

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
September 16, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm

Present: Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Ghislaine Duplain and Brian McKinnon

Regrets: Councillors Ted Andrews and Wayne Crosby

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

There were five residents in attendance.

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:25 pm.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2019:22 It was moved by Deputy Mayor Clark and seconded by Councillor Duplain that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflict of Interest items on the Agenda

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2019:23 It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Business arising from minutes**

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of applying for additional funding from ACOA under the Canadian Experiences Fund (CEF), to develop a biking trail within the municipality. Councillor Crosby initiated the discussion regarding the above-mentioned fund at our last meeting. As he was not in attendance, the item was tabled until the November meeting.

Deputy Mayor Clark asked about the status of a meeting with the Town of Kensington officials regarding the transferring of gas tax funds between municipalities. CAO McCarvill identified that a preliminary request had been made and officials were interested in a meeting. Mayor Brown asked the CAO to see if he and the Deputy Mayor could be included on the Agenda for the Town of Kensington's upcoming Council meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019 to discuss transferring a portion of the municipality's gas tax revenue for infrastructure projects within the town that Malpeque Bay residents use and enjoy, such as the purchase and installation of a heat pump for the Senior's Complex at the rink.

6. Building Codes Act

Motion 2019:24 It was moved by Deputy Mayor Clark and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay enter into an Agreement for the administration and enforcement of the Building Codes Act (pursuant to subsection 4(3) of the Building Codes Act) with the Government of Prince Edward Island, as represented by the Minister of Agriculture and Land. **MOTION CARRIED**

7. EMO Bylaw Requirement

All municipalities are required to submit an EMO Bylaw by January 31, 2020. Municipalities may work with other municipalities to develop a joint Municipal Emergency Management Plan. Should Council wish to pursue this option, a Shared Services Bylaw needs to be in place so that a service sharing agreement may be signed with the partnering municipality. CAO McCarvill will contact CAO Baker from the Town of Kensington to see if they would be interested in developing a joint Municipal Emergency Management Plan and report back to Council. She will forward the draft EMO bylaw to Council for review and will work towards its development along with the Shared Services Bylaw.

8. Thunder Cove Road

CAO McCarvill identified that “No Parking” signs had been posted along Thunder Cove Road from the area where beach goers access the beach up to the entrance way to the cottages. Signs identifying “Falling Rocks and Dangerous Cliffs” were also posted along the banks of the area. The Department of Highways put up the signs. It was noted that a near drowning had taken place earlier in the summer and that Emergency vehicles were restricted in getting through to the beach because of the close proximity of cars parking on both sides of the road blocking it from large vehicles being able to safely navigate the roadway. Homeowners have identified that since the signs were posted many people continue to park in the No Parking area and that some signs have been removed or lost due to the recent Hurricane.

It was suggested that unless tickets are issued the problem would likely continue. CAO McCarvill will ask the Department of Highways about the possibility of getting Emergency Vehicle Only Parking signs posted on both sides of the road in the area where people access the beach.

9. Other Business

Remembrance Day - Mayor Brown will attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Malpeque on November 11, 2019 at 2:00 pm and lay a wreath on behalf of community residents.

Meeting Date - The meeting date was moved ahead to Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm in the Malpeque Bay Credit Union Board Room to accommodate unforeseen appointments.

Island Wide Housing Crisis - Mayor Brown identified a potential or at least partial solution to the Island Wide Housing Crisis. He suggested that opening roads that historically are closed during the winter months would allow cottage owners the option to rent their cottages through the winter

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months. He will draft a letter to the Minister of Housing, Ernie Hudson and send it to Council for review and comment.

Five Year Capital Investment Plan - An email received on Wednesday, September 11 states: “The Infrastructure Secretariat is writing to remind you of the following upcoming deadlines:

- September 27th - MSC applications for Water, Wastewater, and Capacity Building (land use planning) projects.
- October 1st - Capital Investment Plans for the next 5 years. The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay currently has **\$167,571.50** in uncommitted funds. Failure to allocate the entire sum of \$167,571.50 in your Capital Investment Plans will result in a withheld Gas Tax payment.

Motion 2019:25

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Duplain and Deputy Mayor Clark respectively.

Be it resolved that:

The Community of Malpeque Bay intends to develop and create a bicycle lane within the municipality to connect with the Confederation Trail system in Kensington.

Of available Notional Allocation Funds, \$35,000.00 will be used in 2021-2022 for land use planning. (The community will also be applying to the MSC project for additional funding of \$30,250.00 for land use planning).

The remaining \$132,571.50 will be directed towards the ongoing development of a bicycle lane within the municipality beginning in the Spring of 2020. The community intends to apply for funding through Provincial funding opportunities as well as ACOA’s CEF (Canadian Experience Fund) to assist in the development, implementation and completion of this project.

Motion carried X Motion did not carry

Surplus Federal Real Property – Mayor Brown read a letter from the Federal Government Public Service and Procurement Canada Department identifying that it is initiating procedures to dispose of property deemed surplus at 68 Reubens Lane, Darnley. Surplus federal properties are circulated to other federal departments, agent Crown corporations, provinces and municipalities (in that order of priority) before being solicited to the public. The Municipality was asked to inform Procurement Canada of the nature and scope of the Municipality’s interest in this property by October 11, 2019. Failing a response from Council, they will assume that the Municipality has no interest in this property.

Motion 2019: 26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Clark and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that no Municipal response be sent regarding the property for sale at 68 Reuben’s Lane.

MOTION CARRIED

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7pm in the Malpeque Bay Credit Union Boardroom.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay

Dated: September 16, 2019 at Kensington, PE