

Community of Malpeque Bay
Regular Council Meeting
October 17, 2012
Hamilton Hall

Attendance James Carruthers, Herb Clark, Jamie Crozier, Grafton Cole,
Jeremy Stiles, Bob Beairsto

Regrets Darren Cousins

Administrator Joanne McCarvill

Chairman Carruthers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated with the addition of a review regarding the Plug Street monument.

Minutes of September 19, 2012 and Business Arising

The minutes were read by Joanne. Herb Clark asked for clarification regarding the term floating zone and whether there had been a motion to change the term to variable. It was noted that there had been no such motion or change in the term.

The minutes were adopted as read.

Remembrance Day Service

It was noted that someone on Council usually lays a wreath on behalf of the Community at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Cenotaph in Malpeque. Bob Beairso volunteered to do this on behalf of Council.

Finances

Joanne identified that there was a good multi function fax/photocopier on sale at Staple's for \$179.00 plus taxes and suggested that it would be a good purchase for the office since there is no office equipment currently available. Joanne noted that she had an excellent printer which was used for Community purposes but that it did not have photocopier or fax capabilities. It was moved by Bob Beairsto and seconded by Grafton Cole that Joanne purchase the Brother multi-function unit for the community office. Motion Carried

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The invoice from Janice Harper was reviewed. It was moved by Grafton Cole to pay the invoice in full in the amount of \$10,395.00 which represented the completion of the final draft Official Plan/Bylaws for the Community. It was noted that a further invoice for incidental expenses incurred by Janice Harper which may include but is not limited to, printing, advertising and taxes may be issued. Bob Beairsto seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Upcoming Municipal Election

Joanne reviewed the procedures for the upcoming election scheduled for November 5 at the hall in Malpeque at 7PM.

Plug Street

Chairman Carruthers asked Jeremy Stiles to give a brief review of Council's involvement. It was noted that there were two issues; one was the naming of the road and the second was the establishment of a monument to pay tribute to WWI soldiers who served in the Ypres Salient or the area of Ploegsteert, Belgium, commonly referred to by soldiers as "Plugstreet," during the Great War. **the naming of the road:** The following is a Resolution of Council dated May 6, 2010

'It was noted that Council had originally denied the road name change at a meeting held in November 2009. New information has been received and Councillors have spoken about the issue with residents in Malpeque.

Because it is the wishes of the residents that a small portion of road be changed to Keir's Shore Road it is the opinion of this meeting that Council's duty is to act on behalf of residents. It was moved by Jimmy Carruthers that Council support the road name change for the portion of Plug Street from the Baseline Road to the shore is to be known as Keir's Shore Road. The motion was seconded by Bob Beairsto. **Motion Carried**

The Monument:

The Kensington Legion under the direction of Dennis Hopping had submitted a request to register Plug Street to National Defence sometime in early 2009. A letter dated 8 May 2009 signed by Carl Kletke of the Directorate of History and Heritage to Dennis Hopping identifies that 'Unfortunately, the supporting documentation you provided does not conclusively indicate any relation between "Plug" Street and 'Ploegsteert' or that the naming of the street was intended to commemorate the service of members of your community in the area of Ploegsteert, Belgium. Because the street was not conclusively

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intended to be a memorial, we cannot register it at this time. **Should your municipality dedicate/register Plug Street as a memorial then we would be in a position to add it to the Inventory.'**

In July 2009 Mr. J.D. Murray visited each member of Council seeking support of the Legion's quest to have a memorial established in Malpeque to honour the soldiers who fought during WWI. Mr. Murray arrived with a DECLARATION he prepared.

'The Municipality of Malpeque Bay, having been duly incorporated in 1973, declares that Plug Street is the official name of a road on the outskirts of the village of Malpeque, Prince Edward Island.

The Municipality further declares that it deems Plug Street to be a memorial to Islanders that served in the Ypres Salient or the area of Ploegsteert, Belgium, commonly referred to by soldiers as "Plugstreet," during the Great War.

The following members of Council signed this DECLARATION: Jeremy Stiles, Jamie Crozier, Darren Cousins, Grafton Cole, Bob Bairsto, Jimmy Carruthers. Dave Smith abstained.

Along with the DECLARATION Dave issued and signed a letter on behalf of Council to DND stating: 'Please find attached a declaration from the Council of the Community of Malpeque Bay confirming our endorsement of Plug Street in Malpeque, Prince Edward Island. We believe the name stands alone as a unique memorial to not only Islanders but all Canadians who served in Flanders Fields.'

On August 20, 2009 the National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials registered Plug Street into their Inventory.

At issue: Council was not made aware that the Legion had failed in its original attempt to register the name Plug Street and members were asked to sign the DECLARATION because area veterans wished to honour those who fought in WWI with a monument. They were not aware that approval and registration hinged solely on their support.

Mr. Lloyd Lockerby continues to question the validity of the research done and has pointed out that Council was misled and signatures obtained erroneously.

Legion members continued to petition council to remove the name of Keir's Shore Road on the portion of the road beginning at Baseline Road and extending to the shore. In a Council meeting dated November 2, 2010 the following Resolution was adopted and a copy sent to Legion members.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the names of Plug Street and Keir's Shore Road will be retained based on the historical evidence provided by members of the community and Legion members and the signatures of residents of the road.

After considering requests for name changes a number of times previously, Council came to the conclusion that we would reinstate the name Keir's Shore Road to the portion of the road beginning at Baseline Road and extending to the shore and maintain the name Plug Street on the portion of the road beginning at Highway 20 and ending at Baseline Road. We believe that retaining the name of Plug Street and Keir's Shore Road in Malpeque is the best way to recognize the historical importance of both names.

On August 2, 2011 a letter from the Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs, Wesley J. Sheridan was received thanking Council for 'the letter of support endorsing the celebration of Plug Street, Malpeque...inform you that your Council is no longer the agency responsible for maintaining the memorial, as the Province will assume the 'sponsorship' of the project one official word has been received from Ottawa'. Attached to this letter was one from the Minister to Mr. Carl Kletke of DND requesting that they change the 'sponsorship' of this registration from the Community of Malpeque Bay to the Government of Prince Edward Island'.

The issue seems to be the validity of the research. Bob Beirsto indicated that tobacco plugs were stored in a shed on the road in question dating back to the 1800's and believed that this is where the road name originated. The Chair asked Mr. Beirsto to conduct research to see if he could prove this fact. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

James Carruthers,

Joanne McCarvill,

Chairman. Oct. 17, 2012

Administrator. Oct. 17, 2012