

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
March 20, 2024  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm  
Kensington Town Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor McKinnon, and Councillors Ashley, Duplain, MacLellan and Simmons.

**Regrets:** Councillor Crosby

**CAO:** Joanne McCarvill

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:10 pm.

**2. Agenda**

**Motion 2024:146** *It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Duplain that the agenda be approved as circulated. It was noted that the following items would be discussed under New Business: Family Skate, Condolence cards. **Motion Carried***

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflict-of-interest items.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2024:147** *It was moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Simmons to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried***

**5. Business Arising**

Councillor Ashley identified that she had contacted Matthew Ramsay identifying that Council had offered to pay for the energy audit for Hamilton Hall. She has not had a response from their committee to date.

Councillor Ashley has contacted the new liaison with the provincial EMO office requesting that the annual training session take place sometime in April. As soon as she has dates available, she will send out the information to Council.

Mayor Brown identified that the term deposit had matured and that the interest was deposited into the municipal share account at the Credit Union and the \$100,000.00, was reinvested for another term.

CAO McCarvill identified that she had not had an update on the Sea View Craft Brewery and that she would contact Jerney Stiles to see where the project stands.

**6. New Business**

**JIL Engineering Consulting**

Mayor Brown identified that the company makes playground/outdoor exercise equipment. They are based in New Brunswick and had contacted both he and the CAO identifying that they would be available to assist the municipality should it ever decide to install this kind of equipment.

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**Baseline Road Traffic Speed Concerns**

Levi Sharpe had contacted Mayor Brown in relation to a property he purchased on the corner of Plug Street and Baseline Road. Mr. Sharpe was interested in the municipal procedures for issuing development and building permits. The Mayor identified that he would have to contact Access PEI for these permits which would be issued by the Province.

During their discussion Mr. Sharpe raised concerns over the excessive speed cars travel on the Baseline Road. In response to this concern, a request to the Department of Highways to monitor the speed and possibly install a four way stop sign was sent by the CAO to Alan Aiken, Traffic Operations Engineer with Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy and Trevor Paynter, Highway Division.

**Annual Skate**

The Skate is scheduled for Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 1PM at the rink in Kensington. Councillor Duplain and CAO McCarvill will organize refreshments for the event. Councillor Duplain will set up the municipal flags identifying the municipality as sponsors of the event.

**Condolence Cards**

Councillor Simmons suggested that council consider sending a note of condolence to families in the municipality who have experienced a death. A discussion followed. CAO McCarvill was asked to contact members of the area halls and WIs to request their assistance in identifying deaths that occur in their community by sending a note to her so that a card of condolence could be sent to the family. Councillor Duplain will contact the Reverend at Princeton United Church with the same request.

**7. Setting Tax Rate and Budget 2024-2025**

**Motion 2024: 148** *Councillor Duplain moved that the Tax Rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025 be maintained at \$0.085 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. Councillor MacLellan seconded the motion. Motion carried*

**Motion 2024:149** *Deputy Mayor McKinnon moved to approve the Budget including the Capital Budget as circulated. Councillor Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried*

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on May 8, 2024, at Spring Valley Hall.

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Paul Brown, Mayor  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
Dated: March 20, 2024

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Joanne McCarvill, CAO  
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