



**Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 16th 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. Translator: James Crombie and Richard Landry; Camera Operator: Jene 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 presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

7:00 pm – Andrew Pace, South West Immigration Partnership (SWIP)

Andrew Pace of South West Immigration Partnership (SWIP) gave a presentation regarding the Immigration Information Navigator project and explained the partnership between SWIP, Western Counties Regional Library and South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA) with regards to immigration (*see attached document*).

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Pace for his presentation.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 November 18, 2009 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the November 18th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 December 2, 2009 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of the December 2nd, 2009 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED



5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Letter from SWSDA re Incorporation of RDA and Municipal Funding Partners

Warden Jean Melanson read a letter from South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA) dated November 19, 2009 regarding the required incorporation of the Regional Development Authority, asking the nine municipal units' intentions to continue to be funding partners with SWSDA (copy included).

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare continue its partnership with South West Shore Development Authority but under certain conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op

Councillors discussed the newly formed group Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op and its request for assistance with various issues related to getting their business off the ground. Council agreed to approach SWSDA to ask that they meet with the Co-op representatives and discuss how the RDA can assist the Co-op.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare send a letter to South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA) requesting that they meet with the representatives of Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op to discuss how SWSDA may be of assistance to the newly formed business.

MOTION CARRIED

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities:

- Regional Library Board Meeting;
- Mink Breeders Association meeting;
- Airport Commission meeting;
- Grand Opening of Bruce Honda in Yarmouth;
- Award night of the Fire Department;
- Energy Solutions Conference in Halifax;
- Meeting with Sergeant Jeff Holms and Greg Gibson (supervisor of RCMP);
- Meeting with Salmon River Fire Department;
- Official Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Clare Municipal Office;
- SWSDA Board meeting in Shelburne;
- Waste Check Board meeting in Yarmouth.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc wished to congratulate Mrs. Chantal Thibodeau who will be celebrating her 109th birthday on December 31, 2009. Mrs. Thibodeau is from Grosses Coques and now resides at the *Villa Acadienne* in Meteghan.



8) CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from Youth regarding *Parlement jeunesse pancanadien 2010*

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter dated December 7, 2009 (*attached*) from Miss Mylène Comeau of Little Brook who will be attending the *Parlement jeunesse pancanadien*, a national youth event in Ottawa, held in January 2010. Miss Comeau is requesting financial support to assist in paying the registration fee of \$225.

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council for the Municipality of Clare contribute \$225.00 to Mylène Comeau to pay the registration fee for her to attend the national youth parliamentary event in Ottawa, *Parlement jeunesse pancanadien*, to be held in January 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 Memo from Municipality of Barrington regarding promoting lobster industry

CAO Connie Saulnier read a memo dated November 17, 2009 (*copy attached*) from the Municipality of Barrington regarding promoting the lobster fishery in rural coastal communities.

Council discussed the Municipality of Barrington's idea of having a sign posted at the local Arena promoting the local lobster industry. It was suggested that perhaps having a sign posted outside at another location would be more effective.

8.3 Correspondence from Municipality of Digby

Correspondence was received from the Municipality of Digby inquiring if the Municipality of Clare would be willing to meet to discuss various municipal issues (such as public transportation). Council agreed to the meeting and suggested the second or fourth Wednesday of January or February 2010 as possible dates.

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 November 2009 (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department as follows.

Year	Permits	Value of Construction
2009	19	\$1,137,500.00
2008	12	\$ 103,000.00

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

There was no **Recreation** Committee meeting.

Council was informed that the Municipality of Clare has hired Réanne Flynn, a student at *Université Sainte-Anne*, through a Coop program to work in the Clare Recreation Department from January 4th 2010 to April 23rd, 2010.



Councillor Danny Hill wished to thank the Clare Recreation Department, on behalf of the Havelock Community Centre, for the activities the department staff organized in December, at the Community Centre in Havelock.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

There was no SWSDA Board meeting.

9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc expressed concerns regarding over-budget costs of the *Rendez-vous de la Baie*. He suggested that perhaps the RVB Advisory Committee could evaluate the balance of funding required to complete the project and make recommendations to Council.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

There was no *Villa Acadienne* Board meeting.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Melanson indicated that Waste Check is working on a strategic plan with RRFB. Warden Melanson also indicated that the recycling contract with Scotia Recycling will expire in 2 years and WC is in the initial stages of renegotiating the contract.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Broadband Update

Council discussed the fact that Broadband Internet connection for the entire province, which was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009, is behind schedule and will only be completed in another 5 or 6 months.

10.2 Request from Madonna Spinazola – Destination Southwest Nova Association

Council received a request (*see attached*) from Madonna Spinazola of Destination Southwest Nova Association (DSWNA) asking if Council would reconsider its decision regarding contributing to the Municipal Investment Plan. DSWNA is asking investments from 27 other Municipalities or Towns, requesting over \$153,000.00 for its 2009-2010 Plan. DSWNA's request from the Municipality of Clare is \$6,060.00.

Council had reviewed DSWNA's request during the 2009-2010 Budget Process and the request had been denied at that time. Council again discussed the request and it was denied.

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk
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