

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
February 9, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm  
Kensington Town Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Ashley, Duplain, and McKinnon

**Regrets:** Councillors Crosby and Andrews

**CAO:** Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

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

2. **Agenda**

**Motion 2022:84** *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Clark and seconded by Councillor McKinnon that the agenda be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED*

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2022:85** *It was moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED*

5. **Business arising from minutes**

**EMO Community meeting** – was held virtually on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. It was a very successful meeting.

Marla Simmons put her name forward for the position of either Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator. Given her career as an ER Nurse and familiarity with the EMO system she was identified as the best candidate for the Coordinator position.

Stacey Bernard indicated an interest in the Information Officer position. CAO McCarvill reached out to Ms. Bernard and asked if she would consider taking on the role as the Deputy Coordinator. In Ms. Bernard's words 'I would happily take the deputy position'.

And finally, Larry Burke with over 30 years experience in the communications field, offered to take on the role of the Information Officer.

Councillor Ashley will contact these individuals to set up a virtual meeting to go over the roles and responsibilities and for the group to get to know one another. Co-Chair Councillor Crosby will take part in this meeting as well.

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It was suggested that Council consider having an Open House sometime in April for area residents to engage further interest in the community council. This will be voted on at the March meeting.

CAO McCarvill was asked to contact the Malpeque WI President, Anne Cousins and invite her and a member of the Masons to the Council meeting on March 9, 2022. She will ask both parties to be prepared to informally provide their vision for the future of the Malpeque Hall and how they believe the community council can best assist them in realizing their vision.

### Bike Repair Stations

It was noted that two stations have been ordered. They are red in colour. Councillor Crosby has reached out to our contact with the Department of Transportation to coordinate the proper and legal placement of these stations in Malpeque and Sea View. The installation is expected to take place in the Spring or early Summer of 2022.

### PEI Alliance for Mental Well-Being

*Their goal is to ensure all people living in PEI have an equal opportunity to achieve and maintain the best possible mental well-being throughout their lifetime.*

CAO McCarvill identified that she did not believe she nor Council currently had the necessary skills to facilitate a Mental Well-Being Program within the municipality.

A discussion followed where options were explored as to how to best navigate this program. CAO McCarvill identified that she was happy to organize guest speakers to present on Mental Well Being initiatives for both seniors and youth and that funding for such a program was not necessary at this stage. Advertising the community card and crokinole parties on our website and perhaps initiating a council run ‘games night’ would be a good starting point. These ideas will be further explored.

### 6. 2022-2023 Working Budget review

A good discussion was held, and it was noted that the assessed value had not changed since the initial report in January 2022. There could still be a slight change. The value of \$206,559,416 was used in calculating various tax rates. The current rate is 7.5 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. Maintaining this tax rate would realize \$154,920 in tax revenue for the upcoming fiscal year.

There were no extraordinary expenses anticipated. There will be an audit required of the project account since there were a couple of expenses paid for the Black Horse Corner project. A call to Infrastructure confirmed that even though we only had two invoices expensed through the account, an audit was a federal requisite if any expenses were incurred. This will increase the projected audit fee from \$6,500.00 to \$9,000.00.

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**7. Other Business**

**Statistics Canada releases the 2021 Census report**

The 2021 census was released earlier on February 9<sup>th</sup> and it was noted that the community of Malpeque Bay had the third fastest rate of growth on PEI. Cornwall had a 22.9% increase, North Shore had a 16.2% increase, and Malpeque had a 15.6% increase in their respective populations since the 2016 Census.

Our population increased from 1,030 in 2016 to 1,191 with a total of 991 private dwellings; 520 of these dwellings are considered full time residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Council meeting will be held March 9, 2022.

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Paul Brown, Mayor  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
Dated: February 9, 2022 at Kensington, PE

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Joanne McCarvill, CAO  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay