

Malpeque Bay Council Meeting

February 21, 2012

Present: James C, Jamie C, Grafton C, Herb C, Jeremy S, and Bobby B. **Absent:** Darren C

Agenda items: Chair for Council, Proposed 2012 budget and tax rate, Other business

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Selection of Chair

A motion was duly made and seconded that James Carruthers be appointed Chair and Jamie Crozier as Co-Chair for the Community of Malpeque Bay. **Motion Carried**

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2012 was reviewed. Besides the slight increase in fire protection, the budget for 2012 would need to include an \$11,000 budget item for completing the official plan. It was noted that the budget for the official plan was on target. Also noted was the fact that the community did not have to access additional community funds in 2011 to finance the project. Of the \$30,000 issued by the province for the completion of the plan and by laws, 10% was withheld and will be paid to the community when the project has been completed. Currently there is \$6783 available to fund the final stages of the project. It was noted that there would be additional expenses to pay such as copying of the plan, incidentals, taxes and a the final instalment payable to Janice Harper. It was moved and seconded that the total 2012 proposed budget for presentation to the community at the Annual Meeting be \$98,460. **Motion Carried**

Tax Rate

The rate for 2011 was 6 cents. Following a discussion it was moved and seconded to recommend to the community to set the tax rate at 6.5 cents for 2012. This would allow the community to provide the additional funds necessary to complete the official plan and still have a surplus of over \$20,000. It was suggested that in the event that the Plan is not approved and the decision is made to not continue, the surplus could be used to reduce the tax rate in 2013.

It was identified that there needs to be a committee formed to look into the costs and process of implementing the Plan once it is approved. Jeremy S has done some initial work but more work is needed. Jamie C and Bobby B offered to sit on this committee and report back to Council.

Other Business

Council requested that a meeting be set up that would provide all members with information on what Councils roles and responsibilities will be if the Plan is approved and made effective. Jeremy S to arrange this.

Council will meet monthly. Starting April 18th, Council will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. The location will vary. To provide ready access for members of the community to attend the meetings, halls within the community will be used for these meetings. The meeting location will be posted on the Web Site.