

Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 12th 2009

PRESENT : Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Danny Hill, Arnold LeBlanc and Simon LeBlanc;
CAO Connie Saulnier and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.

ABSENT : Warden Jean Melanson; Councillor Nil Doucet.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the proposed agenda be approved with the following additions: under 5) New Business, add Item number 5.7 Clare Firefighters Association Banquet; add Item 5.8 Vehicle damage due to pothole; and add Item 5.9 Concession Ball Field.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Deferred to September Council meeting.

5) NEW BUSINESS

5.1 PURCHASE AND OPERATIONS OF WOOD CHIPPER – GRINDER

Council discussed the purchase and operations of a wood chipper-grinder to be used at the Municipal Transfer Station for the grinding of construction debris. Options were reviewed and discussed (see attached documents).

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare purchase a MC256 Rotochopper Mobile diesel powered wood grinder/processor in the amount of \$275,000.00 US to be used at the Municipal Transfer Station for the grinding of construction debris.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 2009 DEBENTURE FUNDING RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Council discussed and agreed that CAO Connie Saulnier and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet proceed with transferring internal funds for the Fire Department Equipment loan instead of borrowing from the Municipal Finance Corporation.

5.3 REQUEST FROM A.C.A.O. RE: 'RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA BAIE'

CAO Saulnier informed Council that she received a telephone call from Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency (ACOA) indicating that there are still funds available for the *Rendez-Vous de la Baie* if the Municipality is willing to write a letter indicating the Municipality will be assuming the expenses to finish the project .

After discussion, Council agreed to delay the letter for a few weeks.

5.4 PURCHASE OF THE 'NELSON SURETTE' PAINTINGS

Council discussed and agreed that the Municipality is interested in purchasing the series of Nelson Surette paintings that are presently on display in Council Chambers. Council instructed CAO Connie Saulnier to contact the owner, Ms. Jonette Duffus, to discuss a possible agreement regarding a purchase price and discuss if payment could be done over a period of 5 years.

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that CAO Connie Saulnier contact Ms. Jonette Duffus, owner of the paintings, to discuss a possible agreement regarding a purchase price and duration of payment for the Municipality to purchase the Nelson Surette paintings that are presently on display in Council Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 AWARDS WON BY: (1) U.J. ROBICHAUD; AND (2) LE COURRIER DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

Council was informed that two businesses of Clare recently received awards: (1) U.J. Robichaud received the "N.R.H.A. Retail Innovator of the Year – Green Marketing" Award and (2) *Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse* received the award for "Newspaper of the Year 2008" from *Association de la Presse Francophone*.

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare send letters of congratulations to U.J. Robichaud and Sons for receiving the "N.R.H.A. Retail Innovator of the Year – Green Marketing" Award and to *Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse* for receiving the Award for "Newspaper of the Year 2008" from the *Association de la Presse Francophone*.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 INVITATION TO LUNCH AND TOUR AT ‘UPPER CLEMENTS PARK’

Council received an invitation from Upper Clements Park to attend a lunch and tour on August 18, 2009. Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc (on behalf of Warden Melanson) and CAO Connie Saulnier will attend on behalf of the Municipality.

5.7 CLARE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BANQUET

Councillor Danny Hill indicated that the Clare Firefighters Association reconsidered having an Appreciation Banquet for their volunteers (firefighters and auxiliary). Council agreed to host the Banquet, to be held in September (possible dates: Saturday September 19; Friday September 18; or Friday September 25). The Banquet will be held at the Saulnierville Royal Canadian Legion.

5.8 VEHICLE DAMAGE DUE TO POTHOLE IN ROAD

Councillor Danny Hill inquired as to who is responsible when someone’s vehicle is damaged due to potholes in the road. He was informed that the Department of Transportation could be contacted regarding this issue.

5.9 CONCESSION BALL FIELD

Councillor Danny Hill inquired regarding the ball field in Concession. He wanted to know if the Municipality was paying for mowing services at the ball field in Concession. Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet indicated that it is the residents of Concessions who are responsible for the mowing, that the Municipality is not assuming any costs associated with mowing services at this ball field.

LITTLE BROOK BALL FIELD

Councillor Brian Comeau added that an area around the ball field at the Club Social de Clare in Little Brook was not being mowed. Council was informed that Michel McCauley will be contacted regarding this issue as he is the one providing this mowing service.

6) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk