

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in council chambers on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2023-069 LeRoy/Porter

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the August 16, 2023 council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- There will be Children's Bingo, on August 23, 2023.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- Fire Chief Paul Butt, informed the council that the fire truck needs an inspection done. Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard will call Frank Layden to get an appointment.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that she contacted Western Locke's regarding changing the lock in the fire hall and adding the porch door to the office, the council chamber door, and the fire hall door to the master key. They were supposed to be down on August 7, 2023, to make these changes, but did not show up. The Town Clerk Manager will contact Western Lock again.

Mount Moriah Day Park

- Mount Moriah Day will be August 26, 2023, from 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. Bingo at 4:00 p.m., Dance at 8:00 p.m.

Errors or Omissions of Minutes

Deputy Mayor LeRoy pointed out that there is a spelling error on page 6,
Hamlyn/Porter

Motion 2023-065

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Keith Miller's development application to install a culver and fill in the open ditch at 40 Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

This motion should have read:

Motion 2023-065 Hamlyn/Porter

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Keith Miller's development application to install a culvert and fill in the open ditch at 40 Soper's Drive, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2023-070 Butt/Penney

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the July 19, 2023, council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that Grant Wheeler, Humber Ford, could not give the council a book value on the 2004 Ford Pick-Up because of the vehicle's age.

Motion 2023-071 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council put a tender out for the sale of the 2004 Ford Diesel Pick Up 4WD Super Duty, the minimum tender accepted will be \$1,000.00.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, asked Councilors Brad Penney and Brad Porter if they had looked at the property belonging to Gordon and Janet Parsons, on Morrison's Lane. The councilors did not look at Mr. and Mrs. Parsons's property on Morrison's Lane.

Speed bumps are put on MacDonald Drive and Soper's Drive. Waiting on speed bump sign for Davis Drive.

Still having trouble with the pump on Serpentine Road as the part for the pump is obsolete. The council was wondering if maybe the City of Corner Brook has a part for the pump. Check with Keith Costello.

There was also some discussion regarding the two water/sewer projects that the Town has on the go. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard will check with Dan Hynes, Allnorth regarding the water line replacement on Main Street and with Steve Osmond, Aguathuna Drafting and Consulting Company Ltd. regarding the replacement of the water and sewer line and pump replacement on Serpentine Road.

Still have not heard from Thomas Blundon, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the water running onto Morrison's stretch.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, has still not picked a new cell phone for the council.

The CEEP has been applied for the kitchen of the Town Hall.

The council has received a \$750.00 Grant for the Community Garden from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture.

The Town Clerk, Carol Skeard, spoke with Jim Vokey, Pasadena, Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture regarding a permit for development for all forest management activities that fall within municipal boundaries. The department needs a Development Permit from the council before they can issue wood-cutting permits in Mount Moriah boundaries. A Development Application was sent to Mr. Vokey.

A letter was sent to Wayne Barnes and Brian MacDonald on Serpentine Road informing them that residents of Serpentine Road are currently using the Town's property for their personal possessions and have two months from the date of the letter to have their personal property removed. The Town Clerk/Manager didn't get a mailing address for William (Billy) Quilty. According to the Maintenance Men Shawn Hann and William Hann do not have anything stored on the Town's property. However, the council will send a letter to Shawn Hann and William Hann advising them that they are not to store their personal belongings on the Town property.

An email was sent to Aubrey Rose, Newfoundland Power regarding trees around the power line on Serpentine Road. Mr. Rose forwarded the email to the proper department with Newfoundland Power. However, in the future, the property owner should contact Newfoundland Power.

The parking lot at the Town Hall has been leveled off.

Public Concerns

An email from Cathy Butt inquiring if it would be at all possible to get the key on Wednesday for darts on Thursday night providing the hall is not booked on Wednesday. This would be easier as she would have help to set up on Wednesday evening whereas on Thursday there is no one around to help her. Cathy and Paul Butt attended the council meeting. The council has no problem with Cathy Butt picking up the key for the town hall on Wednesday for darts on Thursday if the town hall is not booked out on Wednesday.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

Deputy Mayor LeRoy asked if the Town was paying for the bill for Blackwood Signs. Mayor Duffney explained that the Town is paying this bill from the beautification budget.

Also, Deputy Mayor LeRoy asked if the registration for the MNL Convention was for one or two people. This is registration for one person.

Motion 2023-072 Butt/Porter

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

Maintenance Committee

- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, was inquiring if the council decided if they are going to install a street light over by Michael Allen's, 44 Soper's Drive. This was discussed at a previous meeting, as the council did not know where the street light should go in this area of Soper's Drive, as there was a new house being built further over Soper's Drive. Councilor Brad Porter will look into this matter.
- The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, was wondering if the council was going to replace the culvert in Paul Roberts's driveway, 12 Soper's Drive because when there is heavy rain the water holds up in the culvert and backs up. The council will get the Maintenance men to look at Mr. Roberts's culvert.
- Garage needs to be cleaned up. The fuel cage needs to be put outside, the key box is left open, the salt truck needs to be cleaned out, and tools cleaned up and put in the toolbox. The Town Clerk/Manager will inform the maintenance men that this matter must be taken care of.
- The garage door needs to be looked at.

Correspondence

Email from Dean A Porter, Poole Althouse Barristers & Solicitors regarding the letter he received from Gerard J. Martin, K.C.; Gerard J. Martin, K.C., Barrister, Solicitor & Notary regarding the property that the council was expropriating from Alfred Gosse for access to the Sewer Outfall. Mr. Gosse is prepared to convey title to the lands described in Schedule "A" for the sum of \$50,000.00. There would, therefore, be no need to expropriate the property. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter.

Motion 2023-073 Butt/

Be it be resolved that the council offers Mr. Alfred Gosse \$40,000.00 for the piece of property in Schedule "A" for access to the sewer outfall.

Mayor Duffney asked three times for a seconder. There was no seconder, so there is no motion.

Motion 2023-074 Wells/Porter

Be it be resolved that the council purchases the piece of property from Mr. Alfred Gosse for \$50,000.00 as per Schedule "A" for access to the sewer outfall.

In Favor: Councilor Wells
Councilor Porter
Mayor Duffney

Opposed: Councilor Penney
Councilor Butt
Deputy Mayor LeRoy

Tied Vote

Motion Defeated

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will check to make sure that another motion can be made after a motion was defeated.

Motion 2023-075 LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the council offers Mr. Alfred Gosse \$42,000.00 for the piece of property in Schedule "A" for the access to the sewer outfall.

Mayor Duffney asked three times for a seconder. There was no seconder, so there is no motion.

Motion 2023-076 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council offers Mr. Alfred Gosse \$45,000.00 for the piece of property in Schedule "A" for the access to the sewer outfall.

In Favor: Councilor Porter

Opposed: Councilor Butt

Councilor Penney

Councilor Wells

Deputy Mayor LeRoy

Mayor Duffney

Motion Carried

Letter from Viviane Rossini, Finance Manager, Programs, Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the audit of the expense incurred by the Town of Mount Moriah for Project: 17186, Municipal Asset Management. They are pleased to confirm that the expenses submitted meet the requirements described in Part 4 of Schedule C and Section 9.01 of the Grant Agreement contract.

Letter from Karen Greene, Client Service Officer, Immigration, Population Growth and Skills advising the council that their Job Creation Partnership application 323708 has been approved for funding. Please be advised that the council has 45 days from the date of this letter to finalize your agreement with Immigration, Population Growth, and Skills and have the project started. If this cannot be achieved then the approval may be revoked. There are 3 labor positions and 1 Foreman position available for this project. Currently, the council only has one application.

Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber Bay of Islands District regarding Provincial Government Launching Community Collaboration Grants. Mayor Duffney informed the council that to apply for this program you must have a minimum of three communities to collaborate. Mayor Duffney has contacted Mayor Eric Humber-Shears in regard to this program and Mayor Humber-Shears suggested that the councils apply for an enforcement officer. The council will check into this further.

Letter from Kim Kieley, P. Eng., FEC, Director – Municipal Infrastructure Transportation and Infrastructure, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Call for Applications - 2024-2025 Capital Works. The council decided not to apply for the 2024-2025 Capital Works, due to the council having two Capital Work Projects that are not completed now.

Letter from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Water Resources Management Division regarding Fall 2023 Operator Education Seminars. The Water Distribution Level 1-2 will be offered in Corner Brook on November 7-9, 2023 with the Certification Exam on November 10, 2023.

Motion 2023-077 LeRoy/Butt

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will send Maintenance Men, Kyle Specker and Paul Murley to the Water Distribution Level 1-2 course in Corner Brook from November 7-10, 2023.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Letter from Denis Mahoney, KC, Deputy Minister, and Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice and Public Safety regarding The Department of Justice and Public Safety (JPS) will be expanding the

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) jurisdiction in western Newfoundland. This decision results from a detailed consideration of requests put forward in 2022 by several communities in Western NL.

Mayor Duffney informed the council that Denis Mahoney contacted her and she attended a meeting regarding expanding the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) jurisdiction in Western Newfoundland in Pasadena on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. In attendance was Shauna Park Community Relation for RNC.

Email from Teara Freake, Vice President and Chief Operation Office Western Zone, NL Health Services informing the council that they are currently seeking feedback on a recommendation for naming the new hospital site.

Email from Western Regional Waste Management regarding Western Regional Service Board, Commercial Account Policy Change.

Letter from Katharine Dunbar Winsor, Executive Director, FASDNL (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) asking the Mount Moriah Town Council to proclaim the month of September 2023 to be FASD Awareness Month.

Motion 2023-078 Butt/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council declare the month of September 2023 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Email from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

Info Note July 24, 2023.

Info Note August 7, 2023.

Info Note August 14, 2023.

Development and Building Applications

Deputy Mayor LeRoy and Councilor Wells left the council meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Development application from Lawrence & Shelley LeRoy, 49 Main Street, Mount Moriah to Upgrade Driveway, possible replacement of weeping tile, if needed spread Class A over exiting driveway. This is just an upgrade to the existing driveway.

Motion 2023-079 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Lawrence & Shelley LeRoy's development application to upgrade their driveway and possibly replace weeping tile at 49 Main Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor LeRoy and Councilor Wells returned to the council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Building application from Eric Bourgeois, to build a new home at 115 Main Street, Mount Moriah. Mr. Bourgeois already has approval from the Department of Transportation & Works to improve the existing driveway.

Motion 2023-080 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Eric Bourgeois's building application to build a new home at 115 Main Street, Mount Moriah.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

New Business

A letter was sent to Wayne Barnes and Brian MacDonald regarding residents having their possessions on the Town's property. Waiting to hear back from Billy Quilty regarding his address in regards to the Timber Jack and Planer. Shawn Hann and William Hann currently do not have any possessions on the Town's property. However, the council will send a letter to Shawn Hann and William Hann advising them of the decision that the council will not be allowing residents or the public to put their possessions on the Town's property.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard was inquiring if the council was going to continue with installing power in Cook's Brook Day Park. The council understood that when they approved to put the street light in the Day Park, they would also, have electricity hooked up in the Day Park for having events.

Councilor Porter was inquiring about the millings that are left on the side of Serpentine Road. The council will fill in the potholes on Serpentine Road and Davis Drive with the millings. Also, see if the hole at the top of the road coming from the town hall can be filled in.

Check with Dan Hynes regarding pavement for the town hall road.

HR issues will be discussed.

Notice of Motion

No notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion 2023-081 Porter/Penney

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager