

Municipality of the District of Clare  
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and SECONDED BY Councillor  
Russell Comeau that the proposed Agenda be approved with the following additions:  
3.5 Staff Policy Manual – Councillor Brian Comeau

MOTION CARRIED

**2) PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 RCMP Report – Sergeant Holmes (7:05 pm to 7:50 pm)**

Sergeant Jeff Holmes of the Meteghan RCMP and H el ene Comeau,  
Coordinator of Security for Seniors, both gave a presentation to Council.

Sergeant Holmes gave an annual report (copy enclosed), which included  
detachment priorities, as well as statistics on drug seizures, traffic  
occurrences, and other crimes.

The issue was raised that RCMP officers were contacting towing service  
from Yarmouth instead of from Clare when a vehicle needed to be towed.  
Sgt Holmes addressed the concern and indicated that he will raise this issue  
with his team members.

Warden Melanson addressed the presence of the RCMP during the annual  
Canoe Trip and suggested perhaps emphasizing more on boat safety issues.

H el ene Comeau, Coordinator of Security for Seniors, presented the annual  
report (copy enclosed) which included statistics of visits and presentations.

Warden Melanson thanked them both for the information.

### 3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### 3.1 Request from *Festival acadien* Re. Dept. of Tourism – Larry Peach

The Municipality had recently received a request from the *Festival acadien de Clare* organizing committee asking the Municipal Tourism Department to assist with lobbying efforts, Government funding grant applications, attending board meetings, etc. Council asked Larry Peach, Director of Tourism, to give Council an overview of his duties and discuss what his role could be to further assist the *Festival* committee.

Mr. Peach enumerated the numerous projects he is currently working on and future projects that are planned. He indicated that he sees himself as a resource person for the *Festival* committee and could assist them as such, but felt that he does not have the time to assist with lobbying efforts, grant applications, attending regular board meetings. He stated that he could, however, attend Board meetings if requested to attend for a specific reason. As well, he indicated that if needed he would be willing to help review application grants with the Festival committee.

Mr. Peach informed Council that he, along with Lisette Gaudet, General Director of the *Festival acadien de Clare*, had recently attended the Saltscape Expo in Halifax, promoting the Clare area. He also indicated that there would be some opportunity for joint marketing with the Tourism Department and the Festival.

Warden thanked Larry Peach for the update regarding his work load and his input with regards to the *Festival's* request.

#### 3.2 Appointment of Citizen to “Police Advisory Board”

Council discussed the role of members of the public on the Police Advisory Board. Council felt that the Board, composed of RCMP officers, all the Councillors and interested members of the public, should meet to discuss various concerns in the Municipality with regards to crime and policing.

Members of the public that had expressed interest in 2008, Lucille Maillet and Denise LeBlanc, should be contacted to see if they are still interested. Councillor Russell Comeau indicated that he had names of a few more individuals that may be interested.

#### 3.3 *Pointe à Major*: Transfer of Road to Municipality

Council was informed that a letter had been sent by ADI to Major Enterprises regarding the work that needed to be done to Major Point Road to bring it to standard in order for the Municipality to discuss the possibility of transferring ownership of the road to the Municipality. A response from Major Enterprises is required, advising the Municipality how they plan to meet municipal road standards.

**3.4 Appointment of Councillors to public boards ie. *Transport de Clare* and *Festival acadien de Clare***

Councillor Brian Comeau wished to further discuss the issue regarding Councillors sitting on boards of public committees. He sits on the committee of the *Festival acadien de Clare* and wanted to do so without being in a conflict of interest.

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc indicated that he is no longer on the Clare SPCA committee.

It was clarified that when there is a financial interest for an organization, committee, or board on which a Councillor sits (not nominated by Municipal Council), there is an indirect financial interest and the Councillor should declare a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest does not apply when a Councillor is appointed to a board by Council.

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Proposed New RDA Model – CAO Connie Saulnier**

CAO Connie Saulnier gave a presentation on the different issues related to forming a new Regional Development Authority (RDA). Council had been provided the draft document prepared by Mike Gushue “The Case for an RDA”. CAO Saulnier indicated that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday May 19 in Yarmouth with the 9 local Municipal Units (Towns and Municipalities) invited to discuss the proposed new RDA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. and Councillors agreed to meet on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 to continue the Council-in-Committee Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk  
JD/ck*

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

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

(Continuation from May 4, 2011 meeting)

PRESENT: 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.

ABSENT: Warden Jean Melanson.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**AGENDA**

The following additions were made to the Agenda, under "New Business":

- 4.7 Sea Crest Fisheries' Application to Build Chemical Storage Tank – Councillor Russell Comeau;
- 4.8 Update regarding Patrice Road Illegal Drugs Situation.

**Continuation from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting:**

**3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**3.5 Staff Policy Manual – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau inquired regarding the progress with regards to the Staff Policy Manual. CAO Connie Saulnier indicated that certain issues related to staff policies had been addressed at recent staff meetings and any changes to the Manual would be retro-active as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Proposed New RDA Model – CAO Connie Saulnier**

At the May 4<sup>th</sup> Council-in-Committee meeting, CAO Connie Saulnier had informed Council that there was a meeting scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> in Yarmouth. She informed Council that the meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (at the Rodd's Grand Hotel). The nine local Municipal Units (Towns and Municipalities) will be invited to discuss the proposed new Regional Development Authority (RDA).

Councillor Simon LeBlanc indicated that he will attend. Councillor Danny Hill indicated that he will try to attend.

**4.4 Ridge Hiltz and Sub-Division Development**

CAO Connie Saulnier informed Councillors that Mr. Ridge Hiltz, who has been contracted to provide sub-division of properties service for the Municipality, is no longer able to continue his contract due to health issues.

Mr. Hiltz has suggested a few names of individuals capable of conducting the work. Council will look into this issue.

**4.5 Open House at Rendez-vous de la Baie June 14<sup>th</sup> (proposed date)**

Councillors were informed that the scheduled date of June 14<sup>th</sup> for the Open House at the Rendez-vous de la Baie has changed. More to follow.

**4.6 Lobsters Cars in Meteghan**

Councillors were informed that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is disposing seven (7) lobster cars that were at the Meteghan Wharf. DNR is asking if the Municipality would waive the tipping fees at the Transfer Station.

Council discussed this issue. It was pointed out that the wood in lobster cars contains large bolts, wire mesh, wire cables and such, therefore the wood cannot be chipped at the Transfer Station. Due to this reason, Council decided that the Municipality cannot waive the fees.

**4.7 Sea Crest Fisheries' Application to build chemical storage tank – Councillor Russell Comeau**

Councillor Russell Comeau brought forth a request from Sea Crest Fisheries (see attached letter) regarding an expansion project at its Comeauville fish plant which involves the installation of a large storage tank to store food grade phosphoric acid. They are applying for a permit with the NS Department of Environment and require a letter from the Municipality

Council discussed and is in agreement to give the project approval on the condition that the Department of Environment approves the permit and the fish plant follows all the necessary federal and provincial regulations.

**4.8 Update regarding Illegal Drugs Situation on Patrice Road**

Councillors were informed that the RCMP seized illegal drugs on the Patrice Road in Church Point on the weekend (May 6 -7). The Municipality had received complaints regarding illegal drugs in this area.

**4.9 Translators and Code of Conduct: IN CAMERA**

Councillors proceeded to an In Camera Session at 9:20 pm.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned, following the In-Camera Session, at 10:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk  
JD/ck*