

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
January 11, 2024
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Chambers

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

Regrets: None

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 2024:137 *It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinnon and seconded by Councillor Crosby that the agenda be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried***

It was noted that the original meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 was rescheduled because of the weather.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflict-of-interest items.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2024:138 *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Duplain to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2023 and December 13, 2023, meetings as circulated. **Motion Carried***

5. Business Arising

Malpeque Electric Vehicle Charging Station

CAO McCarvill identified that the project was provisionally approved and was awaiting Treasury Board approval before the project could proceed.

6. Other Business

Budget 2024-2025

A general discussion about the Council's plan for the community in 2024-2025 was held. There was general discussion regarding the Budget and good ideas were explored. The Mayor tasked Council with reviewing and preparing a list of items they would like considered by Council for the upcoming Budget Planning meeting scheduled for February 15, 2024.

Fire Dues

Mayor Brown identified that he and CAO McCarvill had attended a meeting with Mayor Caseley and CAO Baker from the Town of Kensington earlier in the day to discuss the increase in our fire dues.

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He noted that there was very little funding available to support fire halls and that they relied solely on the revenue generated from fire dues. The funding available to municipalities through the Gas Tax program is not eligible to fund capital purchases for fire departments.

It was also noted that the Town and Fire Department were considering the purchase of a four-wheeler to assist the fire department with calls generated on the trails. At present there is no way for responders to get to an accident on the trail.

Of the Fire Department's Budget, the Town pays 22%, Fire District 19 pays 51% and Malpeque Bay pays 27% of the Budget. It was also noted that the fire department owes the Town of Kensington over \$160,000.00.

Of the calls received by the fire department 25% of those are from our municipality. The calls may be fire related, motor vehicle or an emergency response situation.

Credit Union Centre

The Credit Union Centre was also discussed since many of our residents access the centre regularly. There may be an opportunity for the municipality to transfer some of its gas tax dollars to the Town to assist with many of the ongoing renovations to the complex.

Councillor MacLellan identified that there might be an opportunity for the municipality to purchase some advertising space on the stands and/or the boards at the complex.

Councillor Duplain will contact Robert Wood from the Centre to find out what the requirements would be for the municipality to have its sign added inside the building and will report to Council.

Annual Skate

Motion 2024-139 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the municipality sponsor an annual Skating event at the Credit Union Centre that would include cookies and hot chocolate for participants. The annual event would have an annual Budget of \$500.00. **Motion Carried***

Councillor Duplain will contact the complex to find out what dates may be available to host a Skate and will update Council.

Keir Memorial Museum

A request from Keir Memorial Museum for assistance with having a new wheelchair ramp built and installed this Spring is awaiting quotes from area businesses before an application to the Canada Community Build Fund is brought to a meeting for Council approval.

It was noted that Building Blocs and Levi Sharpe may be interested in quoting on the job. CAO McCarvill will contact the representative from Keir Memorial Museum and identify that they may wish to contact these businesses.

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Thunder Cove

There were a couple of items that Mayor Brown brought to the meeting both relating to the Thunder Cove Road and Thunder Cove Beach.

Mayor Brown identified that he had received a phone call from a resident of Thunder Cove identifying that there was a dog routinely off leash and wondering around the subdivision with no owner insight. The resident had called the Humane Society who identified that we have a dog control bylaw and so the resident was asked to contact the municipality.

The bylaw would only be used in instances where an animal was in distress or hurt or was deemed to be a nuisance or vicious. The Humane Society requires that the animal is contained so that their officer can access the animal whenever possible. The Humane Society will not respond to a call unless the animal is contained.

The other item on Thunder Cove Road has to do with the culvert at the top of the road heaving from the frost. Councillor Crosby identified that the resident should call Highways in Summerside and that they would address the situation. The municipality could make the call on behalf of the resident, but the resident would have as much success as the municipality since we do not have any more control over roads than residents. Mayor Brown will contact the resident with this information.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting will be held on February 15, 2024, in the Kensington Town Hall. Storm date will be Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: January 11, 2024

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
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