

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
May 10, 2023
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Brian McKinnon, Councillors Ashley, Crosby, Duplain, MacLellan

Regrets: Councillor Marla Simmons

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

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

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2023:117 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Duplain that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried***

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

It was identified that Councillor Ashley has a Conflict with one of the Sponsorship requests and will leave the meeting when the item is being discussed.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2023:118 *It was moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Ashley to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2023, meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried***

5. **Review of Financial Statements**

Motion 2023:119 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor Crosby to approve the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 as presented. **Motion Carried***

It was noted that \$100,000 has been transferred into a Redeemable Term Deposit with an interest rate of 3.75% payable after 90 days and monthly after that for as long as the funds remain in the term deposit.

6. **Business Arising**

Spring Valley Hall

Councillor Crosby identified that he had met with a few residents from Spring Valley to gauge their level of interest in having the hall accessible during the winter months so that it could be used for Recreational purposes for area residents. Karate and Yoga were two sports mentioned as was the idea of having a place for people to gather in the event of an emergency. Councillor Crosby was very encouraged by the groups enthusiasm and interest in working with Council to provide mutually beneficial activities in the municipality.

Following the meeting, Derwin Cole sent an email to Councillor Crosby that was circulated to the attendees of the meeting. CAO McCarvill is working on several items that were presented and is in contact with Derwin and Shelley Cole. She will update Council on related developments.

It was suggested that Council put together a Plan of Action outlining items that it will provide funding support for at area halls. Items to consider include, having access to the internet in community halls, providing funding assistance for heating and electricity costs, and general repair and maintenance items.

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CAO McCarvill will contact area hall members to seek their level of interest in having an industrial sized generator installed. Based on that information she will prepare applications for funding under the Canada Community Building Fund.

Sponsorship

Spring Valley will host a Canada Day Barbeque beginning at 11AM with a Flag Raising Ceremony. They are interested in Council's sponsorship for the event. A discussion followed and CAO McCarvill was directed to contact organizers and request a Budget for the event for Council to be able to make an informed and reasonable donation for the event. She will contact the Malpeque WI who are also hosting a Canada Day Event with the same request. Councillor Duplain will seek this information from organizers of the Fish Fry event. Once the Budgets have been received and reviewed Council will determine the amount of sponsorship based on the Budget for each event.

Motion 2023:120** It was moved by Councillor Duplain to approve the sponsorship of the Malpeque WI's ice cream and strawberry social on July 1, the Spring Valley Hall's July 1 barbeque event and one of the two Fish Fry event to a maximum of \$500.00. CAO McCarvill will contact event organizers to request that a Budget be prepared and submitted for review prior to finalizing sponsorship amounts. The motion was seconded by Councillor Ashley. **Motion Carried

The sponsorship request from the Relay for Life committee was introduced and Councillor Ashley left the meeting for the discussion.

Motion 2023:121** It was moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Duplain to sponsor the Relay for Life event as a Gold Sponsor for \$500.00. **Motion Carried

Hamilton Hall

Councillor Ashley updated the meeting on the 'wish list' presented to her from the Hamilton Hall committee. CAO McCarvill will send Councillor Ashley information for the group to access free head pumps. It was identified that the committee would have to have an energy audit done to qualify for heat pump funding. CAO McCarvill will provide Councillor Ashley with a contact at the Central Development Agency who is very knowledgeable about government funding and grant opportunities in PEI.

Under the Canada Community Building Fund Council could have access to funding for insulating the Hall if it is determined that the building is salvageable.

The committee has some great ideas for use of the hall.

Malpeque Insulation Project

The project is expected to be completed this Friday, May 12. Malpeque WI members are extremely grateful to Council for initiating and funding this project through the Canada Community Building Fund. The group has been successful in securing three additional heat pumps for the hall that will

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be installed later this Spring. A second heat pump will be installed in the main area, one in the kitchen and one in the upstairs meeting room.

EMO Mail out

Motion 2023-122 It was moved by Councillor Duplain and second by Deputy Mayor McKinnon to prepare a mailout to residents including the magnets, information card and a note including the dates of Council sponsored events this summer. ***Motion Carried***

CAO McCarvill will order the material for the mail out and plan to have it mailed out after our meeting in June so that an updated photo of Council can be included on the information sheet.

CAO McCarvill will seek artwork from the Sign Station for a feather flag and pop-up banner. Once the draft artwork is available, she will forward to council for review and approval.

It was determined that having bylaws for parking and enforcement were not feasible at this time. CAO McCarvill was directed to prepare a letter to the Minister requesting assistance in enforcing the No Parking signs installed by the province and to reiterate Council and area residents ongoing concerns for safety and the unacceptable level of traffic and parking violations that occur daily particularly on the Thunder Cove Road. She will also investigate whether a No Parking - Towing Zone sign can be installed.

7. Other Business

Mayor Brown identified that he has spoken with Matthew MacKay, MLA and Jack Wilderom about the Baseline Road and having it paved. Apparently, some residents on the road do not want to have the road paved as it would likely increase the amount of traffic in the area. It was noted that a compromise might be to pave a kilometre on the South end of the Baseline Road and leave the clay portion visible to traffic.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Spring Valley Hall at 6PM with pizza to be served before the meeting. Please note the earlier start and let Joanne know your favourite kind of pizza. Based on that she will order a few options and hopefully everyone will find something suitable.

Paul Brown, Mayor
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Dated: May 10, 2023, at Kensington, PE

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
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