

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
September 13, 2023  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm  
Sea View Hall

**Present:** Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor McKinnon, and Councillors Ashley, Crosby, MacLellan. Councillor Duplain joined the meeting by phone.

**Regrets:** Councillor Simmons

**Residents in attendance:** Herb Clark, Dale Adams, and Stephen Stewart

**CAO:** Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:10 pm.

2. **Agenda**

**Motion 2023:129** *It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be accepted with amendments to Other Business to include an update on renovations to Hamilton Hall and the plan for taking down and storing the municipal signs.*  
**Motion Carried**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflict-of-interest items.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2023:130** *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Ashley to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2023; meeting as circulated.* **Motion Carried**

5. **Business Arising**

Councillor Ashley identified that she and Deputy Mayor had volunteered at the Fish Fry event in August in Malpeque. Mayor Brown identified that he and Councillor Duplain had volunteered at the fish fry in July. Mayor Brown also identified that he and Councillors MacLellan and Simmons had attended the Flag raising ceremony on July 1 in Spring Valley and that they were very well received. He indicated that he believed these events were adding a positive reflection on Council and an awareness of the existence of the municipality. Other events also sponsored by the Municipality were the Relay for Life in June which raised over \$72,000.00 for cancer research and the Keir Memorial Museum sessions known as ‘The Talks’.

CAO McCarvill identified that there were a number of thank you notes, emails and letters sent to Council from the Relay for Life Committee, Princetown United Church, Malpeque WI, Spring Valley Hall Directors, Keir Memorial Museum Board, as well as Three Oaks Senior HS on behalf of Liv Colvin-Daley the student who received a municipal grad prize.

Mayor Brown identified that he, Deputy Mayor McKinnon and CAO McCarvill had met with Stephen Yeo, Chief Engineer with Transportation and Infrastructure and Trevor Paynter with Highways at Thunder Cove on July 5. They indicated that they were working on continuing to widen the road, to create a cul de sac turning area at the top of the road, to restrict the area to drop off and foot traffic only and to install No Parking signs along one side of the road including Driveway markers. It was identified that there was a question of ownership of the land at the top

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of the road and that until the lawyers sorted out the deed in question the work could not proceed. At the time Mr. Yeo hoped to be able to get the work done this Fall.

Councillor Crosby identified that tourism in the area was down significantly in July and August and that the congestion on the road did not seem to be an issue this summer. Mayor Brown identified that there were only a handful of days where the road was congested with vehicles.

**6. Wellness Recreation Grant Application – Malpeque WI**

The application had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting. It was identified that the WI had a successful project in 2022 and Council was confident that they would once again use the grant money to benefit the residents of the municipality.

**Motion 2023:132** *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the application and fund the project as presented by the Malpeque WI in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried.*

**7. CIP Malpeque Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

The Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for this project was reviewed. It was noted that there is a provincial fund also available that funds up to 75% of the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. CAO McCarvill will apply to this program. If the application is approved whatever funds are allocated to the project will reduce the amount needed from our Canada Community Building Fund. It was noted that it would be prudent to apply to both programs simultaneously.

**Motion 2023:131** *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Duplain that the Council for the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay submit a CIP (Canada Investment Plan) to the CCBF (Canada Community Building Fund) to purchase and install an EV Charging Station including electrical upgrades at the Malpeque Community Centre. To make funds available the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay will decommit funds from project 52.2.3 known as ‘Bicycle Lane’ in the amount of \$30,800.00 and apply these funds directly to the Malpeque Electric Vehicle Station provided the project is approved by the Infrastructure Secretariat. Motion Carried*

**8. Other Business**

**Draft Municipal agreement with community halls**

The draft document had been circulated. It was suggested by Councillor Crosby that Council continue its review of the document and each Councillor provide CAO McCarvill with any suggested changes via email working towards having terms agreed to by Council to present to members of the various halls at the next meeting. The item was tabled.

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Councillor Ashley reported that she had been in contact with hall committee members and identified that the group had had a pest control company in to remove any pests including a racoon making the building accessible to the group to continue its planning and evaluation. Mellissa Robinson will provide Councillor Ashley with quotes for the work necessary to proceed with restoring the building – it was noted that Council was not in favour of providing funding to the group until a structural engineer’s report was available for review.

**Taking municipal signs down**

Mayor Brown identified that he could store the signs for the winter in his barn. Councillor MacLellan and Deputy Mayor McKinnon will assist Mayor Brown in taking the four signs’ down. They will coordinate this before the end of September.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at Malpeque Community Centre.

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Paul Brown, Mayor  
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay  
Dated: September 13, 2023, at Sea View, PE

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Joanne McCarvill, CAO  
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