

**Community of Malpeque Bay
Annual/Special Election Meeting
March 13, 2013
Malpeque Hall
7pm**

Attendance: Councillors: James Carruthers, Trent Caseley, Herb Clark, Jamie Crozier,
Myles Hickey, Tyler Pickering

Residents: Six Residents

Administrator: Joanne McCarvill

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Carruthers at 7pm.

Approval of Agenda

Winston Cousins moved to accept the Agenda as presented, seconded by Trent Caseley. **Motion Carried**

Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the 2012 annual meeting were read by Joanne McCarvill. The Chair asked if there were any error or omissions. There being none, Joanne moved that the minutes be adopted as read. Myles Hickey seconded the motion. **Motion Carried**

Financial Statements for 2012

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 were presented by Joanne McCarvill who also read the Auditor's Statement. It was moved by Jamie Crozier and seconded by Herb Clark that the audited financial statements be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried**

Proposed 2013 Budget

Joanne reviewed the proposed budget numbers identifying that the property assessed value for the community was \$151,766,716 and that Council was recommending a 6.5 cent tax rate for 2013. Winston Cousins moved that the community accept Council's recommendation to set the tax rate at 6.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value for 2013. The motion was seconded by Jamie Crozier. **Motion Carried**

Council Vacancy

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for the vacant position on Council. Winston Cousins nominated Tim Thompson and the nomination was seconded by Myles Hickey. The Chair called for further nominations. There being none, James Carruthers declared Tim Thompson elected by acclamation. The Chair welcomed Mr. Thompson to Council noting that he would be sworn in at the next Council meeting.

Joanne explained that the municipality currently had seven Council seats. Historically the community tried to fill these seats with representatives from the seven school districts. She asked Council if they wished to move to a ward system for future elections which would require that a Councillor live within the school district for which he/she was running. A discussion followed. Myles Hickey moved that Council continue to elect representatives at large and assign a school district to each member of council following an election. The motion was seconded by Jamie Crozier. **Motion Carried**

Other Business

James Carruthers identified that the Malpeque Folk Festival scheduled for the summer of 2013 in Victoria Park was originally intended to run at Cabot Park during the summer of 2012. He asked if anyone was interested in pursuing the group to see if they would be interested in hosting a day long event this summer at Cabot Park. There did not appear to be any interest at this time.

The Chair updated the meeting on the status of the Official Plan noting that the newly appointed Planning Board members included: Trent Caseley, Herb Clark, Myles Hickey, Clair Sudsbury and himself as Chair. Weekly meetings were set up with Samantha Murphy, Municipal Affairs Manager and John Chisholm, Senior Municipal Officer with Municipal Affairs. Meetings were held weekly in Kensington. It is hoped that the Planning Board will be able to work with these officers to complete the plan. One area of particular concern for the Province is the lack of details in our plan pertaining to viewscales. Mr. Carruthers indicated that he was aware of a thesis which had been written on viewscales which may be of help to Council. Tim Thompson identified that he would look into obtaining a copy of the thesis and report back to Council. James Carruthers will supply Mr. Thompson with the name of the person who wrote the thesis.

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded at 8:20pm

Next Council meeting will be held at Joanne's on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7PM.