at this time and Ms. Park can make donation to the Day Park.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Motion 2023-007 Butt/Hamlyn

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she is hoping to have the 2023 Tax bills out by the end of January or early February.

Maintenance Committee

- Pin on the blade of the loader had to be replaced. The council suggested that maybe the council should have an extra pin on hand.
- The council received the price quotes for Heavy Equipment for 2023. Price quotes were received from the following:
 - A-1 Transportation Limited
 - Ambstemel Trucking Ltd.
 - Sharon Wheeler
 - D & D Excavating & Trucking Ltd.
 - Humber Arm Contracting
 - G & F Murley Excavations Ltd.

Motion 2023-008 LeRoy/Butt

Be it be resolved that when hiring heavy equipment for the Town of Mount Moriah the council will start with the lowest price quote.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Correspondence

- The council received a standard letter of agreement for the audit from Brian Hillier, Chartered Professional Account.
- Email from Aubrey Rose, Engineering Technologist, Newfoundland Power regarding proposed pole/anchor location(s) as indicated on the drawing for 46 Soper's Drive. Mr. Rose would like to know if there are any water/sewer infrastructure within 5 meters of the pegged location. The Town Clerk/Manager is unaware of where the water/sewer is located in this area. Mayor Duffney suggested that the council get in contact with George Murley, G & F Murley Excavations Ltd., as they installed the water/sewer in this area.
- Email from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada informing the council that all licensing fees for radio and spectrum licensees will increase by 6.8% effective April 1, 2023.
- Letter from Amanda Freake, Western Director, Municipal Assessment Agency regarding Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency.
- Letter from Western Regional Waste Management informing the council that their office will move to a new location.
- Letter from Darren L. Patey, CET, B. Tech, Operator Education, Training and Certification Program, Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding 2023 Water and Wastewater Workshop.
- Email from Alicia Legge, Community Information Officer, Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador regarding Purple Day 2023.
- Email from Amanda Earle, Wellness Facilitator, Community Health, Western Health regarding Participation.
- Email from Amanda Earle, Wellness Facilitator, Community Health, Western Health regarding grants of up to \$5,000.00 from Participation.
- Email from Newfoundland Hydro regarding Electrical Vehicle Charger Rebate can help your town.
- Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Info Note January 3, 2023.

- Info Note January 9, 2023.

Development and Building Applications

- No Development or Building Applications.

New Business

- News Letter will be put in with the tax bills.
- Councilor Hamlyn was concerned with the snow clearing of the gravel section of Serpentine Road, as this section of Serpentine Road is not being plowed. When the road is being plowed the road is only plowed on one side. The council will talk to the snow plow operator concerning the snow plowing of Serpentine Road.
- Councilor Wells was concerned with the snow clearing and widening of MacDonald Drive.
- Deputy Mayor LeRoy informed the council that the fire hydrants need to be cleared out.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will contact Paul Murley informing him that the council would like a sick note from his doctor.
- Mayor Duffney brought it to the attention of the council that a resident of Soper's Drive was in to the council office concerning the letter he received regarding pushing the snow across Soper's Drive into the ditch. This is the ditch that the council had problems with before. Mayor Duffney inform the council that the residents suggested that maybe the council could put a culvert back in this area for the residents to get to the railway bed. According to there is a place in this area of Soper's Drive where the residents can get to the railway bed.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will contact the Town's lawyer regarding the status of the property that the council needs to expropriate from Mr. Alfred Gosse for the Town's sewer outfall.

Notice of Motion

- No notice of motion.

Next Council Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2022.

Adjournment

**Town of Mount Moriah
Regular Council Meeting January 18, 2023**

Motion 2023-009 Hamlyn/Butt
There being no further business council meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager