

**CLARE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**MAY 17, 2006**

*Present were:* Warden Jean Melanson, Councillors Nil Doucet, Daniel Hill, Simon LeBlanc, Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Ronnie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet and Clerk Treasurer Delphis J. Comeau.

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc (on leave of absence).

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Recreation Department – Municipality of Clare

Joanne Lamarche, Coordinator of the Recreation Department, presented the Department's 2006-2007 budget. Ms. Lamarche went over various sections of her budget and proposed a budget of \$190,168.00. Last year's expenditures totaled \$174,669.00.

Ms. Lamarche also advised Council that June was Recreation Month and advised that her Department was planning an official launch at the Municipal Office on the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Warden Melanson thanked Ms. Lamarche on behalf of Council for her presentation and advised that Council would consider her budget during the budget process.

1. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Brian Comeau, that the agenda be accepted.

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Moved by Nil Doucet, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that the minutes of April 19, 2006 Council meeting be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION PASSED**

3. Moved by Ronnie LeBlanc, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the Committee of Council's report of May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006 be accepted.

**MOTION PASSED**

## Warden's Report

Warden Melanson presented his report of last month's activities. He:

- attended a meeting in Yarmouth with the Wardens from Yarmouth County and Argyle, the Mayor of Yarmouth and the CAO's to discuss regional tourism;
  - attended a meeting of the Clare Energy Committee;
  - attended the Tourism Conference;
  - met at the Municipal Office with members of Council to meet with Premier Rodney MacDonald;
  - attended an information meeting at *École secondaire de Clare* regarding immigration issues, organized by the *Société acadienne de Clare*;
  - met, along with Councillor Nil Doucet and Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc, with Municipal Relations Minister Richard Hurlburt and Municipal Advisors;
  - meeting with Frank Anderson regarding a tri-county tourism concept;
  - attended a special event honouring local volunteers;
  - attended a meeting at Waste Check;
  - attended the UNSM Spring Workshop in Digby;
  - attended a meeting with the Clare Chamber of Commerce the topic discussed being energy;
  - attended a meeting at *Université Sainte-Anne* regarding the *Centre acadien d'interprétation*.
4. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Daniel Hill, that Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc be granted a leave of absence for the duration of the election campaign as he will be running as a candidate in the provincial election.

### **MOTION PASSED**

## Various Committee reports were presented

### Villa Acadienne

Councillor Brian Comeau, who is also Chairman of the *Villa Acadienne* Board, advised that the Board has met with Blanche Saulnier in regards to the function of her Department at the *Villa*. Councillor Comeau also advised that the *Villa Acadienne* appears to be in good financial position.

Council was advised of a recent erosion problem occurring behind the *Villa*.

### Illegal dumping

The problem of illegal dumping on the Griffith Road in Weaver Settlement was discussed. It was agreed that Jody Comeau will go clean the illegal dumping site and place no dumping signs.

5. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that the Municipality of Clare proclaim the month of June as Recreation Month.

### **MOTION PASSED**

Council felt that it had all the necessary information regarding the construction of an Early Childhood Centre and agreed that there was no need, at this time, to meet with the group again.

It was agreed by Council that the June Committee of Council meeting be cancelled.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc.