

Present were: Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc, Councillors Nil Doucet, Daniel Hill, Simon LeBlanc, Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Ronnie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet and Clerk Treasurer Delphis J. Comeau.

Regrets: Warden Jean Melanson.

1. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the agenda be accepted with the following additions:
 - Palm Pilot for building inspectors
 - Yarmouth Hospital Foundation
 - Burning By-Law
 - Mowing services
 - Meeting with the Premier
 - Meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Municipal Advisors

MOTION PASSED

2. Moved by Ronnie LeBlanc, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that the minutes of March 22, 2006 Council meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION PASSED

The Committee of Council report for April 5, 2006 was reviewed and discussed.

3. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that the salaries of the permanent municipal employees increase by the cost of living for the next three (3) years.

MOTION PASSED

The requested capital cost contribution of the Municipality towards a proposed recycling plant to be located in Yarmouth was postponed until the next meeting.

4. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Daniel Hill, that Council support the Fair and Equitable document proposed by the UNSM.

MOTION PASSED

5. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that Council grant \$5,000.00 to the Saulnierville Legion to cover usage by the Recreation Commission during the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

MOTION PASSED

6. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Russell Comeau, that Council increase the hourly rate of Wilfred Stuart by \$2.00 per hour (due to a change in his responsibilities at the Transfer Station).

MOTION PASSED

7. Moved by Nil Doucet, seconded by Brian Comeau, that invoices be paid as presented.

MOTION PASSED

Various Committee reports were presented

Medical Centre Committee

Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc advised that a sub-committee has listed the proposed number of rooms required in the new medical centre (including the main floor and the basement area) and that the sub-committee recommendations were supported by the Committee. Councillor LeBlanc also advised that the Committee is still negotiating for additional land at the present location.

SWSDA

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc listed a number of issues presently being discussed by the SWSDA which affect Clare:

- energy audit;
- broadband and high speed internet;
- energy concept (*Université Sainte-Anne*) ;
- regional tourism strategy i.e. Acadian colours;
- Bay Ferries proposed schedule for the year (Bar Harbour & Portland, Maine);
- cellular phone concerns in Clare.

Villa Acadienne

Councillor Brian Comeau advised that Carol Anne Deveau has resigned from the Board of Directors at the Villa Acadienne due to personal reasons and that he has assumed the position of Chairman for the present time. The Villa is presently working on policies and will have a workshop for staff on stress management.

8. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that Council advertise for a member of the general public to serve on the Villa Acadienne's Board of Directors to fill the vacant position.

MOTION PASSED

9. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that Council direct the building inspectors to obtain legal services in regards to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises at Saulnier Road in Meteghan River. (NOTE: The Municipal Solicitor having done some work for the owner of the property in the past is in a conflict of interest on this matter).

MOTION PASSED

10. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that two (2) Palm Pilots or similar equipment be purchased for the building inspectors.

MOTION PASSED

11. Moved by Simon LeBlanc, seconded by Daniel Hill, that the Warden and Clerk sign the Agreement transferring the Governance for solid waste from the partnership municipalities to Waste Check.

MOTION PASSED

Councillor Daniel Hill advised that the MRI Machine should be received by the Yarmouth Hospital in August of this year and that there is presently one (1) trained technician and two (2) more are in training.

Councillor Daniel Hill advised that the Fire Departments were wondering if the Municipality of Clare still had a burning By-law.

Council was advised that the services of Michel McCauley to mow various lawns and ball fields was for a three (3) year period and that this year will be the final year of that arrangement. The Clerk advised that the CSAP is interested in using Mr. McCauley's services and wondered if the Municipality would pay for those services and be reimbursed by the CSAP.

12. Moved by Ronnie LeBlanc, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the proposal of the CSAP for lawn mowing services, as explained above, be accepted.

MOTION PASSED

Council members were reminded that Premier Rodney MacDonald will be meeting with Council from 4:00 to 4:45 pm on Sunday, April 23, 2006 and that Minister Richard Hurlburt and Municipal Advisors will be meeting with Council on Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Members of Council are invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Councillor Russell Comeau.