

Municipality of the District of Clare
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 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.
Translator: Richard Landry.
Others: Anne LeBlanc of PAC Committee, Jean LeBlanc of PAC Committee, Greg Zwicker of Genivar, and Paul Comeau of Clare Civic Association.

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 Councillor Russell Comeau that the proposed Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 3) Business Arising From Previous Meetings
 - 3.2 Extension of Meteghan River Sewer – Councillor Brian Comeau
- 4) New Business
 - 4.1 On-Call compensation to new Doctors – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc
 - 4.2 Appointment of Council Member on CDÉNE – Warden Jean Melanson
 - 4.3 Individual to issue marriage licenses – Warden Jean Melanson
 - 4.4 Yarmouth Airport and Municipality's Financial Support

MOTION CARRIED

2) PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Road Name Changes (*Chemin de la Montagne*, Bangor Road, *Allée des Blacks*)
Procedures to Change Road Names
– Gary Sullivan, Municipal Civic Numbering Department (7:05 pm)

Gary Sullivan, in charge of Municipal Civic Numbering, gave an overview of the ongoing situation causing much confusion regarding the roads "Chemin de la Montagne" and "Bangor Road" (which includes the newly named section "Allée des Blacks"). Mr. Sullivan indicated that the feedback received from the correspondence he sent to the residents of the "Chemin de la Montagne" regarding renaming the road has not been favourable.

The existing road names are causing serious problems for emergency responders (ambulance, fire department and RCMP) due to the fact that for many years the section of road leading to a popular swimming spot (called "La Montagne") was referred to as "Chemin de la Montagne" yet was officially named "Bangor Road".

As well, “Bangor Road” has three (3) different sections of road, which has also caused confusion. One of the sections of the road was renamed to rectify some of the confusion (with Council’s approval in June 2009) however the change and the signage cannot officially be done until the second section of “Bangor Road” (the former “Chemin de la Montagne”) can be given another name.

After much discussion, Council agreed to hold a public meeting with the residents of the roads in questions and representatives from local Fire Departments and Emergency Health Services (EHS Ambulance) to try and resolve this issue.

Mr. Sullivan also provided a provincial document to Councillors that explains the procedures involved in road naming and renaming (see attached).

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Sullivan for this presentation.

2.2 Amended Land-Use By-Law – Greg Zwicker, Genivar

Greg Zwicker, municipal planner from Genivar, presented the revised version of the Land Use By-Law (By-Law 30) highlighting the changes and additions that members of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) were recommending.

Regarding watercourses and wetland setbacks for residential development, Mr. Zwicker stated that Council will have to decide how it wants to proceed regarding this topic. As well, the planner stated that Council will have to decide how it wants to proceed regarding coastline areas that would be classified as “environmentally sensitive” and the mapping of such areas.

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Zwicker for the update and indicated that Council will have to decide in which direction they want to proceed with the watercourse and coastline mapping issues.

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Date change of *Rendez-vous de la Baie* Open House

The dates for the Open House at the *Rendez-vous de la Baie*, organized by Larry Peach, has been changed to Saturday June 25 and Sunday June 26.

3.2 Extension of Meteghan River Sewer – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau inquired if the Municipality had received the quote for the cost of the possible extension of the Meteghan River Sewer from the other side of the Bridge to Placide Comeau Road.

4) NEW BUSINESS

4.1 On-Call compensation to new Doctors – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc indicated that the Doctors’ in Clare participate in the On-Call Program, for which they receive compensation, however Doctors setting-up a new practices in Clare are not eligible for this compensation.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc explained that if the On-Call service was cancelled in the Clare area, the Yarmouth Hospital would see an increase in patients requiring service at the emergency department, causing a negative impact.

He suggested that Council write a letter to the Provincial Government, with statistics indicating the number of patients seen during that the On-Call hours, to show the actual service this valuable program provides to the residents of Clare, and request that this program be continued and offered to doctors setting-up new practices in our community.

4.2 Appointment of Council Member on CDÉNE – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Melanson indicated he received a request from the *Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (CDÉNE), the non-profit organisation that provides economic development for the Acadian/Francophone communities in the Province. Council indicated it will discuss this request during the same time that it discusses if the Municipal Council will become a member of the CDÉNE.

4.3 Individual to issue marriage licenses – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Melanson indicated that the Province is looking to appoint someone to issue marriage licenses in the Clare area. The individual who is currently issuing the licenses will cease to provide this service. Warden Melanson stated that if anyone had any suggestions to please let him know.

4.4 Yarmouth Airport and the Municipality's Financial Support

Council discussed the issue of the Yarmouth Airport and should Council continue with the financial support the Municipality of Clare is giving.

Council discussed and agreed to discuss this issue with the Yarmouth Airport Commission before making a decision, as a 1 year notice is probably required.

4.5 Former S.W.S.D.A. Legal Issue: IN CAMERA

Councillors proceeded to an In Camera Session at 8:55 pm.

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

No date was set for the next Council-in-Committee meeting.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned, following the In-Camera Session, at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk
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