

The regular meeting of the Mount Moriah Town Council was held in the council chambers on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

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

There were two additions to the agenda. Email Judy Bolt, B.A. Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA Humber-Bay of Islands District, and letter from Darren A. Charters, P. Eng., CAO/City Manager, City of Corner Brook.

Adoption of Agenda

2025-075 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the agenda for the May 28, 2025, council meeting be adopted as amended.

All in Favor Resolution Carried

Delegations

Mount Moriah Recreation Committee

- The Recreation Committee had a fence installed in the playground area.
- The Recreation Committee will be having a bingo, Friday, June 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m., to raise funds for the showcase in the town hall.

Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department

- The Town Clerk/Manager sent an email to Fire Chief Robyn Eddison asking if the Fire Department could wash down the Town's byroads.
- Mr. Batt looked at the electrical area where there was a noise in the training room at the fire hall. The cost for repairs is \$4,000.00 for materials plus labour, or the Fire Department can shut off the button in the training room when they are there.

Mount Moriah Community Events

- No correspondence from Mount Moriah Community Events

No Errors or Omissions in the minutes.

Adoption of Minutes

2025-076 Porter/Butt

Be it be resolved that the minutes of the April 16, 2025, council meeting be adopted.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

The council will try to get a price quote for two corner showcases in the town hall. Check with Gene Clarke.

The Job Creation Program has been applied for to cut brush along Serpentine Road and near Cook's Brook bridge.

In regards to the land that Robert Butt and Robert Cochrane would like to purchase in between 34 Serpentine Road and 10 Tower Road. There is no main water line to this property on Serpentine Road and to get sewer, a septic system would have to be installed. Mr. Butt and Mr. Cochrane would be responsible to get the water to the property and the installation of the septic system. Also, the land would have to be surveyed.

Pardy's cleaned out the sewer by 104 Main Street, Mt. Moriah.

Spring Clean-Up was a success.

Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, attended the 2025 Municipal Election training in Stephenville on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Jay Hussey will be the Poll Clerk for the municipal election.

The Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Program is for activities for seniors.

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador were seeking additional funding in the Provincial Budget for Municipalities and Volunteer Fire Departments.

Public Concerns

Letter from Kirk & Stephanie Fowler requesting permission from the Town of Mount Moriah to issue a permit to build a confectionery store onto the existing post office at 84 Main Street, Mount Moriah, NL.
2025-077 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Kirk and Stephanie Fowler's request to build an addition onto the post office at 84 Main Street, Mt. Moriah, for a convenience store. However, since the curb stop for this property has been filled in by the property owner, the council will not be responsible for finding the curb stop.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Email from Rebekah Stone regarding a serious and urgent safety concern affecting Route 450 (South Shore Highway) and the Newfoundland Trailway. This area has experienced landslides in the past, and a

new slide is now actively forming. The Mount Moriah Town Council will send an email to Rebekah Stone informing her that when the landslide occurred on February 18, 2022, the Mount Moriah Council contacted Geoff Bailey, Parks Division, regarding this area of the railway bed. The council was informed by Mr. Bailey that this area, from Corner Brook to Serpentine Road, was decommissioned by the Parks Division and was converted back to Crown Land. The council did contact Crown Lands division regarding this area of the railway bed; however, nothing was done with this section of the railway bed.

An email from Joanne Hackett requesting to have the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department spray down Davis Drive to remove the sand from the winter. An email has already been sent to the Mount Moriah Volunteer Fire Department requesting to have the Town's byroads washed down.

An email from Megan Bird informing the council that she will be opening her home salon on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Ms. Bird was inquiring if the water would be shut off again at any point, as she can't do clients without water. An email was sent to Ms. Bird informing her that there are no planned water outages in the near future.

An email from Kristy Audeau wondering if anything was going to be done with the house at 97 Main Street, as there is no one living there and the house is in deplorable condition. The council will check with the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to see what the council can do about this property. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property.

A letter from Kirk & Stephanie Fowler requesting that if some unforeseen circumstance should arise during construction at 84 Main Street, Mt. Moriah, to the builder and anyone else, would the current postmaster be able to use the council chambers as a temporary location for Canada Post.

2025-078 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approve a resolution that, should unforeseen circumstances arise during the construction of the building at 84 Main Street, Mount Moriah, the Mount Moriah Town Council will allow the current postmaster, Kenny Young, to use the council chambers as a temporary location for Canada Post's post office.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Copy of email from that Peter Butt, sent to Steve Osmond, P. Eng., ADC Engineering regarding construction work on Serpentine Road.

Finance (Bills Payable for Approval)

2025-079 Porter/Penney

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

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- The 2024 Audit has not been completed.

Maintenance Committee

- Employees and the council did a summer work list.

Correspondence

- Letter from Jennifer Walters, Agreement Manager, Immigration, Population and Growth, informing the council that the council has been approved for funding under the Summer Employment Program for Students for \$5,800.00. The council will check to see if they can hire two students for four weeks each at 40 hours per week.
- Hon. Paul A. Pike, MHA, District of Burin-Grand Bank, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, introducing himself as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement.
- The council received a copy of the letter that Mr. Edward Joyce< MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District> sent to Lisa Dempster, Minister of Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, regarding the Landslide, Old Railway Bed – Mount Moriah.
- Email from Judy Bolt, B.A., Constituency assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District, regarding Provincial Government Announces Dates for Well-Being Week 2025 and Opens Grant Applications.
- Email from Patrick Taylor, Lands Officer I, Crown Lands Division, attached was a referral for Joseph Quigley to apply for crown land between 181 and 203 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah.
2025-080 Porter/Penney
Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Joseph Quigley's application to apply for crown land between 181 and 203 Serpentine Road, Mt. Moriah.
All in Favor Resolution Carried
- Email from Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Emergency Services Division, Department of Justice and Public Safety regarding Emergency Preparedness Week 2025.
- Notice from Municipal Assessment Agency (MAA) regarding Potential Canada Post Strike.
- Email from Bobbi Skanes, PMP, Director, Project Management, Tract Consulting, regarding Available Funding to Help Your Town Grow. The council will check into this to see if there is any funding that the Town can apply for.
- Emails from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Info Notes

Building and Demolition Permits

A development permit from Stephanie/Rob Lowe, Sweetapple Drive, Mt. Moriah, to clear land, possibly with a tractor, to level it and create a play area for kids. Since there is no clear survey, the council will need a copy of the survey before they can consider this application.

Building application from Kirk & Stephanie Fowler, to build an addition 44 feet x 30 feet onto the post office for a convenience store at 84 Main Street, Moriah.

2025-081 Porter/LeRoy

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Kirk and Stephanie Fowler's building application to build an addition 44 feet x 30 feet onto the post office for a convenience store at 84 Main Street, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Building application from Brian Bellows to build a house 24 feet x 32 feet at 3 Hussey's Lane, Mt. Moriah. Mr. Bellows attended the council meeting. Mayor Duffney pointed out to Mr. Bellows that the Maintenance Men, Kyle Specker and Jay Hussey, will put markers up for the roadway for Hussey's Lane to ensure that Hussey's Lane is marked out. Mr. Bellows was also inquiring if the sewer for this property can be put out to Hussey's Lane. The Maintenance men will check to see if the sewer can be put out to Hussey's Lane.

2025-082 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council approves Brian Bellows ' building application to build a house 24 feet x 32 feet at 3 Hussey's Lane, Mt. Moriah.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

New Business

2025-083 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council purchase the land at 20 Tower Road, for \$60,000.00 plus all costs incurred.

In Favor: Councilor Porter

Opposed: Councilor Butt

Councilor Penney

Deputy Mayor LeRoy

Mayor Duffney

Resolution Carried

The cost of the survey for the property at 20 Tower Road is \$5,850.00 plus HST.

Paul Wyslezol, Global Geoparks, informed the Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, that they have been approved for the trail by Cook's Brook. Also, each councilor was given a copy of the application Dossier for UNESCO Global Geoparks, February 2025.

On May 7, 2025, the council, (Mayor Duffney, Councilor Butt, Councilor Penney, Councilor Porter, Councilor Hamlyn met with Brian Hudson & Carlson Way, Town of Pasadena, regarding Municipal Enforcement Officer. The cost is \$75.00 per hour, Minimum 8 hours per month, contract required.

2025-084 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council will hire the Town of Pasadena's Municipal Enforcement Officer, for \$75.00 per hour, minimum 8 hours per month for a 4-year contract.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

The Mount Moriah Town Council will have to obtain a number from the courts for issuing tickets. Also, the council will have to order their tickets.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that the council must appoint an alternate returning officer for the Municipal Election. This will be done at the next council meeting.

The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, informed the council that Aaron O'Brien, City of Corner Brook, contacted the council office regarding the City applying for funding from the government so the Bus Transit can come to Mount Moriah at no cost to the Town. Mr. O'Brien was supposed to have sent an email to the council; however, as of today's date, the council has not received the email.

Councilor Porter suggested that the council send another email to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding getting Morrison's stretch ditched.

Motion 2025-085 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council purchase three lengths of guide rail for Soper's Drive, where the council cleaned out the ditch last year.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Councilor Butt informed the council that the council needs to send a letter to the residents at 35 Main Street asking them to have the water leak repaired.

Mayor Duffney informed the council that the water leak on Main Street, which was thought to be West Coast Excavating's problem, was the Town's water leak.

Mayor Duffney informed the council that the council should check to see if the council has insurance to cover someone if there should be an accident in the Town Hall when the hall is rented out. The Town Clerk/Manager, Carol Skeard, will contact the Town's insurance.

The council discussed a separate election for the mayor.

Email from Judy Bolt, B.A. Constituency Assistant to Eddie Joyce, MHA, Humber-Bay of Islands District, informing the council that the Department of Municipal and Community Engagement is now accepting Community Enhancement Employment Program Applications until June 20, 2025. The council will apply for a CEEP.

Letter from Darren A. Charter, P. Eng., CAO/City Manager, City of Corner Brook, regarding Operational Subsidies – Marina Redmond Centre (MRC).

2025-086 Porter/Penney

Be it be resolved that the Mount Moriah Town Council is not in the position to pay the subsidy for the Marine Redmond Centre for 2025 and 2026.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Notice of Motion

There is no Notice of Motion.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

Adjournment

2025-087 Porter/Penney

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

All in Favor

Resolution Carried

Town Clerk/Manager

Mayor