

**Regular Council Meeting
December 10, 2014**

Present: Jamie Crozier, Herb Clark, Trent Cousins, Tim Thompson, Tyler Pickering

Regrets: Paul Brown, Myles Hickey

Administrator: Joanne McCarvill

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crozier.

The minutes from November 3rd meeting were adopted as circulated with no errors or omissions.

Business Arising

Tim identified that he had contacted Municipal Affairs and learned that no decision to date had been made on the Official Plan. It was suggested that Tim put in a request to Municipal Affairs to review the view scape proposal portion of the OP and, if it is satisfactory with them to put this in writing so that Council can begin the process of securing the proposed view scape areas. It was noted that approval of new documents would likely be due to the impending election announcement.

Municipal Powers

As part of the documentation required for Council to apply for funding under the Notional Allocation Program Council requires a letter from Municipal Affairs confirming that our municipality has the Power under the *Municipalities Act* to carry out the project for which Council is making application. Joanne contacted John Chisolm, Municipal Affairs to request such a letter and indicated to John that Council was considering sharing these funds with area groups to assist them with a variety of projects. John identified that the Municipalities Act Section 31. (e) allows for Council to provide recreation, however, the list of services do not extend to signage, or the enhancement of existing establishments. Should Council wish to enhance tourism, assist community organizations, and develop signage or other community development projects we may wish to give consideration to section 33 of the Municipalities Act. Section 33 enables Council to make application to expand services. It reads: 33.(1) Where a municipality desires to expand the services provided by the municipality to include any service specified in section 30, it shall apply to the Minister indicating the additional services it desires to provide, the need therefore, the financial implications thereof, and the extent of resident support therefore. Section 30.(n) tourist development and promotion; 30.(s) assistance to community organizations; 30.(t) community development projects; 30.(v) signage control;

It was noted that the Infrastructure Secretariat is currently working on new guidelines under the Notional Allocation Program which will clarify when Ultimate Recipients are someone other than the Municipality.

It was moved by Trent Caseley and seconded by Herb Clark that Council make application to the Minister to expand the services outlined above to include Section 30.(n), 30.(s), 30.(t) and 30.(v). **Motion Carried**

Hiking Trail at Cabot Park

It was moved by Herb Clark and seconded by Tim Thompson that Council make application to the Gas Tax Notional Allocation program to fund the design and creation of a hiking trail in Cabot Park and that the Community of Malpeque Bay will seek support from the Province to use land owned by the Province at Cabot Park. The Community of Malpeque Bay commits to the ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of a trail system. **Motion Carried**

Neptune Estates Ltd.

Council reviewed the request and application from Neptune Estates for a letter of support to upgrade their waste water treatment facility. Following discussion the following motion was moved:

It was moved and seconded not to approve the Neptune Estates Ltd. Waste Water Treatment Facility Project at this time on the basis that Council does not have authority or jurisdiction over waste water services; the Community would require recent confirmation from the PEI Department of the Environment that this project meets all environmental standards; and the applicant will need to provide written approval of all adjoining property owners. **Motion Carried**

Joanne will forward the motion to Derek Huestis of Neptune Estates Ltd.

New Business

Jamie Crozier brought up Joanne's workload and asked Joanne to indicate how much time she was spending on Community business. Joanne identified that her workload had increased over the past two years by double especially with the involvement in the Sea View Hall renovations including payroll and accounting for this project as well as the new program and possible Official Plan implementation. Joanne identified that her salary had not changed in the past 10 years with the exception of a slight increase last year which offset the remittances to Revenue Canada. She was not suggesting that her salary needed to double but that if Council proceeded with the Notional Fund Project it would mean monitoring of a number of small projects by Joanne including the extra accounting and the Official Plan could mean a full time job being created. Jamie identified that this was an item for discussion at the budget planning meeting in February.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting Wednesday January 14, 2015 at the Malpeque Bay Credit Union Board.