

**Municipality of Clare  
Council Meeting  
Minutes - January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Darry Hill that the proposed agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATION**

No presentation

**4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:**

**4.1 December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**4.1 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008- Committee of Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Darry Hill that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

**5.1 Proposed Purchase of Municipal Vehicle**

Connie Saulnier, CAO received two (2) quotes for the purchased of a municipal vehicle for the building inspectors:

**1) Belliveau Motors Ltd.** A 2008 4x4 Ford Ranger Extended Cab at the price of \$28,051.12 (taxes included) at 0% financing.

**2) Clare Dodge:** A 2008 Dodge Dakota at the price of \$28,815.00 (taxes included) and at 6.99% financing.

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by the Councillor Nil Doucet that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare purchase a 2008 Sport ford Ranger Pickup Super Cab 4x4 from Belliveau Motors Ltd., with specs identified in their attached quote dated January 15, 2008 for \$28,824.00 plus \$3,227.12 HST) and to finance this vehicle for a period of 5 years at 0% financing.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5.2 Yarmouth Airport**

Warden Jean Melanson explained to Council that the Municipalities of Yarmouth, Argyle and the Town of Yarmouth have accepted the terms and conditions as proposed by the Municipality of Clare to join the Airport Commission. The Airport Commission must accept the recommendation before the Municipality of Clare can join.

## **5.3 Coordinator for Energy Project**

On behalf of the Municipality of Clare, Pam Thibault is working on a grant application to hire an Energy Plan Coordinator through the Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Program. If the project is approved the Municipality will commit to a financial contribution of 20%, which is approximately \$17,000.

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by the Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare proceeds with a grant application for an Energy Plan Coordinator and, that if the applications is approved, to commit municipal funds up to a maximum of \$17,000 toward this position, representing 20% of total cost.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Warden had no report.

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

There were no official statements by members of Council.

**8) CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1** – Letter from Réseau Santé informing us that our application for a grant for the Medical Centre had not been approved.

**8.2** – Letter from Dairy Twirl about garbage problems. This issue has already been addressed.

**9) COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**9.1 Public Works**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the Public Works meeting that was scheduled for January 14 has been moved to Monday January 21, 2008. No report.

**9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc gave us a report on the projects that Pam Thibault is involved with: -Energy Concept, - Immigration, -Women in Business, -Help for non-profit organizations, - Meteghan Park Development. The SWSDA is working on improving golf courses, broadband project for high-speed Internet, Yarmouth Ferry, etc.

**9.3 Villa Acadienne**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that everything was going well at the Villa Acadienne. The committee will receive a business plan next Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, for discussion. If the plan is approved, the Villa Acadienne hopes to meet with Minister Chris d'Entremont to discuss the details.

**9.4 Waste Check**

The Waste Check meeting scheduled for January 14, 2008 was cancelled. No report.

**9.5 Medical Center Progress Report**

Ms. Connie Saulnier, CAO indicates to Council that the project is going well and that Avondale Construction Ltd has finished 98% with Phase I and that Delmar Construction Ltd and the contract II is on site now. Ms. Saulnier indicates that there is still time to buy brick.

**9.6 Planning**

Connie Saulnier, CAO indicated that the committee for the District Planning Commission is looking for a Planner. The ads are already in the newspapers.

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Tax Account #04580745, Interest Write-Off**

The information to write-off the interest of account # 04580745 was circulated. Council stated that it was not the practice of Council to write-off interest, so the request was denied.

**10.2 SWSDA – Community Session, Saturday January 19, 2008**

Deputy Warden Arnold informed Council that there will be a Community Session on Saturday January 19, 2008 at 1h30 at the Clare Social Club in Little Brook. The public is invited to attend.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7h45 pm.

Submitted by,  
Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk