

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
May 19, 2021  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm  
Kensington Town Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Ghislaine Duplain, Brian McKinnon, Ted Andrews, 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 2021:68** *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark that the Amended Budget be added to the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED*

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2021:69** *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED*

5. **Business arising from minutes.**

**Black Fly / Mosquito program** – CAO McCarvill identified that she had spoken with a few municipalities who offer the service and the contractor, Atlantic Bug Busters who administers the program. Atlantic Bug Busters can provide a quote for the service. The owner/operator identified a \$3,000.00 fee to provide a quote.

**Motion 2021: 70** *Moved by Councillor McKinnon, Seconded by Councillor Crosby to engage Atlantic Bug Busters to provide a quote with a cap on spending at \$3,000.00 and a request to have the quote presented to Council in the Fall of 2021 which would include an opportunity for Council to ask questions about the program. MOTION CARRIED*

**By Election** – a discussion was held, and it was suggested that Councillors invite members of the community to consider joining Council to gauge interest. Councillors will report back at the next meeting.

**Amended Budget** – CAO McCarvill identified that she had discovered an error in the tax calculation on the approved Budget which necessitated an Amended Budget. The tax calculation error resulted in a deficit position. To offset the deficit some of last years surplus will be transferred to balance the budget.

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**Motion 2021: 66** *Moved by Deputy Mayor Clark, seconded by Councillor Duplain*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay approve the Amended Budget including transferring \$15,727 from the unrestricted Surplus of 2020-21 to balance the budget. **MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Finance**

A prize of \$50.00 per student will be awarded to the 2021 Grads: Cole Andrews, Aiden Cameron, Mallory Clark, Darrison Cole, Connor Costain, Megan MacDonald, Kylie MacLellan, Keegan Saldanha, Dylan Sherry, Carson Marchbank and Zachary Pendleton all from KISH. There are no community graduates attending TOSH or Evangeline.

The possibility of joining the Kensington and Area Chamber of Commerce was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

The 2020-21 Year End Audited Financial Statements were reviewed.

**Motion 2021: 71** *It was moved by Councillor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Crosby to approve the audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2021 as circulated.*  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Gas Tax Funding** (new name for program is Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) –the municipality is eligible to receive a one-time top up payment of \$29,545 in 2021. To access this money, a new CIP application for funding must be submitted or the funds applied to an existing approved project. *Councillor Crosby declared a conflict and left the chamber when the discussion turned to the Indian River Festival Geothermal Project.*

**Motion: 2021: 72**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

*The Council for the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay accepts the CIP (Capital Investment Plan) Application for the Indian River Festival Geothermal Project for the purchase and installation of two Geothermal units including connecting duct work.*

*The Application will be submitted to the Infrastructure Secretariat for review in the Summer of 2021. The total cost of the project is \$53,848.75. Any additional costs will be borne by the IRF.*

*and FURTHERMORE, to make funds available for the Geothermal project the Municipality will allocate the top up payment of \$29,545 for 2021 from the Community-Building Fund (CCBF) and withdraw its application for project 52.1.14 Spring Valley Phase III Enhancement of Community Infrastructure in the amount of \$24,068.82 and apply these funds to the IRF Geothermal project.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**7. EMO and Bike Lane project updates**

**Bike Lane**

Councillor Crosby identified that the Province intended to engage a firm to provide a consultation on the possibility of building an Island wide Cycling path under the Active Transportation program. The program is considering the municipality's request for bicycle repair stations. The request originally submitted was to purchase five of these units. Two have been conditionally approved. Sites approved are at the Malpeque corner and Sea View Hall. The reason for reducing the number of repair stations is to allow the consultation process to be completed.

**EMO**

Mayor Brown identified that he had not had an opportunity to spend much time on this project to date but that he intended to put together a general plan for Council to review in the coming months.

**8. Other Business**

Community leaders in Spring Valley had requested that Council consider allowing them to add a Spring Valley district sign to the municipal sign. CAO McCarvill was asked to advise the community leaders that Council would require further information to decide on the request including the size and wording of the proposed addition. Concern was expressed that further signage added to the municipal sign could result in a very busy sign. The Heart of PEI initiative to add a flag below the municipal sign had already been approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2021.

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Paul Brown, Mayor  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
Dated: May 19, 2021 at Kensington, PE

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Joanne McCarvill, CAO  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay