

The Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
March 8, 2023
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Kensington Town Hall Council Chambers

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

Regrets: None

CAO: Joanne McCarvill

Residents in attendance: Retired Deputy Mayor Herb Clark was welcomed to the meeting.

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 pm.

2. **Agenda**

Motion 2023:112 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Councillor Crosby that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried***

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

No Conflict-of-Interest issues were identified.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2023:113 *It was moved by Councillor Simmons and seconded by Deputy Mayor McKinnon to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried***

5. **Budget 2022-2023 and setting Tax Rate**

Motion 2023:114 *It was moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Ashley to accept the Operating and Capital Budgets 2023-2024 as presented. The Budgets are attached to these minutes for reference. **Motion Carried***

Motion 2023:115 *It was moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Duplain to maintain the Tax Rate of 0.085 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for both Commercial and Non-Commercial properties. **Motion Carried***

Motion 2023:116 *It was moved by Councillor Duplain and seconded by Deputy Mayor McKinnon to increase the graduation prize from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per graduate. **Motion Carried.***

6. **Business Arising**

Policing

Mayor Brown identified that he had spoken with Kensington Police Chief Louie Sutherland to discuss the feasibility of the town policing the municipality to correct the ongoing parking concerns at area beaches. The Thunder Cove Road and Cousins Shore are two areas where parking has impeded the safe travel of waste watch collection trucks, emergency vehicles and is a general nuisance to area residents. Beach goers continue to disregard the many No Parking signs posted on these roads.

Chief Sutherland indicated that he could attend a Council meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing an agreement to assist the municipality with the ongoing parking concerns.

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The Mayor identified to Chief Sutherland that Council was in the preliminary fact finding stage and would get back to him once council determined whether or not to pursue this opportunity. A discussion followed and CAO McCarvill was directed to investigate the protocol around establishing such a service and the possible impact it might have regarding the relationship between the municipality and the province, the RCMP and the town police.

Generators

Councillor Ashley identified that she had been in contact with Matt Ramsay who was willing to store and maintain the generators in the Hamilton Hall.

The units have not yet been picked up, however, Councillor Ashley intends to be present at the hall when they are delivered. She will coordinate this with Matt Ramsay and the Kensington Fire Department.

Summer Community Events

CAO McCarvill identified that the Malpeque WI were planning to host an ice cream social on Canada Day as well as one during Oyster Days in August. They would be happy to have the municipality sponsor one or both events. Councillor Duplain identified that the organizers of the fish fry events held as fundraisers for Princetown United Church were also interested in having their events sponsored by the municipality.

CAO McCarvill had contacted representatives from Spring Valley and Sea View who indicated that they had no plans at this time to host a summer community event but would contact her if they decided to organize something which council could sponsor. Organizers of Oyster Days were open to hearing more about sponsorship.

Mayor Brown encouraged Council to consider ways in which council could get involved in the community. It was suggested that \$500.00 was a reasonable amount of sponsorship for an event but depending on the size and scope of the event sponsorship could be increased to \$1,000.00 per event.

Winter Community Events

Councillor Crosby identified that he had spoken with Derwin Cole from Spring Valley who identified that they maintain the heat year-round at 60 degrees Fahrenheit using their heat pump that is installed in the basement of the hall. It costs them around \$230.00 monthly for electricity. Mr. Cole also identified that the water in the kitchen and bathroom were on separate systems and that the washroom is available for use year round.

In their conversation Councillor Crosby explained that council was interested in having the hall available during the winter months for council to be able to sponsor community events at the hall. Mr. Cole identified that he would have to speak with the directors of the hall before he could commit to anything. Councillor Crosby suggested that Council consider installing a second heat pump in the main area of the hall that could be turned up when needed.

Councillor Duplain suggested that Council consider sponsoring a Family Skate at the Rink next year. All were in favour and the item will be addressed in the Fall.

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EMO magnets and name tags

Councillor Ashley identified that Larry Burke, Information Officer for the municipality's EMO team had supplied two quotes for consideration by council. Both were in the \$1,000.00 range for magnets and information cards that would be inserted in a community mailout. Councillor Duplain identified that Vista Print could provide 500 fridge magnets for approximately \$300.00. Councillor Ashley will ask Larry Burke for clarification on the quotes he had received.

A discussion followed about the merits of having a community banner or flag made so that it could be available whenever council sponsored a community event.

Council was pleased with their new magnetic name tags purchased from Prince County Trophy in Summerside.

7. Other Business

A suggestion was made to consider having a business directory made and installed in Malpeque like the signs in Kensington. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor MacLellan identified that he could take his camera to the next meeting in order to take pictures of councillors individually and as a group for future use.

Mayor Brown identified that the Credit Union had a GIC available that paid 3.75% interest on invested funds. One requirement is that the funds cannot be touched for 90 days in order to receive the interest but once the 90 day period passed the funds could be used if they were required. It was agreed that the money in the savings account of \$35,550 and \$64,450 dollars from the chequing account totalling \$100,000.00 be transferred into a GIC account. CAO McCarvill will contact the Credit Union to set this up.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Kensington Town Council Chambers.

Paul Brown, Mayor
Rural Municipality of Malpeque Bay
Dated: May 10, 2023, at Kensington, PE

Joanne McCarvill, CAO
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