

**Municipality of Clare
Council Meeting
Minutes – November 19, 2008**

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

ABSENT: Warden Jean Melanson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved with the following addition: Councillor Brian Comeau requested that Council go in an “in-camera” session at the end of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:

4.1 October 22, 2008: Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the October 22, 2008 Council Meeting be accepted with the following change: at item 10.2 in the French translation that it read that the motion was defeated with 2 votes “for the motion” and 5 votes “against the motion”.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 November 5, 2008: Committee of Council

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the November 5th, 2008 Committee of Council Meeting be accepted with the following change: at item 5.5 that it should read that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and not the Department of Community Services, indicating that there are still some residents that are being placed in long-term facilities outside of the Municipality of Clare.

MOTION

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Request from *Notre Jardin d'Enfance* Child Care Centre

Mrs. Alice Boudreau, Director of the child care centre "*Notre Jardin d'Enfance*" in Meteghan, had recently made a presentation to Council requesting financial assistance for the installation of a mandatory fire alarm system required by the Fire Safety Inspections program for the Centre. The estimated cost on installing a fire alarm system was in the amount of \$3,107.40.

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council award the amount of \$3,107.40 to the child care centre "*Notre Jardin d'Enfance*" for the installation of a mandatory fire alarm system required by the Fire Safety Inspections program. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

There was no report as the Warden was absent.

7. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development

A letter was received (*copy of letter enclosed*) from the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, Mark Parent, regarding amendments definitions contained in the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations which are planned to come into effect in January 2009.

Arnold Comeau, the Municipal Building Inspector, will write a letter expressing concerns regarding the amendments and if members of Council have concerns they can forward them to Arnold Comeau.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 Planning Advisory – Building Permits Report

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding municipal building permits. A total of 23 building permits were issued in October 2008 for a total estimated value of construction in the amount of \$613,000.00 (*copy of report enclosed*).

9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc is the new member on the Board of Directors for SWSDA since November 5, 2008 and has not attended any meeting since that date therefore has no report regarding this committee.

9.3 Villa Acadienne

A report was given at the November 5th, 2008 Committee of Council meeting.

9.4 Waste Check

CAO Connie Saulnier informed that she attended a meeting with Waste Check on November 17th, 2008. Discussions were held regarding a By-law Enforcement Officer. Currently this Officer is only giving verbal warnings to residents.

Waste Check wants to offer more education to residents as well as the haulers regarding recycling and composting, and the difference between the blue bags and clear bags.

Council will have to decide if the Municipality wants to introduce a By-law to enforce recycling.

9.5 Recreation Department

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding the Recreation Department's November 13th, 2008 committee meeting. Councillor Brian Comeau was appointed as the President and Mrs. Denise LeBlanc was appointed Vice-President.

The committee also discussed not having any meetings during the months of July, August and December unless requests were received.

Regarding the "Physical Activities Leadership Grant" Councillor Comeau reported that Michel Pothier, Cindy Comeau and Andrea Gaudet will pursue with the consultations with different groups and activities this coming January or February, as it was discussed at the Committee of Council meeting in October.

The Recreation Department also held a successful Skateboard Clinic in October with 27 people in attendance. Andrea Gaudet has indicated that she will repeat this activity as there is an interest for skateboarding in Clare.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 High School Road – Round barn: Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the building know as "*La grange ronde*", a round barn located in Meteghan Station, has been demolished and is no longer in the list of "Dangerous and Unsightly" buildings.

10.2 In-Camera Session: Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau requested that Council go to an in-camera session.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council proceed to an in-camera session for discussions.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED** by Councillor Simon LeBlanc to conclude the in-camera session and to return to the regular session of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Wednesday, December 17th, 2008.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk
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