

Municipality of the District of Clare
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 17th 2009

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 Administrative Assistant Colette King.
Translators: Ms Germaine Comeau and Mr. Gilles LeBlanc.
Camera operator: Ms Gene Dugas.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the proposed agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:

4.1 May 20th, 2009: Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the minutes of the May 20th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 May 25th, 2009: Budget Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of the May 25th, 2009 Budget Council meeting be accepted with the two corrections: (a) in the heading, the date be changed from *Wednesday May 25* to *Monday May 25*; and (b) under item 3) *Presentations*, at item 3.1) *Belliveau Cove Development Commission*, the name of *Mr. Gary Thériault* be added as one of the Commission's representatives that gave the presentation with Marc Blinn.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from previous meetings.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson stated that there were no official functions to attend during the past few weeks, however he did attend four committee meetings, of which he will report under item 9) Committee Reports.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, on behalf of Council, congratulated Warden Jean Melanson for the fact that Warden Melanson will receive an Honorary Diploma from *Université Sainte-Anne* during the Collegial Graduation Ceremony Saturday, June 20th for his leadership in community development.

8) CORRESPONDENCE**8.1 Letter from House of Commons re Bill C-319, *An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)***

A letter from the House of Commons regarding Bill C-319, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters) (*copy included*) was read. The letter explained that Bill C-319 would amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act with regards to having motor vehicles equipped with a speed limiter so vehicles could not travel at more than 150 kilometres per hour, with the exclusion of emergency vehicles.

Council discussed that before being able to make a decision on such an amendment, more information would be required. Warden Melanson stated that as Member of Parliament, the Honourable Greg Kerr would be in a better position to field information to Council and give Council his opinion regarding such an amendment. And since the House of Commons is adjourned until mid-September, Council discussed tabling this issue until a later date.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council table the letter from the House of Commons regarding Bill C-319 until the House of Commons is back in session after mid-September.

MOTION CARRIED

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS**9.1 Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor Danny Hill gave a brief summary of the Planning Advisory Committee's current issues discussed at the committee's last meeting with regards to land owners with small farms emerging in Clare. He explained that the current Municipal Land Use By-Law is vague with regards to the definition of a Commercial Livestock Operation when dealing with hogs and will have to be clarified.

Building Permits Report

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits report (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department. A total of 18 permits were issued in May 2009, for an estimated value of construction in the amount of \$152,500.00 dollars.

9.2 Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding the Recreation Committee's activities (*May 28 2009 meeting minutes*). He enumerated the grants that had been given by the Recreation Committee, as listed in the circulated minutes, and stated that a Soccer Coordinator has been hired for the summer.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc gave a report regarding the SWSDA Board meeting. He explained regarding a Golf Package that had been put together to increase tourism in the area, which includes the Clare Golf and Country Club. He also stated that the Oceans First Task Force had been set aside due to the change in Government during the recent provincial elections. Deputy Warden LeBlanc also read a letter explaining that a new act will require SWSDA to become an incorporated RDA. He added that the municipalities served by SWSDA will be asked to send a letter stating that they want the services of an RDA. A meeting will be held in August with SWSDA and the Councillors to explain this requirement.

9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc explained that the Tourism Committee meeting had been postponed.

Rendez-Vous de la Baie

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc indicated that construction of the *Rendez-Vous de la Baie* cultural centre is well underway and will be partially open in October.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council that the Audit Committee will meet on June 29th; that the purchase of 39 beds will go out to tender (funding in the amount of \$117,000 was received by the Province); the sprinkler system will have to be upgraded; and the current contract service with the pharmaceutical company ends in December.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Jean Melanson reported that he attended the Waste Check board meeting, stating that Waste Check came in first concerning the RRF Board Award for the region that is most improved pertaining to recyclable beverage containers. Warden Melanson also explained that Waste Check will now meet eight times per year instead of every month in order to cut back on expenses.

Warden Melanson also gave a brief report regarding the Western Counties Regional Library Board meeting.

Warden Melanson also gave a brief report regarding the Yarmouth Airport Commission Board meeting. He explained that changes may occur with regards to the number of daily flights with hopes to reduce current expenses.

Warden Melanson also gave a brief report regarding the Tidal View Board meeting. He explained that the construction of the new building, which will contain 105 beds, has been tendered out and they are hoping that construction will begin soon and be weather tight for this winter.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 First Reading of Amendments to “Municipal Planning Strategy” and “Land Use By-Law” regarding: (a) the definition of ‘Wetland’ and Setback Requirements; and (b) the addition of Policy to Reestablish Existing Commercial Livestock Operations

Councillor Danny Hill read and explained the proposed amendments (*attached*) to the “Municipal Planning Strategy” and “Land Use By-Law” with regards to the definition of ‘Wetland’ and Setback Requirements and the addition of Policy to reestablish existing Commercial Livestock Operations.

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare proceed to the first reading of the amendments to By-Law N^o 27, a By-Law Respecting Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 First Reading regarding increase in Building Permit Fees

COA Connie Saulnier read and explained the proposed amendments (*attached*) to the “Building By-Law” with regards to the addition of Schedule “B”, a policy relating to the building permit fees.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare proceed to the first reading of the amendments to By-Law N^o 25, a By-Law Respecting Building.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Motion to Name Road in Maxwellton as “Chemin Elizabeth Estate Road”

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the Municipality of Clare accept the motion that a road located in Maxwellton, off the Norwood Road leading to Francis Line, in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia, be named “Chemin Elizabeth Estate Road”.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Motion to Name Road from Patrice Road to Spectacle Lake in Concession as “Chemin à Camille Road”

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare accept the motion that a road located in Concession, leading from Patrice Road to Spectacle Lake, in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia, be named “Chemin à Camile Road”.

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Motion to Change Road Name from Bangor Road to “Allée des Black Lane”

Councillor Brian Comeau explained to Council the reasons for the name change, pointing out that three (3) separate roads, not necessary joined but in close proximity of one another, have the same name, Bangor Road. The name change would aide in preventing confusion in the event emergency services are required. The homeowners residing on Bangor Road, that follows the Meteghan River from Maza Road to Placide Comeau Road, have agreed to the new name “Allée des Black/Black Lane” which was commonly used years ago. Councillor Comeau explained that the word “Black” stands for the family name of the Blackadar family who used to own and operate mills on the Meteghan River centuries ago.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare accept the motion that a road located in Bangor, following the Meteghan River from Maza Road to Placide Comeau Road, in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia, currently named “Chemin Bangor Road” be changed to the name “Allée des Black Lane”.

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 Motion to Destroy Old Documents

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare accept the Resolution of Council, as per Schedule ‘A’, authorizing the removal and destruction of the documents and records which are no longer required as set out in Schedule “B” Affidavit.

MOTION CARRIED

10.7 Mavillette Post Office Resolution – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc explained that the Post Mistress in Mavillette will be retiring soon and the postal outlet is located in her home. Deputy Warden LeBlanc explained that there is a chance that Canada Post may not reopen a post office in the area. Warden Jean Melanson and Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc will meet with representatives of Canada Post to discuss the situation and report back to Council at the next Council meeting.

10.8 Garbage in Bangor – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau stated that issue he wished to discuss had been dealt with by CAO Connie Saulnier and not further discussion was required.

10.9 Unsightly Premises on Various Properties in Clare

The public part of the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Council entered into a In-Camera Session to discuss the issue of unsightly premises on various properties in Clare.

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council proceed to an In-Camera Session to discuss unsightly premises on various properties in Clare.

MOTION CARRIED

Council concluded the In-Camera Session and returned to the Regular Session of Council to adjourn the Council meeting.

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Wednesday, July 15th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned, after the in-camera session, at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Colette King,
Administrative Assistant to the CAO*