

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
September 9, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Chambers

Present: Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor Herb Clark, Councillors Ghislaine Duplain, Wayne Crosby and Brian McKinnon

Regrets: Ted Andrews

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

Due to Covid restrictions no residents were in attendance.

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:15 pm.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2020:45 *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark that the Agenda be approved as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest** There were no conflict of Interest items on the Agenda

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2020:46 *It was moved by Councillor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Crosby to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting as circulated.* **MOTION CARRIED**

6. **Business arising from minutes**

IRF Heat pump project

Motion 2020:47 *It was moved and seconded by Councillor Duplain and Deputy Mayor Clark that the Municipality of Malpeque Bay accepts the withdrawal of a CIP (Capital Investment Plan 52.2.5) in the amount of \$39,000.00 for the Indian River Festival (IRF) Heat Pump project which was approved by the Infrastructure Secretariat as advised in their letter of June 26, 2020 and subsequently withdrawn by the IRF in an email dated August 11, 2020 to the Municipality.* **MOTION CARRIED**

Kensington Seniors Paving Complex project

Motion 2020:48 *It was moved and seconded by Councillor Crosby and Councillor McKinnon that the Municipality of Malpeque Bay transfer of funds to the Town of Kensington to assist in the paving of the Seniors Recreational Centre in the amount of \$25,410.00 (approved by Council Motion 2019: 28 dated November 12, 2019) be amended to be \$26,410.00 as per an updated 2020 quote from Curran & Briggs. As the \$25,410.00 has been transferred from the Municipality to the*

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Town of Kensington the transfer amendment is for the balance in the amount of \$1,000.00. \$1,000.00 will be transferred from project 52.1.14 (Spring Valley – Phase III Enhancement of Community Infrastructure) to cover the amendment. MOTION CARRIED

6. Gas Tax Funds and project updates

It was noted that the four Municipal signs were up. Comments from residents have been favourable. It was noted that the colouring seemed lighter especially in the Sunset area than originally submitted to Council from the Sign Company so that reading the name which is in white letters appeared slightly washed out.

Some progress was reported on the Black Horse Corner Project. Work has begun on restoring the Monument. The group have opted to keep the original horse and repair the base. New concrete has been poured and they are waiting on a new plaque. They will continue to update Council as the project proceeds. Overcommitment of Gas Tax Funds 2019-2024

2020:49 Moved by: Councillor Duplain

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Clark

***WHEREAS** the Municipality had overcommitted its gas tax funds by \$44,968.50, the Municipality approves the transfer of \$39,000.00 from the withdrawn Indian River Festival Heat Pump project 52.2.5 to reduce the overcommitment and further the Municipality approves the transfer of the remaining \$5,368.49 from the Spring Valley Phase III Enhancement of Community Infrastructure Project 52.1.14 leaving a total of \$24,068.61 for this project.*

***BE IT RESOLVED** that Municipal Council directs staff to direct Infrastructure Secretariat staff to transfer these funds in order to bring the Municipality's overcommitted funds to NIL.*

7. Mayor and Deputy Mayor's updates

Malpeque Harbour: The Mayor identified that he and Deputy Mayor Clark had attended a meeting on July 3 in Summerside regarding the possibility of a new harbour for Malpeque. The cost of the project is anticipated to be over \$40 million. The Honourable Wayne Easter was in attendance. The situation continues to unfold.

Carruthers Pond: It was noted that Deputy Clark had stopped in to speak with Jimmy Carruthers on the day that Mayor Brown identified an excavator was on site. Deputy Clark was informed that the plank was pulled and repairs to the fish ladder were made. The Pond was not dredged. A discussion followed.

Speed Radar Sign – is operational. Some tree limbs were recently trimmed to provide a clearer site line. Residents are happy with the sign and appreciative of Council's efforts to have it installed on their behalf.

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8. Thunder Cove and Teacup Rock Accessibility

The Municipality had been contacted by area cottage owners requesting Council's assistance in working with them to access funding for road repair, signage, funds to install and maintain access stairs.

Double R Manufacturing Ltd. of Crapaud was contacted to provide a quote for the possible purchase and installation of aluminum stairs at Thunder Cove.

Deputy Mayor Clark and CAO McCarvill met Paul Fox of Double R Manufacturing Ltd. And six area residents at Thunder Cove on August 19, 2020. Also present were six area residents.

CAO McCarvill has asked the Province if a lease would be required to install stairs and for the Province to determine ownership of the property proposed for the stairs. She has been informed that they are conducting a title search and would get back to Council once the search was completed.

Since then several emails have been received from other area residents opposed to the idea of public stairs and offering many opinions and possible solutions to the ongoing concerns including parking, trespassing, garbage, safety, noise, and liability.

A suggestion was made for the group to form a Homeowner's Association so that all cottage owners could have a say and common voice in any future developments. It appears they are not interested in this suggestion.

Since there is not any form of consensus among the cottage owners, Council directed CAO McCarvill to contact the group via email identifying that Council is happy to purchase stairs but no intention of taking on the responsibility of having the stairs winched in the fall and installed in the Spring of the year with the exception of the initial installation. Until the group can come to a consensus about the possibility of stairs, Council will not proceed with the project any further. Council is willing to write letters of support for area cottage owners to the Ministers responsible for transportation, tourism and public safety on their behalf supporting their desire for safer access to the beach should this request be made.

8. Other Business

Council Crosby updated Council on his progress with the Bicycle Lane project identifying that he had met with Provincial Officials who have indicated a commitment to continue to widen Route 20 over the next 10 years as the route is being re surfaced. In the meantime, they suggested that the municipality use the funds available for the project for signage and mapping. It was also suggested that the community install signs identifying that we are a Bike Friendly Community with good directional signs for cyclists, including a map. A suggestion was made to include the Hamilton Loop as a scenic part of the route.

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Mayor Brown identified that there were a few EMO Basic Training courses being held in October. They are being held during the week which limits who can attend. It was noted that there will be additional dates and times later in the year for consideration.

Fanning School had contacted the municipality seeking a donation for their efforts in restoring Fanning School. CAO McCarvill asked that the request be put in writing for her to present to Council. No formal request has been received.

The Town of Kensington issued an invitation to Council to attend their opening of the Kensington Emergency Shelter at the Murray Christian Education Centre on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 am.

CAO McCarvill identified an extension to the MGA Timelines: Municipal Emergency Program extended to December 31, 2021; and Municipal Planning Services (Official Plan and Bylaws) to December 31, 2023. Both requirements were extended by a year.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the Kensington Town Chambers from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Brown at 9:05pm

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: March 11, 2020 at Kensington, PE

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay