

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
October 11, 2023
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Malpeque Community Centre

Present: Mayor Paul Brown, Deputy Mayor McKinnon, and Councillors Crosby, Duplain and MacLellan.

Regrets: Councillors Ashley and Simmons

Residents in attendance: No residents were in attendance.

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

1. **Call to order**

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

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2023:134 *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 were no conflict-of-interest items.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2023:135 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor MacLellan to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2023, meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried***

5. **Business Arising**

Malpeque Electric Vehicle Charging Station

CAO McCarvill identified that Efficiency PEI had approved \$15,000.00 of funding towards this project. The application to the Canada Community Build Fund for \$30,800.00 was reduced to \$15,800.00. The Infrastructure Secretariat will meet in December. Mid Isle Electric identified that they could possibly install the unit if approved in December depending on the level of frost in the ground. The project may have to be delayed until the Spring of 2024.

Hamilton Hall

There was no update available.

Community Signs

Mayor Brown identified that he, Deputy Mayor McKinnon and Councillor MacLellan have removed the signs and put them into storage. He also identified that the order that the signs are stored would mean reversing how they were removed so that they would begin in Sea View in the Spring based on that being the last sign stored.

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Thunder Cove

CAO McCarvill identified that she has spoken with the RCMP regarding people camping on the beach for extended periods. The RCMP indicated that they would respond if called and speak with the campers. There is no law against camping on public beaches on PEI.

It was noted that garbage continues to be a problem at the beach.

CAO McCarvill suggested that Council consider hiring a summer student to assist in keeping the public beaches in the area free of waste. The student could also assist the halls with grass cutting and provide basic maintenance such as painting or cleaning. The student would require a vehicle and would also require some supervision.

Mayor Brown asked Council to consider whether this was something they would like to provide. The Jobs for Youth program would need to be applied to in early Spring. It would also be necessary to provide for this employee in next years Budget.

Halloween Party

The Party organized by the Malpeque WI and sponsored by the municipality is planned for Saturday, October 28, 2023, between 2-4 PM at the Malpeque Community Centre. All Welcome.

6. Other Business

Reception Centre

A document identifying Council responsibilities to operate a Reception Centre had been circulated and reviewed. A discussion was held.

Councillor MacLellan identified that FibreOp was available for the Malpeque Community Centre and Spring Valley Hall and is an important service that could be provided by Council.

CAO McCarvill was directed to seek pricing for FibreOp at both locations and report the findings to Council.

It was noted that there are sufficient municipal funds available to purchase and install commercial sized generators at the halls which would allow the community the opportunity to gather if there was a power outage.

To qualify for a generator funded by municipal funds, hall operators would have to agree to allow municipal councillors access to the building in the event of an emergency.

The sites would be used for companionship and the ability to charge devices and pick up water. Any staffing and costs associated with opening the halls would be borne by the municipality.

Once again Mayor Brown asked Council to consider this possibility.

Christmas Dinner

CAO McCarvill will book C&B Café for December 13th if it is available.

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Remembrance Day

Mayor Brown will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Malpeque on behalf of residents at the ceremony on November 11, 2023. CAO McCarvill will place the order.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner on December 13, 2023, at C&B Café. A November meeting may be held if necessary.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: December 13, 2023

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay

Motion 2023: 136

*On October 12, 2023 via email it was moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Deputy Mayor McKinnon that based on the information presented from Bell Aliant offering a one year term for Stand alone Dynamic Fibre Internet with 150 Mbps for \$85.95 plus tax (rate after term subject to increase to \$105.95 plus tax) that the municipality pay for Fibre Op on a go forward basis at the Malpeque Community Centre and the Spring Valley Hall. **Motion Carried***