

Community of Malpeque Bay

March 8, 2017

Annual – Special Meeting

Councillors Present: Jamie Crozier, Herb Clark, Paul Brown, Trent Caseley, Myles Hickey, Tyler Pickering

Councillor Regrets:

Administrator: Joanne McCarvill

Residents and Guests: Ross Harrington, Dale Adams, Winston Cousins, Donald Cousins, Norma Pasatieri, Ghislaine Duplain, Julia Grinder, Stephen Stewart

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

Agenda

It was moved by Paul Brown and seconded by Ross Harrington that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes

The minutes of the 2016 Annual meeting were read by Jamie Crozier. It was moved by Myles Hickey and seconded by Trent Caseley to accept the minutes as read. **MOTION CARRIED**

2016 Financial Statements

The 2016 Financial Statements were circulated. Chairman Crozier presented the 2016 Financial Statements. Herb Clark moved acceptance of the Financial Statements as presented. Paul Brown seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

2017 Proposed Budget

The Proposed Budget for 2017 was circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Trent Caseley and seconded by Tyler Pickering the Proposed Budget for 2017 be adopted as presented and that the tax rate for 2017 be set at 6.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCIL VACANCY

There was a call for nominations from the floor by the Chair. Trent Caseley nominated Ghislaine Duplain from Baltic. The nomination was seconded by Myles Hickey. There was a call for further nominations and there being none, Ghislaine (Gigi) Duplain was welcomed to Council. **MOTION CARRIED**

CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE

A brief overview of the proposed changes were identified. They included the requirement for all municipalities to have an Official Plan, an EMO plan, an office within the municipality which is

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required to be open for a minimum of 20 hours a week. These changes will be phased in over the next five years. Administering the day to day operations of the Official Plan will be done by Joanne and a Development Officer is planned to be cost shared with other municipalities.

Paul Brown provided background on the work that had been done on the Official Plan by Council. He thanked those responsible for their time and efforts in putting together the Plan. It was identified that there was a group of residents that had established a committee to assist in the development of the Plan and that they too had spent money and significant time to see the Plan to fruition.

The Chair indicated that he and Herb Clark had recently attended a meeting with Minister Robert Mitchell and Matthew MacKay to discuss the requirements necessary to have the Official Plan accepted by the Province. The province had originally identified that it would not accept the Plan until council had identified a number of municipal view scapes. Council asked the Minister to approve the Plan as is with the stipulation that Council would make provisions for municipal view scapes. The Minister indicated that he would look into the issue. No other identified items from the meeting were discussed.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Chairman Crozier noted that the Community had provided funding support to the following local organizations:

- Malpeque Bay Christmas Tree of Hope
- Lion's Club Christmas Basket program
- Kensington Out Reach program
- QEES nutritional program
- KISH 2016 Graduates
- Stipends for Community signage

Also noted was paid community membership in the Kensington North Watershed Association and the Keir Memorial Museum.

Donations also included sponsorship to the Festival of Small Halls in the amount of \$500.00.

New Projects

The chairman identified that the community was participating in a program known as the 'Notional Allocation Capital Investment Plan' project. This project is part of the funding Agreement pursuant to the Canada – Prince Edward Island Administrative Agreement on the transfer of Gas Tax Revenues, was signed on May 27, 2014.

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Projects approved for the next five years include: Spring Valley Community Hall Upgrades, Phase I (purchase and installation of a heat pump system), Spring Valley Community Hall Upgrades, Phase II (purchase and installation of a PA system). Upgrades to Sea View Hall Academy of Music. Keir Memorial Museum Upgrades (purchase and installation of a heat pumps). Malpeque Community Hall Upgrade Phase I (purchase and installation of a heat pump system) Malpeque Community Hall Upgrade, Phase II (purchase and installation of a PA system). The new sign in Malpeque was also funded under this program.

It was noted that council had withdrawn its application for the hiking trail at Cabot Park. Also noted were a number of projects that did not qualify for funding under the program including the annual Fish Fry in Malpeque, signage for Princetown United Church, and, most recently roofing for Malpeque Hall. The committee is reviewing an application for the purchase and installation of a heat pump for Sea View Hall. Council is waiting on quotes for the purchase and installation of commercial grade generators. It is unclear whether the committee would consider generators as a viable project.

Joanne will contact Beth Smith to have the application and criteria for funding under the program made available on the web site.

A few suggestions for possible projects included the purchase and installation of solar panels for halls and the possibility of looking at a waste water project. The Chair identified that Council did not have presently have jurisdiction for the treatment of waste water.

It was moved by Ross Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Jamie Crozier, Chairman

Joanne McCarvill, Administrator