



**Municipality of the District of Clare  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, August 17, 2011**

- PRESENT:** Warden Jean Melanson; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Nil Doucet and Simon LeBlanc; CAO/Clerk Connie Saulnier and Administrative Assistant Colette Deveau King. General public in the audience: Richard Deveau. *Translators: Germaine Comeau and James Crombie (sent home at 7:15pm since their services were not required). Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.*
- ABSENT:** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Danny Hill and Arnold LeBlanc; Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.
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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**4.1 July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the July 20, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There was no business arising from previous meetings.

**6) WARDEN'S REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson indicated that he had no report.

He stated that the *Festival Acadien de Clare* ended Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> and he had heard positive comments regarding the *Tintamarre* Car Parade. He wanted to congratulate the organizers of the Festival.

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

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that it was the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of William (Bill) and Edith Comeau and wished them a happy anniversary.



## 8) CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 Letter from Sébastien Dol (*Unisson* band) requesting funding assistance

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter dated August 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 (copy attached) from Sébastien Dol on behalf of the band *Unisson*. They have been invited to play at the *Grand Réveil Acadien* and the *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles* in Louisiana in October 2011. They are requesting a grant of \$2,000.

Council discussed. It was stated that the group will be representing the Acadians of Nova Scotia and usually this Festival does not invite groups from outside of Louisiana. The band will receive \$1,000 from the Louisiana festival organizers but it is not enough to cover the cost of the trip. It was also pointed out that the group *Unisson* has played at community events at no cost for various volunteer and municipal events. It was also pointed out that Council has supported various artists and musicians in the past. It was also stated that the group will represent the Municipality of Clare at these festivals and it would promote our region.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare award a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the music group *Unisson* (made up of Carmen d'Entremont, Simon Robichaud, Francis Robichaud and Sébastien Dol) to assist them in attending the Acadian and Créole Festivals to be held in Louisiana in October 2011.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### 8.2 Email from Acadian Affaires regarding Acadian license plates

CAO Connie Saulnier read an email dated August 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 from the Department of Acadian Affaires for information purpose only. It indicated that a new license plate has been created by the Department to commemorate the Acadian Culture. Nova Scotians had been invited to complete a survey asking them to select one of four designs, and the Acadian flag was chosen as the image featured on the new licence plates. The new plate is expected to be available through the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) as of January 2012.

Warden Jean Melanson explained that in addition to the standard RMV registration fee, a \$50 donation fee will be collected and this money collected will go to support the long-term development of the Acadian and Francophone community. The entire donation will go back to the Acadian community in which it originated. Acadian Affaires will manage the cultural fund.

### 8.3 Memo from Clare Golf Club regarding the George Thériault Golf Scramble

CAO Saulnier indicated that the Municipality had received an invitation from the Clare Golf Club regarding the George Thériault Memorial Golf Scramble. It will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> and proceeds will be directed to the course improvements. Teams of four people are required at a fee of \$200, which includes supper. Council discussed and it was stated that if Councillors were interested in participating they could but each would have to pay the fee personally, the Municipality would not pay the fee. After discussions, it was deduced that there was an interest. Warden Melanson stated that the Golf Club would be informed that the Municipality would have a team and those interested will get together.



**8.4 Letter marked ‘Confidential’ from Southwest Eco-Energy Ltd**

Warden Jean Melanson stated that he received a letter marked ‘confidential’ from Southwest Eco-Energy Ltd., which will be read and discussed during an in-camera session following the regular session.

**9) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 Planning/Development/Building**

**Building Permits Report (2-Year Comparison)**

Warden Jean Melanson, in Councillor Danny Hill’s absence, presented the building permits reports for July as submitted by the Building Department:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2011	25	\$550,000
2010	18	\$705,000

**9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated there were no meetings in July nor August.

**9.3 Tourism – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc**

**9.3.1 Clare Municipal Tourism Committee**

In Councillor Arnold LeBlanc’s absence, no report was given.

**9.3.2 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)**

In Councillor Arnold LeBlanc’s absence, no report was given.

**9.4 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that he was not able to attend the last board meeting and stated that there will be no meeting in August.

**9.5 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson**

There was no report.

**9.6 Clare Energy – Warden Jean Melanson**

There was no report.

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Motion to Award Tender for Repairs at Clare Library in Meteghan**

CAO Connie Saulnier stated that two (2) bids had been received on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the tender regarding the repairs needed at the Clare Library in Meteghan.

The tendered bids (which include tax) received were from St-Mary’s Bay Construction for \$85,729.56 and from Shep Com Construction for \$77,602.00.

Council discussed and proceeded to the following motion.



**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau that Council for the Municipality of Clare accept the tendered bid amount of **\$77,602** (\$67,480 + \$10,122 HST) as submitted by **Shep Com Construction Ltd.** on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for repairs and renovations to the Senator Ambroise H. Comeau Memorial Library in Meteghan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CAO Connie Saulnier explained to Council that construction began and today the construction crew discovered blocked drainage around the foundation of the library building which need to be replaced. Building Inspector Arnold Comeau and the CAO visited the site to assess the situation and determine the scope of the work. The pipes will go across the road beside the library and drain in the existing ditch. The director of the *Caisse populaire de Clare*, Paul-Émile LeBlanc has given permission to dig on their property to replace the pipes.

CAO Saulnier stated that this was not in the original quote; the work will be extra at approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 more than what was previously budgeted. She indicated that Shep Com will proceed and do the work, and charge their hourly rate.

Councillors discussed and requested that, in the future, a price be provided to Council before the work begins if ever such a situation occurs again.

**10.2 Resolution Regarding Non-Owned Automobile Liability Policy**

CAO Connie Saulnier stated she had received a request from the Municipality's vehicle insurance company, Macdonald Chisholm Trask Insurance regarding the Non-Owned Automobile Excess Coverage. Should Council choose to have insurance coverage for employees, councillors, board members or volunteers, while operating their own personal vehicle on behalf of the Municipality of Clare, an amendment is needed to add this to the standard policy, at no additional cost. To confirm the amendment, a resolution is needed by Council (see attached).

Council discussed and the resolution was read by Councillor Russell Comeau.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the resolution, regarding the Municipality of Clare's intent to extend its coverage to employees, councillors, board members or volunteers, while operating their own personal vehicle on behalf of the Municipality of Clare, be accepted as read during the Council meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.3 Tipping Fees for Debris from Barn in Saulnierville**

CAO Connie Saulnier indicated that the barn in Saulnierville that had been deemed 'Dangerous and Unsightly' has been torn down, however the debris still remains on the property. CAO Saulnier asked if Council would consider waiving the tipping fees for the debris from the torn down barn. Council asked if the property owner had made the request and CAO Saulnier indicated it was not the property owner. Council stated that if the request were to come from the property owner, if he was in financial hardship or had a valid reason that the Municipality waive the fee Council would consider the request.



Warden Melanson stated that the Municipality should send a letter to the property owner indicating that the property must be cleaned up. He added that as it is now, the pile of debris poses a danger and must be removed from the property.

#### **10.4 Wood Chips from Municipal Transfer Station**

CAO Connie Saulnier indicated that construction debris is piling up at the Transfer Station and the Department of Environment has indicated that the construction debris must be disposed of. A large amount of construction debris has been chipped and there are huge piles of mulch (wood chips) at the site.

She indicated that the Municipality had asked Brooklyn Energy if they wanted to purchase some mulch, or even get some at no cost, but they require mulch of a better quality than what is there.

CAO Saulnier indicated that the quality of the mulch is good for general use (gardening, landscaping, etc.) and the Municipality has used some on the grounds at the Municipal Office as well as the Health Centre. Some people have been inquiring about using the mulch for household use, explained CAO Saulnier.

She asked Council if they would offer the mulch free of charge to the residents of Clare, as other units have done the same. It was discussed that a few days could be selected during which residents could go to the Transfer Station and acquire some mulch free of charge.

Council discussed and agreed. Council indicated that a liability waiver should be prepared for resident to sign before they get mulch.

#### **11) IN CAMERA SESSION**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council proceed to an In Camera Session to discuss various issues.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

The time is 8:03 pm.

#### **12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Regular Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 7 pm.

#### **13) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm as per a motion by Councillor Nil Doucet.

Respectfully submitted by

Colette Deveau King  
Administrative Assistant

**Approved by Council at the September 21, 2011 Council Meeting**