



**Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 17th, 2010**

Present Warden Jean Melanson; Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Nil Doucet, Danny Hill, Arnold LeBlanc and Simon LeBlanc; CAO Connie Saulnier and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet. Camera Operator: Jene Dugas.

ABSENT: Councillor Danny Hill

1) CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Clare Search and Rescue

Yvon Thibodeau, Alyre Thériault along with members of Clare Search and Rescue gave a presentation to Council. They thanked the Municipality for its funding and for the use of the garage in Comeauville. They indicated that they will be applying for funding for the next fiscal year.

Warden Melanson thanked the group for their presentation and indicated that their request will be reviewed by Council during the upcoming budget process.

3.2 Supportive Housing Youth Focus Team by Bernadette MacDonald

Bernadette MacDonald gave a presentation to Council regarding the problem of homeless youth. The Supportive Housing Youth Focus Team is currently working on this issue. The group is requesting a grant of \$500.00 from the Municipality of Clare.

Warden Melanson thanked Ms MacDonald for her presentation and indicated that her request will be reviewed by Council during the upcoming budget process.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 January 20th, 2010 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the January 20th, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 February 3rd, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and SECONDED BY Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the February 3rd, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meteghan River Bridge

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter regarding the construction of the new bridge in Meteghan River. The work is scheduled between September and December 2010.

Sidewalks at Université Sainte-Anne

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter from a student from *Université Sainte-Anne*. The letter addressed the situation of sidewalks in Church Point not being cleared of snow, requiring students who walk to the campus having to walk on the side of Highway 1, causing a dangerous situation for these pedestrians.

CAO Saulnier stated she will reply to this letter.

6) W ARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities:

- 6 meetings regarding issue of Ferry service termination and a meeting with Minister Sterling Belliveau;
- Rally regarding issue of saving the Ferry service, at Province House in Halifax;
- Terrain Group Planning Meeting;
- Population Forum, UNSM, at Old Orchard Inn;
- Waste Check Board meeting;
- SWSDA Board meeting;
- Rural Caucus in Truro; and
- Luncheon with RCMP Sergeant Jeff Holmes and Superintendent Steve Graham.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letters from Minister Percy Paris and MP Greg Kerr RE.: CAT

CAO Connie Saulnier read letters (*attached*) from Minister Percy Paris and MP Greg Kerr regarding the termination of the ferry service between Yarmouth and the US.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Due to Councillor Danny Hill's absence, there was no report from the Planning Advisory Committee.

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee - Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau reported the activities of the Recreation Committee, as per the minutes of their January 28 meeting. He highlighted that the Committee had provided a grant of \$300 to the preschool at Joseph Dugas (*La P 'tite Académie*) for the purchase of a Wii System to encourage children to be more physically active.

Motion regarding Canada Day Activities Funding

Councillor Brian Comeau explained that for Andrea Gaudet to be able to request funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the Canada Day celebrations, the Department of Canadian Heritage needed written proof that Council was delegating signing authority to Ms. Gaudet.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Andrea Gaudet, as employee of the Municipality of the District of Clare, be authorized to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the 'Celebrate Canada' Program for organizing activities to celebrate the upcoming Canada Day.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

There was no report.

9.4 Tourism Committee - Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc reported the activities of the Tourism Committee, as per the minutes of their February 9 meeting. He mentioned that the Committee is working with Nicole Boudreau, the Tourism Development Officer and Manager of the Rendez-vous de la Baie.

9.5 Villa Acadienne - Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the *Villa Acadienne* will be meeting with Minister Graham Steele regarding the expansion of the nursing care facility.

9.6 Waste Check - Warden Jean Melanson

There was no Waste Check Board meeting.

10) NEW BUSINESS

Council continued the meeting in an In-Camera Session to discuss the following topics:

- 10.1 Unsightly Premises in Meteghan Centre
- 10.2 South West Shore Development Authority
- 10.3 Trade Mission to Louisiana

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The public session of the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet
Deputy Clerk
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