

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
November 12, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm

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

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:05 pm.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2019:26 It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor Crosby that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2019:27 It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Business arising from minutes**

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of applying for additional funding from ACOA under the Canadian Experiences Fund (CEF), to develop a biking trail within the municipality. Councillor Crosby identified that he would be interested in sitting on a committee to assist in the creation and development of a biking trail system including the development of a trail map for residents and visitors to the area. It was identified that an application to the Notional Allocation Gas Tax program would be submitted as part of the project as per Motion 2019: 29 below. Also identified was a new initiative by the Provincial Government committing \$5 million to *'Active Transportation'* for things such as walking paths, bicycle paths, road widening and connecting existing paths on the Island. The municipality intends to apply for funding under this program when available.

Mayor Brown updated Council on two recent meetings held with the Town of Kensington. The first meeting held during a regular Town Council meeting which Mayor Brown and Deputy Mayor Clark were invited to attend on Monday, September 23, 2019. They provided Town officials with an overview of community activities noting the council would be interested in partnering in the future with the Town to possibly share expenses such as the hiring of a development officer or transferring some gas tax revenue to the Town for a project that would benefit residents from the Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 with Mayor Rowan Caseley, Geoff Baker CAO, Kensington, Mayor Brown and Joanne McCarvill, CAO, Malpeque Bay. A discussion was held about some of the benefits and challenges facing municipalities with the

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introduction of the new MGA. Mayor Brown identified that his municipality was interested in partnering with the Town on a project that would benefit residents from both municipalities. CAO Baker identified the Senior's Complex at the Rink in Kensington as a good place to begin an initiative of cooperation between municipalities. Residents from both municipalities patronize this site regularly for activities. It was identified that the area in front of and leading into the building needed paving. Currently, there is crushed asphalt in place, however, it is broken up and potentially dangerous to patrons.

Mayor Brown asked that the CAO provide council with quotes for asphalt and once that was received, he would bring it to the next council meeting scheduled for November 12, 2019. A quote from Curran and Briggs as supplied by town officials was circulated for review.

Motion 2019: 28

It was moved and seconded by Councillors Andrews and Duplain respectively that: The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay request permission to transfer \$25,410.00 from the Notional Allocation Gas Tax fund to the Town of Kensington for a project to pave the Seniors Recreation Centre at the Rink. **MOTION CARRIED**

Remembrance Day - Mayor Brown attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Malpeque on November 11, 2019 at 2:00 pm to lay a wreath on behalf of community residents.

Island Wide Housing Crisis - Mayor Brown identified that the letter to the Minister of Housing, Ernie Hudson had been drafted and sent to council for review and comment. It was noted that the letter (attached) had been sent to Minister Hudson on October 28, 2019.

6. Notional Allocation Funding – Bicycle Lane Phase I-II-III-IV

Motion 2019:29 It was moved and seconded by Councillors Crosby and MacKinnon respectively that: The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay develop and create a bicycle lane within the municipality which will join the Confederation Trail system in Kensington with the project to be known as Bicycle Lane Phase I-II-II-IV. It is anticipated that the project will begin in the Spring of 2020 and be completed in the summer of 2024w with funding to be applied for through the Notional Allocation Gas Tax Program in the amount of \$132,400.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 2019:30 It was moved and seconded by Councillors Andrews and Crosby respectively that: The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay complete the Official Plan for the Municipality during the fiscal year 2021-2022 with funding to be applied for through the Notional Allocation Gas Tax Program in the amount of \$35,000.00. The project will be known as Land Use Plan. In the Spring of 2020 (the next scheduled intake for submissions) the Municipality will apply to the Municipal Strategic Component (MSC) program for \$30,250.00 to complete the project on or before March 31, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED**

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7. Community funding projects

Motion 2019:30 It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Duplain that the annual donations for the Kensington Lion’s Club Christmas Basket Program (\$250.00), the Malpeque Bay Credit Union Christmas Angel Program (\$250.00) and the Queen Elizabeth Home and School Association (\$500.00) be issued for the fiscal year 2019-2020. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Brown identified that the community has funds available to support other projects should something be requested of council. CAO McCarvill identified that the annual Budget included \$3,500.00 for community initiatives.

8. Other Business

Fanning School – Councillor Andrews asked for an update on the Fanning School project. CAO McCarvill identified that she had not heard from the group since their initial contact with council followed by council’s request for the group to submit a Business Plan for consideration.

Water Withdrawal Draft Regulations – Water Act – Mayor Brown attended a public meeting at Three Oaks Senior HS on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 where the public was invited to provide input on new draft regulations under the Water Act. These regulations will control water extraction and outline how much water can be drawn from wells, watercourses, and wetlands. He identified that there were a number of stations with questions and small group opportunity to review the information provided by the Department of Environment, Water and Climate Change. He noted the science which suggested that the Island is able to support a 30% recharge capacity of available water and that the Island currently uses 6% of its total available recharge.

Letter from Minister Jamie Fox – Mayor Brown read a letter dated October 23, 2019 from Minister Fox outlining his mandate as Minister of Fisheries and Communities as spelled out recently by Premier King including to: “engage and support municipalities on the implementation of the *Municipal Government Act*, which is currently in year two of a five-year implementation plan while identifying areas that require review”. He indicated his willingness to work with municipalities to find solutions where struggles may exist for individual municipalities. A letter similar to one sent to Minister Fox’s predecessor, requesting that the municipal office be allowed to stay in Kensington was recently sent to Minister Fox.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 7pm in the Malpeque Bay Credit Union Boardroom. Storm date Thursday, January 9, 2020 same time and venue.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay

Dated: November 12, 2019 at Kensington, PE