

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
July 14, 2021
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Chambers

Present: Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Andrews, Ashley, Crosby, Duplain, McKinnon

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

Due to COVID-19 restrictions no residents were in attendance.

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:10 pm. He welcomed our new Councillor, Krista Ashley to the meeting and to Council. Introductions were made and Krista was welcomed by the group in attendance.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2021:73 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor Andrews that the Agenda be approved as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2021:74 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Business arising from minutes.**

Joining the Kensington and Area Chamber of Commerce had been discussed at Council's previous meeting and tabled. Further discussion and information were provided. It was noted that one of the mandates of the Chamber is to market local business and a shared opinion of Council was that the municipality did not fit this criterion, and so it was determined to opt out of joining the Chamber. There was not an official invitation and so there was no need for a Formal resolution of Council.

6. **Other Business**

Mayor Brown read thank you notes that had been received from the following organizations and individuals:

Cole Andrews and Mallory Clark recent KISH graduates sent a note of Thanks to Council for the community prize awarded to them at Graduation.

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Thanks was received from Keir Memorial Museum for Council's annual donation and the Senior Surfer's of Kensington and Area sent a note of thanks to Council for its contribution is having the front of the Senior Centre on Garden Drive paved.

A letter from Minister Fox was read by Mayor Brown that identified the extension to municipalities to provide planning services, including an official plan and bylaws, to December 31, 2023.

It was noted that Council had received a request from the Kensington and Area Pickleball group but that it had been withdrawn as the group had managed to secure funding for paving of the tennis courts at the High School as well as some equipment. The group currently plays at the Rink on Mondays at 1:00 pm. The intention is to move to the schools for the winter months and use the outdoor tennis courts next summer.

A resident of Thunder Cove had emailed asking about dogs off leash on the beach. CAO McCarvill emailed her contacts at Tourism and Highways and made a phone call to a Conservation Officer within the Department of the Environment and had a call into an employee with the Fish and Wildlife Division.

There are no laws which prohibit beachgoers from allowing their dogs to run off leash at Thunder Cove Beach or any of the public beaches on the Island. The National Park restricts off leash animals from April to October and the Provincial Beaches also have off leash restrictions in place during the Tourism season.

It was noted that an 'at large' animal is legally not considered 'at large' if he/she responds to its name and returns when called by their owner.

Our Municipal bylaw relates to sick or injured animals, at large (lost dogs), and vicious animals. The Humane Society acts as our Agent if a complaint is received. One requirement of the Humane Society is that the animal is contained prior to their response. The Community is charged \$100.00 per incident.

Deputy Mayor Clark updated Council on a meeting he had with Provincial Officials and residents of the Lecky Subdivision at Thunder Cove pertaining to the No Parking signs and Beach Access point. Some of the signs were repaired and new ones installed.

CAO McCarvill was asked to contact the RCMP to request that they patrol the area at least once a week to deter the parking infractions. Parking on both sides of the road and ignoring the signs which impedes Emergency vehicles to safely navigate the road is a safety concern of the municipality for homeowners and visitors to the beach. By having the area routinely patrolled it may mitigate the problem.

CAO McCarvill had obtained some documents from the Fanning School Group for review by Council. There had not been an official request for financial assistance, but this was an update for Council into their efforts to have the school restored. The group has been successful in obtaining grants from Innovation PEI, the Provincial Revitalization Program, and has received a small

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amount of money through a fundraising effort. The group did not have a Business Plan and it was believed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement lacked substance and Council confirmed its earlier decision to not provide funding.

The Heart of PEI had mounted one of their flags on the community sign in Spring Valley and were seeking permission to install flags on the remaining three community signs. It was noted that the flag was an attractive addition.

Motion 2021:75 *Councillor Duplain moved that the Heart of PEI's request to install their flags to the remaining three municipal signs be approved with the caveat that Council would reconsider the request on an annual basis. The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosby.*

MOTION CARRIED

CAO McCarvill was asked to contact Atlantic Bug Busters for an update on their mosquito/black fly assessment of the community and to seek their availability to present their report to Council and area Residents at a Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

There being no further business Councillor Andrews moved for an Adjournment at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: July 14, 2021 at Kensington, PE

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
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