

Municipality of the District of Clare
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and SECONDED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the proposed Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4.6 Water Resource Management Strategy – Councillor Brian Comeau
- 4.7 Registration of Fire Departments – Councillor Danny Hill
- 4.8 Burning Permits – Councillor Danny Hill
- 4.9 Recreation Department's request RE.: Canada Day Funding Application – CAO Connie Saulnier
- 4.10 Set date to meet with SPCA regarding policies – CAO Connie Saulnier

MOTION CARRIED

2) PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Clare Social Club in Little Brook – Dominique Hannah & Judy Bonenfant

Dominique Hanna, on the Board of Directors of the Clare Social Club, along with other Club Directors and members of the Finance Committee were present on behalf of the Club. Mr. Hanna gave a presentation indicating that there is presently a group of volunteers who has prepared a 12-month strategic plan and restructuring campaign to help save the Club, as it is in financial difficulty. The plan includes proposals and suggestions to Council, such as the possibility of transferring ownership of certain infrastructure to the Municipality (ball field and racquet ball court); waiving outstanding interest on municipal taxes; establishing a payment plan for taxes due; and appointing a Councillor as an ex-officio member on the board.

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Hanna for the indebt presentation and thanked the group for approaching Council. He indicated that the *Club Social de Clare* is indeed a valuable infrastructure for all of Clare and the Municipality is willing to look at their requests and explore the possibilities of assisting with the Club's plan of getting on a more solid footing financially. In the mean time, Council asked CAO Saulnier to meet with the Board to discuss their plans in greater details.

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 911 Civic Addressing By-Law

Council has reviewed a draft 911 Civic Addressing By-Law and discussed the issue at great length. Council decided to table the By-Law for the time being.

4) NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Request to Ban Pit Bull Dogs in Clare

A request was received to ban Pit Bull dogs in Clare. Council discussed the issue and with the present Municipal Dog By-Law, Council did not see the need to consider this request at this time.

4.2 Road name confusion in Meteghan Station – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau discussed the situation of confusion when residents call 911 for assistance caused by the road names “Bangor Road” and “*Chemin de la Montagne*” in Meteghan Station. The Fire Department has brought this issue to Councillor Comeau’s attention. He explained that the road which has the assigned name “*Chemin de la Montagne*” is not the road which residents previously called “*Chemin de la Montagne*”. And the road which residents refer to “*Chemin de la Montagne*” in St-Benoni has the assigned name of “Bangor Road”. As well, another road in Bangor has the name “Bangor Road”.

Council discussed and agreed that this situation is dangerous in the event that emergency assistance is required at these locations, and agreed that what is now called “Bangor Road” should be renamed “*Chemin de la Montagne*”.

Council would like Gary Sullivan, in charge of Municipal Civic Numbering, to attend to this matter and approach residents of “*Chemin de la Montagne*” to come up with a new road name, which will eliminate confusion and provide more affective emergency services response to both of these locations.

4.3 RVB Financial Statements

Discussed during In-Camera Session.

Also discussed during the In-Camera Session is a RVB personnel issue.

4.4 Set Date for By-Laws Review

Councillors who form the By-Law Committee will meet in February to start reviewing the existing municipal by-laws with the Municipal Clerk. Councillors are Arnold LeBlanc, Simon LeBlanc and Ronnie LeBlanc.

4.5 Set Date for Human Resource Manual Review

Councillors who form the Personnel Committee will commence reviewing the draft of the Human Resource Manual at the end of January.

4.6 Water Resource Management Strategy – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council that a resident inquired regarding the water resource management strategy of the Municipality. This issue will be addressed at the upcoming Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

4.7 Registration of Fire Departments – Councillor Danny Hill

Councillor Hill will discuss with CAO Saulnier regarding this matter.

4.8 Burning Permits – Councillor Danny Hill

Councillor Danny Hill informed Council that burning permits are required in Clare as of March 1st from local Fire Chiefs; the Provincial permits are as of April 1st. He requested that ads be placed in local papers in February. It was also mentioned that recently someone was burning shingles in an open fire on the beach. Councillor Hill was asked to inquire with the Fire Departments if there is a By-Law against burning shingles.

4.9 Recreation Department’s request RE.: Canada Day Funding Application – CAO Connie Saulnier

CAO Connie Saulnier informed Council that Andrea Gaudet, Recreation Department Director, was asking for permission to proceed with submitting a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to Canada Day celebrations. Council discussed and proceeded to the following motion:

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and SECONDED BY Councillor Russell Comeau that Andrea Gaudet, employee of the Municipality of the District of Clare, be authorized to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the ‘Celebrate Canada’ Program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day within the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

4.10 Set date to meet with SPCA regarding policies – CAO Connie Saulnier

CAO Connie Saulnier informed Council that a meeting was planned with Municipal Officials, Municipal Animal Control Officers, members of *La Baie SPCA* and operators of local dog kennels to discuss animal control policies. The meeting will be on Monday, January 24th 2011.

5) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to going into an In-Camera Session.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk
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