



Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 21st 2010

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 Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet. Translators: James Crombie and Richard Landry; Camera Operator: Jene Dugas.

ABSENT: Councillor Arnold LeBlanc.

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the proposed agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 March 17, 2010 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the minutes of the March 17th, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 April 14, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Advance Funding for Regional Development Authority

The new Regional Development Authority (RDA) which now consists of five (5) municipalities has not yet received provincial funding, therefore it is asking the



municipalities for \$18,000.00 which is half of the amount requested for 2010-2011. The Federal Government has authorized its funding until year 2012.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council immediately provide the new Regional Development Authority half of the allocated funds for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$18,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

6) **WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities. He attended:

- Library Board meeting; alert systems will be installed in all of its ranches;
- Regional Development Authority (RDA) meeting and reported that Council must decide if it is keeping its current serving Board Members (Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Warden Jean Melanson as the alternate, and Alain Lombard - public);

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council reappoint Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and as the alternate, Warden Jean Melanson, as the Municipality of Clare's representatives on the Board of Directors for the new Regional Development Authority.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council reappoint Mr. Alain Lombard as the member of the public representing the Municipality of Clare on the Board of Directors for the new Regional Development Authority.

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- breakfast meeting organized by the CAAE;
- conference on immigration organized by *Université Sainte-Anne*;
- meeting with the Board of Directors of Tidalview;
- annual supper with *Les Dames Patronnesses*;
- provincial volunteer banquet in Halifax, which honoured Henry Hicks as Clare's Volunteer of the Year 2010;
- meeting regarding Board Band services;
- Yarmouth Airport Commission Board Meeting;
- Team Southwest Meeting;
- meeting with lobster coop representatives in Meteghan.

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

Chantal Thibodeau passes away at the age of 109

Councillor Russell Comeau indicated that Chantal Thibodeau, a resident at Villa Acadienne, formerly of Grosses Coques, had passed away last week at the age of 109, coincidentally on the 109th day of the year.



Riverside Lobster and Seafood opens a lobster cannery in Meteghan Centre

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc wished to recognize Riverside Lobster and Seafood of Meteghan River for its recent opening of a lobster cannery. The local business expanded the former Us Four Fisheries building in Meteghan Centre to operate a cannery. This new business will employ 45 people and perhaps more in the future. Deputy Warden LeBlanc indicated that the Municipality of Clare should send a letter of congratulation to Riverside Lobster and Seafood as this is the first lobster cannery in Nova Scotia.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from Dr. Tharini Ganeshram

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter from Dr. Tharini Ganeshram indicating that she will no longer be practicing at the Clare Health Centre, and leaving the Clare area, July 1st, 2010. Council expressed that Dr. Ganeshram and her medical services will be missed by our community.

8.2 Letter from South Shore Labour Council

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter from the South Shore Labour Council requesting that the Municipality of Clare fly its flags at half mast on April 28, 2010 for the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job. Council agreed to commemorate the day of mourning.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

There was no Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

Building Permits Report (2-year comparison)

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits reports for March 2010 (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department as follows.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2010	17	\$ 740,000.00
2009	15	\$ 1,358,382.00

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

There was no Recreation Committee meeting.

Council was reminded that the annual volunteer appreciation banquet organized by the Clare Recreation Department will be held tomorrow evening, April 22, at the Saulnierville Legion.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

Council was informed that the meeting consisted mostly of legal issues.



9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

In Councillor Arnold LeBlanc’s absence, there was no report.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the *Villa Acadienne* honoured its numerous volunteers during a special ceremony evening.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

There was no Waste Check Board meeting.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Award of Tender for Mowing and Maintenance of Sports Fields

Council discussed the tenders received for mowing and maintenance of ball fields, soccer fields, playgrounds and skateboard parks in the Municipality of Clare.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council for the Municipality of Clare accept the tendered bid for the mowing and maintenance of ball fields, soccer fields, playground and skateboard park tender as submitted by Michel McCauley on April 14th 2010, in the total amount of \$44,748.00 (\$39,600.00 + \$5,148.00 HST) for a 3-year term and an hourly rate of \$28.25 (\$25.00 + \$3.25 HST) for additional work (aeration, fertilizing, liming and seeding fields), as specified in the tender documents.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Motion Regarding the Municipal Tax Exemption

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare offer a Municipal Tax Exemption in the amount of \$100.00 for all homeowners applying for a Tax Exemption whose annual household income for 2009 was less than \$16,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk
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