



**Municipality of the District of Clare**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Cottreau  
Translators: Germaine Comeau and Richard Landry

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau  
that the proposed agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Debi Karrel - PVSC**

Debi Karrel accompanied by Alfred d'Entremont of Property Valuation Services Corporation - PVSC gave a presentation on the overview and changes of the Corporation. MsKarrel indicated that we had a 27% decrease in appeals for the Municipality of Clare. The overall assessment in our municipality has not increased.

Warden Melanson thanked Ms Karrel and Mr. d'Entremont for the presentation.

**4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**4.1 February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill  
that the minutes of the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as  
circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.2 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**



## 5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No business arising from previous meetings.

## 6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

### Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities:

- Feb. 18 Yarmouth -Gregg Kerr, re; Cat Ferry  
-Tourism, re: Incorporating Tourism Committee
- Feb. 19 Tusket -Atelier Acadie / Tourisme Développement  
Communautaire et faire des liens avec la Louisiane
- Feb. 22 Yarmouth -By-law for the new RDA  
Yarmouth -Letter to Premier Dexter
- Feb. 23 Hebron -Revision of letter to Premier Dexter
- Feb. 24 Yarmouth -Re: new RDA project list for 2010-2011  
Hebron -Mayor, Warden and CAO Yarmouth County, Clare  
-RDA, more control  
-Library Building Maintenance  
-Transit  
-Scotia Recycler Contract
- Feb. 25 Office -Claredon Robicheau, Transport de Clare, re; expansion to  
The Weymouth and Barton area, \$7,000.00 from Digby
- Mar. 1 Office -Jean-Guy Vienneau, re; Centre communautaire  
  
-Consultant de la FANE  
-Réunion SWSDA  
-Ouverture officiel de la Semaine de la francophonie  
-Public Planning Meeting  
-Joint Meeting with Municipality of Digby  
-Meeting with Committee of the Clare Energy Concept  
-Broadband meeting

## 7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements.

## 8) CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 Letter from Government of Canada, re: New Horizons for Seniors Program

A letter from the New Horizons for Senior Program was received indicating the next date for the Call for Proposal. This program insures that seniors stay active within their community (*letter and pamphlet included*).



## 9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Terrain Group held a public planning meeting on March 9, 2010 (good turnout).

#### 9.1.1 Building Permits Report (2-years comparison)

7 permits were issued for the month of February, 1 new dwelling, 4 additions and 2 garages.

### 9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

The committee had a meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>; a grant in the amount of \$1,008.00 was given to École Joseph-Dugas. Grant request has been submitted for summer students. Mr. Henry Hicks from Saulnierville has been chosen Volunteer of the year and will be honored in April 2010.

### 9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

The new RDA is in the process of being established.

### 9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

House tours will begin for our tourism season. The official opening of the Rendez-vous de la Baie will be in May 2010.

### 9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Fairway Insurance has been awarded with the insurance tender. Irving Oil has been awarded the fuel tender. The Villa Acadienne has purchased a Ford Fusion.

### 9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Waste Check is waiting for the RRF Board draft budget; there is a small deficit. Waste Check provides gloves, garbage bags for groups that do clean-ups. Waste Check is looking into having a deposit for recyclable cups like pop bottles deposit.

## 10) NEW BUSINESS

### 10.1 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association – Adoption of New Name and Proposed Space Rental for Tourism Office in Hebron

The new RDA will be located in the municipal office of the Municipality of Yarmouth in Hebron. They presently have 4 employees.

### 10.2 New Position – Clare Energy Coordinator

We will advertise for a one (1) year term for the position of Clare Energy Coordinator; on the conditions that we receive funding from the Gas Tax.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare hires a coordinator for Clare Energy with conditions that we receive the Gas Tax funding.

**MOTION CARRIED**



**11) IN CAMERA SESSION**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the council moves to In Camera Session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that we return to our regular session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12) Motion re: Ferry Services and Terminal, March 17, 2010**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare, Nova Scotia is in agreement that the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, owners and operators of the Port of Yarmouth, acting on behalf of the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth and Municipality of the District of Argyle, as the lead organization in efforts to restore an International Ferry Service to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia to obtain ownership of the Yarmouth International Ferry Terminal from Transport Canada through a process of divestiture.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**13) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**14) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk  
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