

**Municipality of Clare  
Council Meeting  
Minutes – August 6, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Warden Jean Melanson, Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc, Councillors: Danny Hill, Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Simon LeBlanc, Ronnie LeBlanc, and CAO Connie Saulnier.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Nil Doucet, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved with the following 2 additions:

- 5.7 Meteghan River Post Office – Councillor Brian Comeau
- 5.8 Letter to Minister of Fisheries – Councillor Brian Comeau

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**4.1 Université Sainte-Anne Arena Project**

Connie Saulnier reported that the tender submission received for the arena project were significantly over budget. The budget had been estimated around \$300,000 and the lowest bid which came in was around \$940,000 and the other two bids were over 1 million dollars. Therefore the construction will not be going ahead this year. Since capital funds had been allocated to be used for either the arena project or a dog pound, Connie Saulnier questioned if the \$50,000 allocated should be used for the dog pound. Warden Jean Melanson recommended that we proceed in obtaining quotes for the construction of a dog pound in addition to getting quotes for a new sewer system at the landfill (funds allocated in the 2008/2009 budget).

**4.2 R.R.F.B. – Wood Debris Study approved**

Connie Saulnier reported that funding approval had been received from the RRFB to conduct the Wood Debris Study.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Clare Health Centre – Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate

Discussion ensued regarding the term of the loan for the Clare Health Centre construction project. It was agreed that the loan would be taken out for 20 years with the possibility of reducing the term after a period of 5 years if permitted by the Municipal Finance Corporation.

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for 4,000,000.00 was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

#### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipality of Clare borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$2,500,00.00 for a period not to exceed 20 years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of Clare in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of **7.00%**;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

The above MOTION was MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and SECONDED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5.2 Award of Capital Funds to 8 Fire Departments**

Council reviewed and approved the recommendations to Council for the allocation of capital funds (*attached*) for the eight fire departments.

**5.3 Award of Tender “Collection of Garbage, Recyclables and Organics for the Municipality of Clare”**

Council reviewed 3 tendered bids which were received for the collection of garbage, recyclables and organics (*attached*).

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accepts the tendered bid as submitted by **Clare Dumpsters Ltd.** on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the collection of garbage, recyclables and organics for the Municipality of Clare, for a 3-year contract in the following amounts:

Year 1 = \$302,000.00 (\$267,256.64 + \$34,743.36 HST)

Year 2 = \$317,100.00 (\$280,619.47 + \$36,480.53 HST)

Year 3 = \$332,955.00 (\$294,650.44 + \$38,304.56 HST)

**MOTION CARRIED****5.4 Award of Tender “Belle Vue Street Sewer Extension”**

Council reviewed 3 tendered bids which were received for the Belle Vue Street Sewer Extension project.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid in the amount of \$140,007.00 (\$123,900.00 + \$16,107.00 HST) as submitted by **Gary Belliveau Construction & Excavation Ltd.** on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the construction of the Belle Vue Street Sewer Extension.

**5.5 Award of Tender “Rendez-vous de la Baie”**

Connie Saulnier reported that an extension for submission had been granted until Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, for the *Rendez-vous de la Baie* tender. Council expressed concern relating to the project coming in within budget.

**5.6 Motion to approve Transfer of Funds from Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that all the municipal funds, which were held in the Royal Bank of Canada be transferred to the *Caisse Populaire de Clare* located in Church Point in the following manner:

**Royal Bank of Canada****Caisse Populaire de Clare**

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
2001964	\$ 0.37	Capital Reserve	92096-132	\$ 0.37	Capital Reserve
2002129	462.68	Capital Reserve	92096-132	462.68	Capital Reserve
2002228	105.03	Gas Tax	92096-132	105.03	Capital Reserve
2002244	9.88	Medical Centre	92096-132	9.88	Capital Reserve
2002012	484.58	Equipment Reserve	92096-132	484.58	Capital Reserve
2002178	1,154,180.25	Landfill Reserve	92096-132	1,154,180.25	Capital Reserve
2002020	26,330.03	Operating Reserve	92096-132	26,330.03	Capital Reserve
2002004	228,351.81	Operating Reserve	92096-132	198,351.81	Capital Reserve
			92096-122	30,000.00	Operating Reserve
2002152	49,648.49	Leisure Services	92096-132	49,648.49	Capital Reserve
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,459,573.12</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,459,573.12</b>	

**5.7 Meteghan River Post Office**

Councillor Brian Comeau reported that Jeannine Saulnier from the *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial* (CSAP) was waiting to hear from Debbie Booker at Canada Post to see if the CSAP location would qualify for a postal outlet. Superintendent Alan LeBlanc, from Canada Post, will be taking measurements and reviewing criteria.

**5.8 Letter to the Minister of Fisheries**

Councillor Brian Comeau read a letter from residents relating to the clam beds. He reported that Paul Tufts and Aline Thériault would like to come to Council to address the clam beds issue. There was considerable discussion on this issue and it was suggested that perhaps the Mi'kmaq and Métis People Rights should be investigated relating this issue.

Council suggested that a Public Meeting be held to discuss the clam beds issue.

**6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Submitted by*

*Connie Saulnier, CAO*