

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
March 10, 2021
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Chambers

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

Regrets: Wayne Crosby

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.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2021:63 *It was moved by Councillor McKinnon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark that the Agenda be approved as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2021:64 *It was moved by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Business arising from minutes.**

IRF Motion for funding a geothermal project. CAO McCarvill identified that she had received a motion from IRF requesting funding from the municipality for their geothermal project. She informed the IRF Board that there was no funding available at this time under the NA Gas Tax program. She further indicated that if/when funds were made available a new application would be submitted to the Infrastructure Secretariat for consideration.

6. **Correspondence**

A joint letter from the Kensington Lion's Club and the Malpeque Bay Credit Union was received thanking Council for their generous donation to the Christmas hamper / Christmas Tree of Hope projects for 2020.

The Heart of PEI had submitted a proposal to install a Heart of PEI sign on the post of each of the four Municipal signs. There were two proposals, one which would include the Heart of PEI logo provided by and installed by the group free of charge and a second larger sign at a cost of \$391.00 uninstalled for four signs. A bar code will be installed on these signs when the technology

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is available, allowing tourists access to information on available attractions in the area. It can be accessed by a users phone pointing at the bar code, enabling the user to access information about area tourist attractions.

Motion 2021: 65 It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor Andrews to allow the Heart of PEI to install the smaller sign on the Municipal sign posts provided they are maintained in good repair. The Heart of PEI shall assume full responsibility for its signs. Council will, if deemed necessary remove the signs if they are dilapidated or destroyed by a plough. The Municipality removes its signs for the winter and reinstalls them in the spring. **MOTION CARRIED**

7. EMO and Bike Lane project updates

Mayor Brown identified that there was no current update on the EMO Plan and that research and coordination of the plan was ongoing.

Councillor Duplain identified that the committee had applied for funding under the Active Transportation Fund for five Bike Stations including a bench and concrete pad at each of the five locations. The locations were being scouted and will be determined at a later date. The commitment from the Municipality for this project is 20% of the total cost or \$3,265.

Councillor Duplain indicated that a provincial project was underway, and they are working to streamline initiatives to align with the Province.

8. Budget 2021-2022 – Capital Budget 2021-2022

Motion 2021:66 It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark to set the municipal tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Malpeque Bay at 0.075 cents per \$100.00 of Assessed Value for Non-Commercial properties and a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at 0.075 per \$100.00 of Assessed Value for Commercial properties. A Capital Budget for Malpeque Bay for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with no anticipated expenditures was presented and adopted. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 2021:67 It was moved by Councillor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Andrews to advise the Provincial Tax Commissioner to establish two additional tax levy codes for the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay (1534) Non-Resident Non-Commercial and Non-Resident Commercial, as provided for in Bylaw #2019-003, such that they will be available for use beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023. **MOTION CARRIED**

CAO McCarvill was asked to investigate a Black Fly / Mosquito program for the municipality and report back to Council.

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9. Other Business

Mayor Brown identified that he had spoken with some residents of the Lecky subdivision who advised that they did not intend to pursue a parking area or the installation of stairs at Thunder Cove. CAO McCarvill identified the receipt of an email from Harry O’Connell in which he identifies the groups intention not to pursue any further requests with the Province regarding parking or stairs but that they would be constructing a restraint to discourage trespassers from the private property on the headland.

A discussion followed regarding the brochure that the Rural Coalition of PEI had created in an effort to bring awareness to its quest to have the Municipal Government Act rescinded. The group intends to start a court challenge. It was identified that some of the restrictions placed on Municipalities had been changed to accommodate smaller and mostly rural areas such as the option to share office space / staff with other municipalities and extensions to many deadlines such as the EMO Plan and Land Use planning.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 7pm in the Kensington Chambers.

10. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Brown at 9:00pm - Next meeting May 19, 2021.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: March 10, 2021 at Kensington, PE

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay