

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
March 9, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm  
Kensington Town Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Ashley, Crosby, and Duplain,

**Regrets:** Councillors Andrews and McKinnon

Residents: Anne Cousins, President Malpeque WI, Kirk Champion, Malpeque Masons

**CAO:** Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Brown welcomed Ms. Cousins and Mr. Champion to the meeting and provided them with some background regarding the municipal requirement for a municipal EMO Plan. He identified that Council has discussed the use of the Kensington Warming Centre with Town Officials and was considering entering into an Agreement with the Town for its use. It was decided that Council should also reach out to the Malpeque WI and Masons to gauge their interest in allowing Council to access the Malpeque Hall for Council meetings, emergency measures and other programs. If these groups were interested in moving forward an agreement would be entered into between all parties.

Both Ms. Cousins and Mr. Champion indicated that the groups were interested in working together with Council. Ms. Cousins identified that the WI own the building and the Masons own the parking lot. The Masons pay a percentage of the annual costs to maintain the building and use the room upstairs. It was identified that there was very little insulation, the back steps and wheelchair ramp need repair. The washroom is wheelchair accessible.

The WI and Masons would like to see the building utilized to its full potential including but not limited to hosting breakfasts, card parties, summer ceilidhs, senior friendly exercise classes and mental well being presentations, accessibility to the community is important to the groups.

The WI members would like to be able to sit down with Council to discuss the matter and form the basis of detailed information to assist in the preparation of an Agreement.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Cousins and Mr. Champion and indicated that Council would be in touch with them to set up a meeting with members of the WI to discuss the possibility of Council using the Malpeque Hall. Ms. Cousins and Mr. Champion left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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2. **Agenda**

**Motion 2022:86** *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**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2022:87** *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Ashley to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2022, meeting.*

5. **Business arising from minutes**

**Budget 2022-2023**

The Projected Budget for fiscal year end March 31, 2023, was presented and reviewed.

A discussion followed regarding the merits of upgrading our existing website or having a new one built. As the Budget allows for either scenario the matter was tabled so that Councillors could research the matter further and present their findings at the May meeting.

Councillor Duplain will post a Facebook message inviting area businesses to check our website to see if their contact information is correct or missing and contact us so that we can include accurate information. CAO McCarvill will ask Ms. Smith to put an announcement on our website as well as a message in the County Line Courier.

**Motion 2022:88** *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Clark to accept the Budget as presented and to set the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Tax Rate at \$0.085 cents per \$100.00 of Assessed Value. This rate will realize \$183,226 in taxation revenue for the municipality. The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosby. MOTION CARRIED*

**EMO Committee members meeting** A meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, and included Co-Chairs, Councillor Ashley and Crosby, Mayor Brown, Marla Simmons, Stacey Bernard, and Larry Burke. Councillor Ashley identified that the meeting was very positive. It was identified that the Provincial EMO office recently approved the EMO Plan submitted by Council. The CAO will distribute the Plan and related documents to the organizations identified on the Distribution List of the Plan.

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**7. Other Business**

CAO McCarvill identified that she had received a call from Janet Cotton on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Malpeque Historical Society to see if anyone on Council would be interested in joining their Board of Directors. Councillors were encouraged to contact Janet Cotton if they wished to pursue a position on the Board of the Malpeque Historical Society.

Next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Paul Brown, Mayor  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
Dated: March 9, 2022 at Kensington, PE

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Joanne McCarvill, CAO  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay