

**Community of Malpeque Bay
Annual Meeting
March 3, 2009
Spring Valley Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:15 PM.

The chair called for a motion to accept the Agenda as circulated. Grafton Cole so moved and Kenny MacLellan seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Darren Cousins moved to accept the minutes as read from the 2008 Annual meeting, seconded by Barry Murray. **MOTION CARRIED**

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 were circulated and reviewed.

A discussion followed. It was moved by Jimmy Carruthers and seconded by Ross Harrington that the Financial Statements for 2008 be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

The statement for the Proposed Official Plan was provided to the meeting for information purposes only. The Chair identified that Jeremy Stiles would be updating the meeting on the proposed official plan later in the meeting.

The Budget forecast for 2009 was presented and discussed. Joanne identified that the Liability Insurance budgeted at \$2000 could be deleted from the budget as it is an expense allocated to the official plan. The total budget of \$78,815 was changed to \$76,815. It was moved by Kenny MacLellan and seconded by Dave Cody to accept the budget for 2009 with a total of \$76,815. **MOTION CARRIED**

Council suggested keeping the tax rate for the community at 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This would further reduce the surplus to \$9,900 for 2009. Various tax rates were considered and discussed.

It was moved by Kenny MacLellan and seconded by Dave Cody to set the tax rate for 2009 at 5.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This would provide the community with an approximate tax revenue of \$68,835 leaving a possible surplus of \$11,943 at year end. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Smith read his annual report.

There was a call for nominations to represent Malpeque. Bob Beirsto was nominated and declared elected by acclamation.

A call for nominations for Baltic was then presented. Jamie Crozier was nominated and declared elected by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked Jeremy Stiles to provide a summary of the proposed official plan.

Jeremy identified that the planning board consists of himself, James Carruthers and Stephane Senechal. The Planner is Hal Mills. He also indicated that there have been several public meetings that have all been well attended, and that a municipal website has been created and can be found at malpequebay.ca The web site will be used as a platform to keep the community aware of the plan and the process that is unfolding. Jeremy also indicated that the committee has established an email list from the community members who have attended meetings.

Jeremy noted that meetings were being advertised in all local newspapers including a summary of minutes in the County Line Courier.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at the hall in Sea View. The members are also anticipating the start of the Thompson Commission in order that they may participate and express concerns about land use and regulation.

A lively discussion followed.

The committee plans to seek approval from the province to include within the official plan, the portion of land within the Community's boundaries that fall into the special planning area of Princetown Point to Stanley Bridge.

Residents were concerned that the plan would be approved without having a majority of residents involved in the process. Barry Murray moved that "the Council of Malpeque Bay come up with a manner in which residents are consulted and informed about the proposed official plan. Motion seconded by Bob Beirsto. **MOTION CARRIED**

Minister Wes Sheridan, Treasurer for the Province and resident of Malpeque informed the meeting that a majority of provincial cabinet meeting time is spent dealing with land issues. The appointment of the Honourable Ralph Thompson as

Land and Local Governance Commissioner will provide the province with a comprehensive review of municipal and land use and development issues. The Commission is also tasked with providing a review of unincorporated areas. Minister Sheridan encouraged the planning board and residents to take part in the upcoming public consultations.

Minister Sheridan also spoke to the review process which cabinet would undertake should they receive a request for approval of a community official plan. He identified that in particular they would be looking for assurances and evidence of broad-based community support of the plan. If, in the opinion of cabinet, public acceptance of the plan is questionable, the plan would not be endorsed.

Joanne reviewed a Resolution from the Annual Meeting held on March 4, 2008 which reconfirms the requirement of Council to have a community vote prior to the acceptance of a proposed official plan. The Resolution reads as follows:

“WHEREAS the residents of the Community of Malpeque Bay have considered the requirement of creating an Official Plan and with the understanding that the process for creating such a plan may be discontinued by area residents at any time and that any Official Plan created is subject to approval by area residents,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that residents approve the allocation of 10% of project costs up to \$5,500 from its annual budget to contribute to the total project costs for creating an Official Plan as required by the conditions set out by the Capacity Building Fund (CBF) funding agreement pursuant to Canada - PEI agreement on the transfer of gas tax revenues signed the 30th day of November 2007 between the Community of Malpeque Bay and CBF.

There was general consensus at the meeting that the above Resolution dealt with the requirement for an official plan to be formally approved by area residents.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Dave Cody and seconded by Rod Aitken was put forward at 9:30PM. **MOTION CARRIED**