

Municipality of the District of Clare

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 21st, 2009

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

Translators: Mr. Richard Landry and Mr. James Crombie.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Canadian Cancer Society “Relay for Life”

Mr. Tim Allison, Ms. Brenda Burgess and Ms. Rose Spicer, representing the Canadian Cancer Society “Relay for Life”, gave a presentation on the importance of the fundraising from “Relay for Life” (*document included*). They explained that these funds are used for cancer research, provide information services and support programs in the community to prevent cancer and help those living with it.

Mr. Allison encourages people to participate in the upcoming “Relay for Life” in Clare, scheduled for June 6th, 2009.

Warden Melanson thanked the group for their presentation.

3.2 Update on “Rendez-vous de la Baie” Project

Ms. Angélique LeBlanc, Manager of the *Centre d’aide en affaires et en entrepreneuriat* (CAAE), Mr. Larry Peach, of South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA), and Mr. Paul-Émile LeBlanc, Manager of the *Caisse populaire de Clare*, gave an update regarding the “Rendez-vous de la Baie” Project. Construction is expected to begin in March 2009.

Warden Melanson thanked them for the update.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON:**4.1 December 17, 2008: Council Meeting**

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 17, 2008 be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**5.1 Request to reinstate two (2) crosswalks in the Municipality of Clare**

Discussions were held regarding the request to reinstate two crosswalks in the Municipality of Clare, located at the “Clare Golf and Country Club” in Comeauville. Council decided that Warden Jean Melanson and CAO Connie Saulnier would meet with Mr. Ronnie Aymar of the “Clare Golf and Country Club” to discuss the issues related to this subject.

6. WARDEN’S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson reported that he participated in the following activities:

- a meeting held in Halifax to announce that the Yarmouth Airport will be the host site for the *2009 Nova Scotia International Air Show*, to be held in September;
- a public meeting of the SWSDA held in Little Brook;
- a meeting regarding District Planning, held in Argyle. The Municipality’s term with the District Planner ends in March 2009;
- a presentation from the Honourable Wayne Gaudet of a framed commemorative emblem representing the 250th anniversary of Parliamentary Democracy in Canada, to recognize Nova Scotia’s pioneering role in shaping the evolution of democracy in Canada by establishing the first representative government in our country;
- a meeting with Mike Trinacty, Regional Representative of Health Promotion and Protection, regarding Active, Healthy Living to promote people to be more physically active, held at the Clare Municipal Office;
- a meeting held in Yarmouth to announce that the Yarmouth International Airport will be host to the Montreal-based *Starlink* Airline, offering 2 flights per day to Halifax and to Portland, Maine, beginning on February 9, 2009
- a meeting with six people from Shelburne and Barrington to visit and discuss the new ‘Clare Health Centre’.

7. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc**

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc wished to congratulate Ms. Isabelle Prévost (who resides in Meteghan) for having won two awards in the Contest WUACADEMIA 2008 with the *World and Universal Academy* for the short story she wrote in French entitled “L’Objectif”. She was also nominated for two more awards for her short story. Deputy Warden LeBlanc requested that Council send Ms. Prévost a letter of congratulations for winning these awards.

Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau wished to congratulate Norman and Rose Anne d'Entremont, who reside in Meteghan River, for their 55 years of marriage.

Councillor Brian Comeau also wished to congratulate Alphonse and Anne Marie Comeau, who reside in Meteghan River, for their 61 years of marriage.

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc wished to congratulate his aunt, Mrs. Chantale Thibodeau, who resides at *Au Logis d'Meteghan*, for her **108th** birthday, celebrated on December 31st, 2008.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Special Olympic Winter Games

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter (copy included) from the 2009 Special Olympic Winter Games requesting financial support for the games that will be held for the first time outside of the Halifax Metro area, to be held in Yarmouth from February 20th to 22nd.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that Council award the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Yarmouth Special Olympic Winter Games Committee for the winter games to be held from February 20th to 22nd in Yarmouth.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Councillor Nil Doucet read a letter (*copy included*) from the Honourable Ron Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture dated December 17, 2008 in reply to a letter sent by Warden Melanson regarding the possibility of establishing an aquaculture-free zone in the Municipality of Clare. The Minister's reply explains why it is not possible to establish such a zone, however it states that if they receive an application for aquaculture involving clam beds in Clare the community will have an opportunity to participate in the licensing process.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 Planning Advisory: Building Permits Report

Councillor Danny Hill, who sits on the Committee, gave a report regarding municipal building permits. A total of 5 building permits were issued in December 2008, for a total estimated value of construction in the amount of \$57,278.00 (*report enclosed*).

9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, who sits on the SWSDA Board of Directors, informed Council that he attended his first meeting. An update was given at this meeting regarding current SWSDA projects. Deputy Warden informed that SWSDA has been approached by the Province to manage an Energy Task Force Committee.

9.3 Villa Acadienne

There was no report regarding this committee.

9.4 Recreation Committee

Councillor Brian Comeau, who sits on the Committee, informed that the Municipal Recreation Department's activities have been advertised in the Clare Shopper.

There is a new program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings: the high school in Meteghan River *École secondaire de Clare* is open those evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for the general public to go walking inside during the winter months.

Also the program "Winter Active Challenge" has begun and runs January 1st to April 30th during which participants are asked to track their walking, jogging, skiing or swimming kilometres to reach certain destinations and possibly win prizes.

As well a variety of winter activities are planned for February.
And the Committee is working on an Action Plan.

9.5 Waste Check

Warden Jean Melanson reported that "Waste Check", in cooperation with the "Resource Recovery Fund Board" (RRFB), is looking to purchase a wood chipper that could be used by the municipalities served by the Board.

The money for the Household Hazardous Waste depot has been approved as well as the purchase of green carts.

Warden Melanson also indicated that green carts will be smaller and if members of the public wish to exchange their larger green cart with a smaller one, they can contact "Waste Check" directly.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Garbage pick-up: Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau inquired if there is funding for cleaning up illegal dump sites. Warden Jean Melanson informed that he will inquire with Waste Check regarding possible funding.

Councillor Brian Comeau also inquired if there are options other than using a green cart for discarding organic material. Warden Jean Melanson informed him that there are also green cones that can be used to decompose organic material or residents can do their own back yard composting.

Discussions were held regarding boxes used at roadside to place garbage and recyclable bags. It was also noted that garbage and recyclable bags should only be placed at roadside after 7:00 am the morning of collection service. It was suggested that this information could be placed in the next Municipal Newsletter.

10.2 Display case at Municipal Office – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Jean Melanson proposed that Council look into having a display case built in the entrance of the Municipal Office to display the Community Spirit Award and to display various awards in the community. The Community Spirit Award Clare Committee has donated the amount of \$690.00 towards the display case, as well as the Clare Chamber of Commerce, who have donated the amount of \$500.00.

Council agreed to proceed with an Invitational Tender for the construction of a display case in the entrance of the Municipal Office.

10.3 In-Camera Session

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that Council proceed to an in-camera session to discuss garbage issues, the District Planner and FCM Conference attendance.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED** by Councillor Danny Hill to conclude the in-camera session and to return to the regular session of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Wednesday, February 18th, 2009.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet,
Deputy Clerk
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