

COMMUNITY OF MALPEQUE BAY
COUNCIL BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014
SPRING VALLEY HALL

Present: Trent Casleg, Herb Clark, Jamie Crozier, Myles Hickzy, Tyler Pickering,
Tim Thompson, James Carruthers

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by James Carruthers.

The minutes of the January 24th meeting were read by Jamie Crozier and were adopted as read.

Tim Thompson updated Council on the View Scape project. He stated the draft letter to be sent to landowners who own property within the view scapes is almost complete. He plans to email the letter in the next few days to Council for their review. Once Council approves the letter, it will be sent to Municipal Affairs for their review and input.

James Carruthers stated his intention to step down as Chair of Council. There was a call for nominations for chair. Myles Hickzy nominated Jamie Crozier, seconded by Trent Casleg. Jamie was elected Chair by acclamation.

While reviewing the budget documents, there was a concern expressed about the increase in audit fees. The fee increased \$541 from 2012 to 2013. There was concern this was due to the municipality's involvement in the Sea View Hall project. Council made a telephone call to Joanne who indicated the increase was likely primarily due to increased work because of the extra reporting documentation required by the provincial and federal levels of government.

Regarding Salary and Benefits, there was a discussion that Council should propose a pay increase for Joanne. Jamie moved a motion that Council propose that Joanne's salary should increase by \$20 a month from \$830 (this includes the municipality's CPP and EI contributions) to \$850, respectively. Motion was seconded by Myles. Motion Carried.

Trent moved a motion that Council propose that the Office Rent expense be increased by \$100 a year from \$2400 to \$2500 to offset increased cost of electricity and general office-household costs. Motion was seconded by Herb Clark. Motion Carried.

Council completed developing a proposed budget for 2014. A motion moved by Myles Hickzy that Council recommend to area Residents setting a tax rate of 0.065 for 2014. This proposed tax rate will be presented at the Annual Meeting in March. The motion was seconded by Jamie Crozier. Motion Carried.

Tyler stated he was talking to Barry Murray who indicated he would like to do a presentation involving his watershed group to Council. Trent indicated he would talk to Barry and clarify whether that was to Council only or at the Annual Meeting and move on this from there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. Next meeting is the Annual Meeting, March 4, 2014 at 7pm at Spring Valley Hall – storm date March 11, 2014.

