

**Municipality of Clare  
Council Meeting  
Minutes - October 22<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**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 Sauhnier

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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 Darry Hill that the proposed agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATION**

**Municipal Planning for the District of Clare – Gérard Theriault:**

Mr. Gérard Theriault made a presentation to Council regarding Planning/Zoning in the Municipality of Clare (copy attached).

Warden Jean Melanson thanked Gérard Theriault for the presentation.

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

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

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.2 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Committee of Council**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and seconded by Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc that the minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**5.1 Clare Daily Active Living Strategy**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare give a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Clare Daily Active Living Strategy project. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5.2 Request from CIFA (Storage space and assistance with installation of new flooring)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of Clare build some storage space for CIFA in the basement of the old Comeauville school; the cost is estimated to be between \$200.00 - \$300.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Nil Doucet that the Municipality of Clare pay for the installation of new flooring for CIFA in the amount of \$975.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5.3 Request from SPCA (Dog Pound & Animal Control Officer)**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc deferred the financial request of La Baie SPCA and made a presentation (copy attached) regarding some recommendations for Council to consider before making any decisions concerning SPCA.

**5.4 Request from Université Ste-Anne (Arena)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that the Municipality of Clare give \$25,000.00 per year for four (4) years, for a total of \$100,000.00, for the Université Ste-Anne (Arena) project. (copy of proposed project attached). **MOTION CARRIED**

**5.5 Request from Salmon River Fire Dept. (Cleaning mold from bunker suits)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and seconded by Councillor Nil Doucet that the Municipality of Clare pay \$1,731.43 to the Salmon River Fire Department to cover the cost of cleaning mold from their bunker suits. **MOTION CARRIED**

**6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

- Sept 21 –Official opening of Expo Commerce at Université Ste-Arme
- Sept 23 – Rally at Saulnierville Legion for our troops that served in Afghanistan
- Sept 27 –NDP Caucus in Digby
- Oct 2 –Attended the launch of the tourism plan; the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores has been approved as a destination
- Oct 4 –Library meeting in Yarmouth
  - First meeting with Yarmouth Argyle Corporation regarding the Yarmouth Airport
- Oct 9 – Harbourside & Tidalview
  - Meeting with Pierre Belliveau regarding the Cosman Estate
- Oct 10 – La Fane immigration committee
- Oct 11 – Digby launch of a new Transit bus
- Oct 12 – Annual meeting of La FANE – Halifax
  - Meeting with James Hasket re: Cosman Estate
- Oct 15 – Waste Check – Yarmouth
- Oct 16 – Visited the new medical center site with personal from Digby Courier
- Oct 18 – Office interview from Commerce Magazine regarding the Medical Center

#### **6.1 Proclamations:**

- a) Warden Jean Melanson proclaimed November as CPR month.
- b) Warden Jean Melanson proclaimed the week November 15-25 week of Justice.

#### **6.2 Library Report**

Warden Jean Melanson reported that the Library was notified that the provincial funding would not be increasing therefore they will have to cut hours on the next budget. Also Warden Melanson reported that Trudy Amirault, Director of the Western Library was named recipient of the Norman Horrach Award for library leadership at the Nova Scotia Library Association.

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

There were no official statements to report.

#### **8) CORRESPONDENCES**

- 8.1 – Letter from CIFA requesting financial assistance – granted under Business Arising.
- 8.2 – Letters of support for the Université Ste-Anne's Arena project – request was granted under Business Arising.

**9) COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**9.1 Public Works**

Councillor Brian Comeau inquired whether a quote had been received from Jean Deveau regarding Wentworth Park. The quote was not yet received but Connie will contact Jean Deveau for further information.

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

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc reported on different projects (copy attached) that SWSDA is involved with.

**9.3 Villa Acadienne**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that Villa Acadienne board is still meeting on a monthly basis. The CDENE report should be finalized in November.

**9.4 Waste Check**

Warden Jean Melanson reported that Waste Check will start enforcing the clear bags in November.

**9.5 Medical Center Progress Report**

Connie Saulnier, CAO gave a progress report as of October 12, 2007 (copy enclosed). Avondale Construction Ltd. is hiring locals to work at the site.

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Award of Tender – Medical Centre Contract 2A - Plumbing**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid in the amount of \$129,500.00 (\$113,596.50 plus \$15,903.50 HST) as submitted by Tri-Lite Electrical Plumbing and Heating Ltd. on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for Contract 2A- Plumbing, of the Medical Centre Project. **MOTION CARRIED**

**10.2 Road Name (Shiloh Road)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the private road leading to the “Lac des Toms”, owned by Brian Doucet and Sharon Kerfont and located off the Beaver River Road in the County of Clare Nova Scotia, be named “Shiloh Road”.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.3 Electronic Suggestion Box – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau would like to know if we could look at the possibility of putting an electronic suggestion box on our web-site. The staff will look into this and report to Council.

**10.4 Approval of 2006/2007 Consolidated Financial Statements**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare approve the 2006-2007 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of the District of Clare, as prepared by the Audit Firm of Grant Thornton and as presented to Council on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED**

**10.5 Resolution – Authorization to Borrow for Medical Center**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that we sign a temporary borrowing resolution for \$4,000,000.00 (copy attached, for the construction of the new Medical Centre). **MOTION CARRIED**

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Submitted by,  
Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk