

**Municipality of Clare  
Council Meeting  
Minutes – September 25, 2008**

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 7:00 pm – Presentation of “Duke of Edinburgh’s Award”**

Warden Jean Melanson presented the “Duke of Edinburgh’s Award” to Daniel Surette. Last year Daniel had participated in the self directed programme for young Canadians age 14 to 25. The youth had achieved goals in the four areas of the programme: Community Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey, and earned the Bronze level.

Warden Melanson congratulated Daniel for his achievements.

**3.2 7:10 pm – Presentation of Certificate of Bravery to Dylan LeBlanc**

Warden Jean Melanson presented a ‘Certificate of Bravery’ to Dylan LeBlanc on behalf of the Municipality of Clare. The youngster had performed CPR this past July when his father, Gary LeBlanc of Meteghan, suffered a major heart attack. Although his efforts could not save his father’s life, members of Council felt it was important to acknowledge Dylan’s efforts, bravery and courage during this difficult event. Warden Melanson also presented Dylan LeBlanc a gift certificate from The Source/Seashore Electronics on behalf of Council. Dylan’s family members attended the presentation.

**3.2 7:20 pm – “Notre Jardin d’Enfance” re: Fire Alarm System**

Mrs. Alice Boudreau, Director of the child care centre “*Notre Jardin d’Enfance*” in Meteghan requested financial assistance from Council regarding the installation of a mandatory fire alarm system required by the Fire Safety Inspections program for the Centre. The estimate on installing a fire alarm system is in the amount of \$3,100.

Warden Melanson thanked Mrs. Boudreau for her presentation and indicated that Council would be discussing this issue at a later date.

**3.4 7:30 pm – Physical Activities Leadership Grant**

This presentation will be held during the next Council meeting.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:**

**4.1 August 6, 2008: Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of August 6, 2008 Council Meeting be accepted with the following change: at point 5.8 on page 4 that it read “*Councillor Brian Comeau read a letter from **Ron Chisolm, from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, relating to the clam beds.***” instead of “*Councillor Brian Comeau read a letter from **residents relating to the clam beds.***”

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.2 September 3, 2008: Committee of Council**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no new business items to discuss.

**6. WARDEN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson reported that he participated in the following activities: various activities during the *Festival Acadien de Clare*; assisted the UNSM workshops held in Yarmouth, which included the following sessions: CAP Program; Municipal Elections Act; and Ministers Panel.

**6.1 Proclamation – “Learn @ Work Week” , September 22-26, 2008**

Warden Jean Melanson proclaimed the week of September 22 to 26 2008 as “Learn @ Work Week” in the Municipality of Clare.

**6.2 Declaration of September as “Continuing Care Month”**

Warden Jean Melanson proclaimed the month of September as “Continuing Care Month” in the Municipality of Clare.

**7. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Brian Comeau wished to congratulate Émile and Alma Maillet of Bangor for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 20, 2008 and requested that a certificate of congratulations be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Maillet to commemorate this occasion.

Councillor Simon LeBlanc wished to congratulate Mrs Anita Comeau of Little Brook for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 19, 2008 and requested that a certificate of congratulations be sent to Mrs. LeBlanc to commemorate this occasion.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An email was received from a resident regarding Zoning By-laws and stated in his correspondence that By-laws are needed in Clare. Council decided that this topic will be discussed with the new Council.

## 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### 9.1 **Public Works: Wentworth Park**

Jean Deveau, Wentworth Park Supervisor, had indicated that some vandalism had occurred at Wentworth Park. A recommendation for the repairs will be made prior to the Spring municipal budget.

### 9.2 **South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)**

There was no report regarding this committee.

### 9.3 **Villa Acadienne**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the *Villa Acadienne* had its Annual Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at which Board of Directors' member, Eric Pothier, was voted as new President and Councillor Brian Comeau was voted as Vice-President.

Councillor Comeau also reported that their 2008-2009 budget is in the amount of \$5,700,000. The *Villa Acadienne* wanted to thank the Municipal Recreation Department for holding the fire works on Canada Day, on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the *Villa Acadienne* this year.

### 9.4 **Waste Check**

Warden Melanson reported that Waste Check has a new By-law Enforcement Officer as some Municipalities still require education for their residents regarding recycling and composting.

Warden Melanson also indicated that the Municipality has not received any news regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

### 9.5 **Clare Health Centre**

The Official Opening of the new Clare Health Centre will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 11:00am until approximately 1:00 pm.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Appointment of Gary Sullivan as Assistant Building Inspector and By-Law Enforcement Officer**

**MOVE BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare appoint Gary Sullivan as Assistant Building Inspector and By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Clare.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.2 Email notices from DFO regarding Clam Bed Closures**

Councillor Brian Comeau inquired regarding if the Municipality could have a link on its web-site regarding different issues in the Municipality, for example Clam Bed Closures issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Municipal staff informed that they will contact DFO to find out if they have a web-site that lists Clam Bed Closures and if DFO’s link can be placed on the Municipal web-site.

**10.3 Permission for each Member of Council to sign off on Municipality of Clare Boundaries Documents**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that permission be granted to each Municipal Councillor of the Municipality of the District of Clare for signing authority relating to the boundary changes made in the documents entitled “Proposed General Service Area (GSA) Boundary Delineation Nova Scotia Civic Address File Project” in each of their respective districts.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.4 Request from resident to have a sign erected at 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake Road off of Briar Lake**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare erect a sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake Road off of Briar Lake.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

**10.5 Tax Write-Offs – Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare write-off the following amounts of the said Tax Accounts for the reasons described below:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
3563006	2008	\$117.38	interest should not have been added
10139856	2008	\$23.49	interest should not have been added
591912	2008	\$894.72	interest should not have been added
8540071	2007	\$123.24	account went into receivership
8540071	2006	\$147.68	account went into receivership
867853	2007	\$48.75	account has been deleted
867853	2006	\$46.06	account has been deleted

9271678	2007	\$43.78	account has been deleted
8531579	2007	\$101.90	account has been deleted

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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8531579	2006	\$100.10	account has been deleted
8468397	2006	\$4.93	account has been deleted
8468133	2008	\$176.13	mobile home has been demolished
8468133	2007	\$168.00	mobile home has been demolished
8468133	2006	\$156.77	mobile home has been demolished

**MOTION CARRIED****10.6 Motion to approve 2007-2008 Audited Financial Statements**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare approve the 2007/2008 Municipal Audited Financial Statements for the Municipality of Clare as prepared by the Firm of Grant Thornton.

**MOTION CARRIED****10.7 Motion to award Invitational Tenders****(a) Walkway on sides of scale at Municipal Transfer Station**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of Clare accept the invitational tendered bid in the amount of \$11,074.<sup>00</sup> (\$9,800.<sup>00</sup> + plus \$1,274.<sup>00</sup> HST) as submitted by Comeau Sea Foods Ltd. on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the construction of two walkways, one on each side of the scale at the Municipal Transfer Station in Meteghan.

**MOTION CARRIED****(b) Sand and salt spreader**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of Clare accept the invitational tendered bid in the amount of **\$5,085.<sup>00</sup>** (\$4,500.<sup>00</sup> + plus \$585.<sup>00</sup> HST) as submitted by **Diamond** on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the purchase of a Salt and Sand Spreader plus the amount of \$904.<sup>00</sup> (\$800.<sup>00</sup> + plus \$104.<sup>00</sup> HST) for attachments.

**MOTION CARRIED****11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Note: Due to Municipal Elections, the new Council will be sworn-in on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Submitted by*

*Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk*