

Municipality of the District of Clare
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 6, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and SECONDED BY Councillor Danny Hill that the proposed Agenda be approved with the following additions:

4) New Business

4.6 Garbage "Chemin du P'tit Moulin" – Councillor Brian Comeau

MOTION CARRIED

2) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Scotia Direct Lobster Coop Ltd

Council had invited representatives of Scotia Direct Lobster Coop Ltd of Meteghan (who had sent Council a letter) to further discuss their concerns with Council regarding an aquaculture site in St. Mary's Bay for Cook's Aquaculture. The group of lobster fishermen stated that they felt they have not been contacted for consultations regarding this issue.

Reps from Scotia Direct were not available for this evening's meeting, however sent an email explaining that their concern with the aquaculture site is that not enough information is being provided to the fishermen. They would like to see some facts from studies on existing sites and how they affect the fishing industry.

A Councillor indicated that two permits have already been approved by the Department of Fisheries.

Council discussed writing a letter to the Department of Fisheries indicating that the Municipality of Clare would like to see the report on the study of this project. It should also indicate that before any other permits are issued that the public and local fishermen should be informed. A copy of this letter should also be sent to Cook's aquaculture.

3.2 Dog Pound – \$25,000 Reserve

Council discussed the issue of \$25,000 which had been budgeted in 2011-2012 to be placed in reserve for the future construction of a dog pound. CAO Connie Saulnier asked for clarification before sending a letter to *La Baie SPCA*. Last year Council had also approved placing \$25,000 in reserve towards a dog pound. Council discussed this issue stated that the Municipality should be responsible for the construction of the dog pound and as such the funds should stay in the Municipality's Capital Reserved Fund until such construction is approved.

3.3 South West Eco-Energy – Update on Project

CAO Connie Saulnier informed Council that Max Barr of South West Eco-Energy was wondering if the Municipality of Clare had made any decisions regarding this project. Mr. Barr had also indicated that the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby are going ahead with the proposal project. Council discussed this issue and clarified that although a letter of support for the project had been sent, there was no commitment of any funds from Council for the project. Mr. Barr should contact Warden Melanson for more information regarding this proposed project.

3.4 Extension Meteghan River Sewer System

The Municipality has received a quote from EXP for the cost of an extension of the Meteghan River Sewer, from the other side of the Meteghan River Bridge to *Placide Comeau Road*, in the amount of \$950,000 plus tax. Genivar has indicated that they would could provide the Municipality with an estimate (free of charge) for this extension, therefore Council will ask Genivar to provide a quote.

3.5 “Garderie familiale de Clare” Project

CAO Connie Saulnier indicated that *La Garderie familiale de Clare* has received its grant money to construct an office building. The contract has been awarded to St-Mary's Bay Construction and construction will begin soon.

3.6 Dates to set a meeting to discuss “Community Arts and Culture Recognition” Award (\$10,000)

Last year, the Municipality received the Community Art and Culture Recognition Award from the Province in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for “the future promotion and integration of arts and culture with the community of Clare”.

Council had discussed various ideas of how groups could have access to these funds and a suggestion was made to meet with representatives of arts and cultural groups to help develop criteria of who could qualify and how.

Council agreed to organize a meeting with these representatives to discuss this issue further and a date of Wednesday September 14th 2011 was set. Reps from the groups will be contacted and invited.

3.7 Environmental Sensitivity Mapping – Councillor Danny Hill

With regards to changes to the Land Use By-Law (By-Law #30), PAC is aiming to have an Environmentally Sensitive Coastal Areas Map developed that would show the coastal areas where coastal setbacks would apply (to protect private land, beaches and dune systems). Currently, there is a Policy in the new Municipal Plan regarding setback standards which cannot be enforced because the Municipality does not have any regulations in the current Land Use By-law (being updated). It is PAC and Genivar's intention that this map would become an Appendix to the updated Land Use By-law, which would resolve this issue.

Councillor Danny Hill indicated that voting members of the PAC voted on the four (4) choices as presented by Greg Zwicker, municipal planner from Genivar. The four choices were:

- (a) PAC conduct research and mapping on their own time (approx. cost = \$0);
- (b) Genivar provide some guidance to members of the PAC, but PAC members do most of the work (approx. cost = \$5,000);
- (c) Genivar play a leading role and work closely with members of the PAC (approx. cost = \$10,000); or
- (d) develop a Request for Proposal and ask for bids from planning companies (approx. cost = \$15,000 - \$20,000).

Councillor Hill informed Council that the majority of the votes were for (c) "to have Genivar play a leading role and work closely with members of the PAC (approx. cost = \$10,000)". On behalf of PAC, Councillor Hill recommended to Council that the Municipality hire Genivar to conduct the work with regards to mapping environmentally sensitive coastal areas. Council discussed and agreed to PAC's recommendation. A formal motion will be made at the upcoming Council meeting.

PAC Members

Council was reminded that the term of two members had expired last year (Jean LeBlanc and Yvon Comeau) and no new members had been appointed due to no one coming forward to express interest after ads had been placed in local papers twice.

Council was informed that recently a member of the public (Roland LeBlanc) expressed interest in becoming a committee member. Council reviewed Mr. LeBlanc's resume and feel his experience and background would be beneficial to serve on the PAC. An official motion will be made at the upcoming Council meeting.

3.8 Date of meeting to discuss renaming "*Chemin de la Montagne*" – Wednesday July 13 at 7:00 pm

Due to the ongoing situation causing much confusion regarding the roads "*Chemin de la Montagne*" and "Bangor Road", Council had recently agreed to hold a public meeting with the residents living on the road in questions, as well as representatives from local Fire Departments and

Emergency Health Services (EHS Ambulance) to try and resolve this issue of renaming the road.

Council set the date of Wednesday July 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office. Concerned residents and representatives will be sent a letter inviting them to the meeting.

4) NEW BUSINESS

4.1 “Rendez-vous de la Baie” Café Menu

CAO Connie Saulnier presented a proposed café menu for the Rendez-vous de la Baie Café. The items in the proposed menu were in the original RVB business plan.

4.2 Recycling Plant in Clare

CAO Connie Saulnier gave a presentation regarding a proposed recycling plant at the former Comeau Lumber location in Meteghan. The building and equipment could be eligible under the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Council discussed this issue and CAO Saulnier will be presenting the proposal to the other Municipalities and Towns in the region during the upcoming Waste Check meeting on Monday July 11, 2011.

4.3 Clare Library in Meteghan – Estimated Cost of Repairs

CAO Connie Saulnier indicated that the Municipality has received another quote do repairs at the Clare Library Meteghan. The quote was similar to a previous quote received. Council discussed this issue and decided to put out a call for tender for the work needed at the Library building.

4.4.a Garbage Issues on New Edinburgh Rd – Councillor Nil Doucet

Councillor Nil Doucet expressed a concern regarding a resident in New Edinburgh that does not put any of his garbage at the roadside. This individual piles his garbage in a building on his own property, creating a problem with rats and other rodents. Council indicated that since the Municipality does not have a garbage by-law enforcement regulation nothing can be done at this time. Council will discuss establishing a By-law at the next Council meeting to address this issue.

4.4.b Garbage Issues *Chemin du Petit Moulin* Rd – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council of a concern he received regarding garbage being left at roadside, at *Chemin du P'tit Moulin* Road, on any particular day of the week, not on garbage day or not even during garbage week. He stated that garbage is mostly being placed on the weekends, as campers leave their cottages headed for home.

Council discussed this issue and suggested maybe removing the private garbage box as this situation has occurred at other locations and once the box was removed the problem was rectified. It was also suggested maybe writing a notice to the property owners explaining the garbage concerns. The notices could be delivered to each property.

**4.5 Municipal Taxes for *Maison Jérôme* and *Atelier de Clare* –
Councillor Simon LeBlanc**

Councillor Simon LeBlanc informed Council of a request he received from Kathleen Jacques, the director of the *Maison Jérôme*, asking if the *Atelier de Clare* and the *Maison Jérôme* could receive a rebate on their municipal taxes.

Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet indicated that the *Atelier de Clare* is tax exempt and is not billed any municipal taxes. The Deputy Clerk indicated that the *Maison Jérôme* is paying a residential rate, not a commercial rate, as are the other facilities of this type in the Municipality, such as *Maison au Coucher du Soleil*, *Au Logis de Meteghan*, etc.

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

No date was set for the next Council-in-Committee meeting, however Council agreed to meet on Wednesday July 20th for a Regular Council meeting, at 7pm.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk
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