

Community of Malpeque Bay

September 9, 2015

7:00pm Council Meeting

Present: Jamie Crozier, Herb Clark, Tim Thompson, Paul Brown, Trent Caseley

Regrets: Tyler Pickering, Myles Hickey

Administrator: Joanne McCarvill

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

Minutes

It was moved by Paul Brown and seconded by Herb Clark to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2015 council meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried**

Updates

Street Lighting – Joanne identified that the six street lights had been installed at various intersections within the community, and that a story and picture of Herb Clark at Cousin’s Corner would be in the next edition of the County Line Courier. Jamie thanked Joanne for her work.

Notional Allocation Funding – Joanne identified that the projects submitted earlier this summer needed revisions and that some projects were deemed ineligible. It was identified to Joanne that AEDs were items ‘not likely to be deemed eligible under this program’ (they’re typically something the municipality would need to purchase), and generators for backup power are typically only eligible if they are installed at a lagoon or wastewater treatment facility. It was noted that Camp Triumph may submit a proposal for project funding.

It was moved by Paul Brown and seconded by Herb Clark that the Notional Allocation Council Resolution of July 22, 2015 be **Amended** to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Community of Malpeque Bay submit applications to the Infrastructure Secretariat under the Notional Allocation funding agreement. The fiscal year 2015-2016 will be for Spring Valley Community Hall Upgrade – Phase I (installation of Heat Pump) and Phase II (installation of sound system) and Upgrades to Sea View Hall Academy of Music project, at total project cost of \$25,070.00 and a net cost to the municipality of \$444.00.

Fiscal year 2016-2017 for the installation of Heat Pumps at Hamilton Hall, Malpeque Community Hall Upgrade Phase I and Phase II (as above) for a total project cost of \$25,857.00

Fiscal year 2017-2018 will provide for Enhancements to Equipment at Cabot Park Hiking Trail Phase I and the installation of a Heat Pump for Sea View Hall for a total project cost of \$25,857.00.

The final year of the five year funding 2018-2019 will provide for Phase II of Enhancements to Equipment at Cabot Park Hiking Trail for a total project cost of \$27,311.00. **Motion Carried**

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Jamie provided Council with an update regarding the Hiking Trail at Cabot Park. He identified that he had not to date signed the lease. Councillors agreed that they were not happy with the Province's decision not to consider the trail part of the provincial trail system. All liability would rest with the community. A suggestion was made to contact Barry Murray to see if the Kensington North Watershed's trail systems fall under the provincial regulations and if so, would the group be interested in entering into a third party agreement with council to construct and operate the trail and Cabot Park. Jamie will contact Barry and report back to council.

Council Meetings

A discussion regarding frequency and attendance at meetings was held. It was noted that there needed to be some incentive for people to join council and to attend meetings. A suggestion was made to provide a stipend based on attendance that would ultimately be donated by the community to an agreed upon charity. It was noted that councillors who are farmers and fishers had a difficult time making some meetings. It was recommended that when the meeting notice is sent around, everyone should respond by indicating their availability so that a meeting could be postponed for the month if there wasn't going to be a quorum available. Joanne usually sends the notice out on the Sunday evening of the week of meetings. Responses should be made ASAP.

It was moved by Herb Clark and seconded by Paul Brown to set council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. **Motion Carried**

Amalgamation

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the possibility of amalgamating. It was identified that the Province intends to reduce the number of municipalities and introduce the recommendations from the Thompson Report beginning in 2016. This was followed by a lengthy discussion and at one point it was suggested that Jamie meet with the Mayor of Kensington along with Jeff Baker and Joanne to have a general discussion on amalgamation. This prompted further discussion. It was suggested that establishing a regional community (name TBD) is one model that could be considered. In this case, it may be possible to have an urban area / rural area ward system and have a different tax rate for the two wards to reflect the services provided. In order to propose that structure, consultation with the Town of Kensington would be required. Councillors indicated that they would intend to consider all options and would be open to a meeting with Town officials as an opportunity to see where they stand on the notion of amalgamation in general and the intentions Council has to increase its boundaries through amalgamation.

It was moved by Tim Thompson and seconded by Trent Caseley that Jamie, Herb and Joanne meet with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and CAO of Kensington to see where Kensington stands on amalgamation. **Motion Carried**

Joanne was asked to contact the County Line Courier to see if Council minutes could be included in the paper as a way of keeping residents informed, and what the cost would be to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 14 at 7PM in the boardroom at the Malpeque Bay Credit Union.

Jamie Crozier, Chairman

Joanne McCarvill, Administrator

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