

**Municipality of Clare
Council Meeting
Minutes - May 21st, 2008**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Comeau.

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Danny Hill that the proposed agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Clare Fish & Game Association – presentation of cheque to Council for the new Clare Health Centre (Buy-a-Brick Program)

Gerald Comeau, Arcade Comeau and a small group, on behalf of the directors of the *Clare Fish and Game Association*, explained that a decision had been made to close the Association and the group wanted to donate the association's funds to the Clare Health Centre. A cheque in the amount of \$21,630.40 was presented to Council.

Warden Jean Melanson thanked the Association for its generous contribution and stated that, in recognition of this donation, a room at the Clare Health Centre will be named after the *Clare Fish and Game Association*.

3.3 Waste Check – Gus Green

Gus Green, Manager of Waste Check, made a presentation to Council regarding a proposed Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot (*copy of presentation attached*). Mr. Green indicated that there is funding available up to \$25,500.00 or 50% cost sharing funding with RRFB to build a HHW depot in Clare.

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Green for his presentation and indicated that Council will discuss this issue at a later date.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:

4.1 April 16th, 2008 - Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 16th 2008 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

4.2 May 7th, 2008 - Committee of Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting held on May 7th, be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5.1 New Director of Recreation Department – Andrea Gaudet Burgess (start date June 2nd 2008)

CAO Connie Saulnier informed Council that Andrea Gaudet Burgess, originally from Bangor, will be hired as the new Recreation Coordinator. Ms Gaudet Burgess will begin her duties on June 2nd 2008.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson indicated that Mr. Bernadin Comeau, a co-founder of Comeau's Sea Foods Limited, was recently inducted into this year's Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame and will be honoured in Halifax on June 12th, 2008. Warden Melanson will be attending the presentation.

Warden Jean Melanson gave the following activities report:

- Apr. 24: Attended the Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony held in Halifax. Diane Bezanson was honoured as the 2008 volunteer for Clare.
- Apr. 28: Attended the Municipal Volunteer Awards ceremony in Clare. Volunteers were presented certificates and Diane Bezanson was honoured as the provincial volunteer for the Clare area for 2008.
- Apr. 30: Attended a meeting in Yarmouth to discuss a conceptual plan for the ferry terminal.
- May 8-9: Attended UNSM Spring Workshop in Antigonish, NS.
- May 15: Attended a meeting in Yarmouth with the Regional Library Board.
- May 16: Attended the official opening ceremonies of the regional games "*Jeux de l'Acadie*" with over 900 young athletes in the Clare area for the weekend.
- May 30: Attended a Waste Check meeting in Yarmouth. The new Waste Check Chairman is Councillor Leland Anthony. The Municipality of Clare's share for administration cost for Waste Check services for 2008-2009 has been reduced to \$20,000.00.

Warden Melanson also participated in an interview with Radio Canada regarding the new Clare Health Centre. Warden Melanson explained that they were surprised that the Municipality was funding this project.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Russell Comeau wished congratulations to James and Phyllis Saulnier of Meteghan Centre for their 50th wedding anniversary and requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Saulnier to commemorate this occasion.

Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc wished to thank George Masters for his time and effort serving on the Doctor Search and Recruiting Committee, explaining that Mr. Masters is moving away. Councillor LeBlanc requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Masters for his time volunteering on the Committee.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 Public Works

There was no report regarding this committee.

9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that SWSDA will be meeting tomorrow (May 22, 2008) so there is no report at this time.

9.3 Villa Acadienne

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that various small projects are being carried out at the *Villa Acadienne*, such as painting and repairs inside and outdoors. The Committee is still waiting for project approval from the Department of Health regarding application for an expansion.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc would like to thank the maintenance staff at the *Villa Acadienne* for all the work done to the grounds at the *Villa*, as well as Dora Theriault who also worked on the landscaping, over and above her regular duties.

9.4 Waste Check

Warden Melanson gave this report during his activities reports (see item 6).

9.5 Clare Health Centre Progress Report

CAO Connie Saulnier reported that the Clare Health Centre opened on Monday, May 12th; however there is still work being done on the Centre.

10) NEW BUSINESS**10.1 Motion to name road “Deveau Lane” on Clare Lake (Meteghan Station)**

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare accept the motion that a road located in Meteghan Station, off the Second Division Road and bordering Clare Lake, in the County of Digby, be named “Chemin Deveau Lane”.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Announcement of winners – “Emergency Preparedness Week” Clare EMO Contest in elementary schools

Warden Jean Melanson explained that Clare EMO held a contest for the local elementary schools, grades 4 and 5, during *Emergency Preparedness Week*.

Prizes will be awarded to the class of each grade which had the most participation and correct answers to a questionnaire regarding being prepared during an emergency. For grade 4, the winners were students of Janelle German’s class at Saint-Albert School and for grade 5, it was the students of Alice Amirault’s class at Joseph Dugas School. The winning classes will receive a pizza party and all participants will receive an ice cream treat. The Committee would like to thank all the schools that participated.

10.3 Presentation of the 2008-2009 Municipality of Clare budget

CAO Connie Saulnier presented the 2008-2009 Municipal Budget.

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc expressed his disappointment in the 2008-2009 budget regarding no funding for *La Baie SPCA* or a dog pound. Deputy Warden LeBlanc requested that it be on the record that he is very disappointed with the Municipal Budget 2008-2009 due to no funding for *La Baie SPCA* or for a municipal dog pound.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc requested that Council send a letter to *La Baie SPCA* to acknowledge their work and to explain to the organization why there is no funding in the 2008-2009 municipal budget for the organization.

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and seconded by Councillor Nil Doucet that the 2008-2009 Residential Tax Rate be 98¢ per \$100.00 of assessment and that the Commercial Tax Rate be \$1.90 per \$100.00 of assessment for the Municipality of Clare.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipal Sewer Service Charges for the 2008-2009 fiscal year be as follows:

Meteghan	\$123.00 per unit
Church Point	\$125.00 per unit
Belliveau Cove	\$200.00 per unit

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Street Lights Area Rates for the 2008-2009 fiscal year be

as follows:

Highway 1 and Patrice Rd. - Church Point	\$67.06
Highway 1 - Little Brook and Comeauville	\$36.29
Highway 1 - Saulnierville	\$61.84
Highway 1 - Meteghan River	\$51.20
Placide Comeau Rd. - Meteghan River	\$67.44
Highway 1 and Peter Dugas Rd - Meteghan	\$36.53

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Nil Doucet that the due date for payment of Municipal Taxes be July 31st 2008 and that interest, at a rate of 1½ % per month, commence on August 1st 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the 2008-2009 Municipal Budget be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk