

Municipality of the District of Clare
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 20th 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 Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.
Translators: Mr. Richard Landry and Mr. Gilles LeBlanc.
Camera operator: Ms Gene Dugas.

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 Russell Comeau 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 April 15th, 2009: Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the April 15th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 May 4th, 2009: Special Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the May 4th, 2009 Special Council-in-Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 May 6th, 2009: Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau that the minutes of the May 6th, 2009 Council-in-Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 May 11th, 2009: Council-in-Committee Meeting (continuation of May 6)

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the May 11, 2009 Council-in-Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from previous meetings.

6) Warden's Activity Report

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

- A recognition banquet organized by "Clare Search and Rescue" at which he attended and delivered a speech;
- Yarmouth "Bloom by the Sea" event;
- Board of Directors Meeting "Yarmouth Airport Commission";
- Official Grand opening of the Salmon River Fire Department and display of new fire trucks at which he attended and delivered a speech;
- meeting with Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation regarding the village signs in Clare.

PROCLAMATIONS

Hunger Awareness Day – June 2nd, 2009

Warden Jean Melanson read the Proclamation (*copy attached*) that the Municipality of the District of Clare is proclaiming June 2, 2009 as National Hunger Awareness Day to urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of the Municipality of the District Clare with the fundamental necessity to support the work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families.

'Childcare Awareness Days' in June

Warden Jean Melanson read the Proclamation (*copy attached*) that the Municipality of the District of Clare is proclaiming the month of June 2009 as Childcare Awareness Days to urge our citizens to support quality childcare services offered in the Municipality of Clare.

7) **Official Statements from the Members of Council**

No Official Statements were given at this time.

8) **Correspondence**

8.1 **Letter from ‘La Pirouette Family Resource Centre’: Flying Flag in June**

A letter from ‘*La Pirouette Family Resource Centre*’ (*copy included*) was read regarding: (1) Warden Melanson attending “Child Care Awareness Month” celebration day; and (2) a request that the Municipality fly their flag for the month of June.

Warden Melanson and other Councillors will be in British Columbia at the FCM Conference on Sunday June 7th, the day of the celebration, however Councillor Russell Comeau may be available to attend the event and read the proclamation.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of Clare fly the Family Resources Centre’s flag for the month of June 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

9) **Committee Reports**

9.1 **Planning Advisory Committee**

Building Permits Report

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits report (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department. A total of 39 permits were issued in April 2009, for an estimated value of construction in the amount of \$1,276,000.00 dollars.

9.2 **Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding the Recreation Committee’s activities (*copy of minutes from April 30 2009 meeting attached*). He enumerated the grants that had been given by the Recreation Committee, as listed in the attached minutes, and stated that summer staff had been hired to assist with the summer program.

9.3 **South West Shore Development Authority**

Council was informed that the SWSDA Board meeting will be held next week.

9.4 **Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc**

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc gave a report of the Tourism Committee (*copy of minutes from May 5th 2009 meeting attached*). Councillor LeBlanc indicated that the Committee is working on a five-year plan; there is a new Visitors Guide out for distribution; and the Committee is working on setting tourism priorities for 2010.

“Rendez-Vous de la Baie”

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc indicated that construction of the “Rendez-Vous de la Baie” project is underway.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council that fire doors have been installed at the *Villa Acadienne*; the 2008-2009 auditors report is being prepared; and the Villa has received funding to purchase new windows, a sprinkler system and replacement beds and mattresses.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

There was no report.

10) New Business

10.1 Final Reading and Motion to Adopt By-Law No. 28 Transient Dealers By-Law

The First Reading of the new Motor Vehicle Transient Dealers By-Law, By-Law Number 28, had taken place at the March 18, 2009 Council meeting.

During the Council meeting on April 15 2009, the floor was opened to hear objections or amendments to the Motor Vehicle Transient Dealers By-Law as the Law stipulates. No objections had been received in writing or in person.

As such, Council proceeded to the Second and Final Reading of By-Law Number 28, a By-Law Respecting Motor Vehicle Transient Dealers. Council agreed to proceed to motion in order to officially enact the By-Law.

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare read By-Law N^o. 28, a By-Law Respecting Motor Vehicle Transient Dealers, for the Second and Final time in its entirety, thereby enacting the By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Motion to Hire the Firm “Terrain Group” to Produce the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

MOVE BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare engage the engineering and planning firm of “Terrain Group” to produce a Municipal Planning Strategy and an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) for the Municipality of Clare, as outlined in their proposal dated April 30th, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$140,685.00 (\$124,500.00 + \$16,185.00 HST).

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Motion to move Gas Tax Funds from Capital Reserve to Operating Fund

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare transfer the amount of \$46,718.⁵¹ in Federal Gas Tax Funds from the *Capital Reserve Fund* to the *Capital Fund* for expenses associated with the Belle Vue municipal sewer extension, and the amount of \$153,956.⁴² from the *Capital Reserve Fund* to the *General Operating Fund* to cover the cost of a Transfer Station debt payment, such expenses as approved under the Gas Tax Program.

MOTION CARRIED

11) Date and Time of Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of Council shall be held on Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

12) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk
(JD/ck)*