



**Municipality of the District of Clare**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 21, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Warden Jean Melanson; Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Danny Hill, Arnold LeBlanc and Simon LeBlanc; CAO Connie Saulnier, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet and Municipal Solicitor Hugh Robichaud. Translators: Germaine Comeau and Richard Landry; Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Nil Doucet.

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:10 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 circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Badges and wallets presented to new Fire Chiefs (7:00 pm)**

Warden Jean Melanson presented badges to the five new Fire Chiefs and Deputy Fire Chiefs of various fire departments within the Municipality of Clare. He thanked all volunteer fire fighters for their hard work.

**3.2 Gyproc Study – Charles Gaudet (7:15 pm)**

Charles Gaudet gave a presentation, on behalf of the CAAE, regarding a proposed wallboard (gyproc) project funded by the RRFB (see attached document). Mr. Gaudet explained that the project plan would be to chip wallboard from the Clare Transfer Station and reuse it to add to soil as a soil amendment and a landfill cover, with the objective of diverting construction debris and reducing waste. This is a municipal project so, in order to receive funding, the Municipality would have to apply. The CAAE is proposing to administer the project. Mr. Gaudet added that applications for this proposed project must be submitted before September 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. He also noted that the Municipality would be entitled to 100% of the funding through the RRFB.

Warden Melanson thanked Charles Gaudet and indicated that Council will discuss this request and make a decision as soon as possible.



#### 4) **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

##### 4.1 **June 16, 2010 Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the minutes of the June 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 5) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### 5.1 **Security System at Meteghan Library (Western Counties Regional Library)**

Council again discussed the requested from Western Counties Regional Library who is installing emergency reporting system in their libraries from Digby to Shelburne, and requested funding from Council to purchase the system for the Clare Branch. The system is to be used in the event a staff member working alone could activate this system by pressing a bracelet, which would request emergency assistance, in the event the employee felt their safety or security was being compromised.

After reviewing various information researched by the CAO, Council agreed to purchase the system at a cost of approximately \$800.00 plus tax and approximately \$20.00 per month per personal security bracelet.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that Council provide Western Counties Regional Library with the amount to purchase an emergency reporting system for the Clare Library Branch in Meteghan (of approximately \$800.00 plus tax) and approximately \$20.00 per month per personal security bracelet for the staff at the Meteghan Library.

**MOTION CARRIED**

##### 5.2 **Nova Scotia Coastal Strategy**

Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture is looking for Municipal feedback regarding the state of Nova Scotia's coast. A meeting had been scheduled earlier this spring and the date had been changed. Council has received a survey they can fill out.

Council discussed the possibility of having a public meeting to discuss this issue and perhaps invite the planning advisory committee.

##### 5.3 **Request from CAAE Regarding Seniors Project**

The *Centre d'Aide en Affaires et en Entrepreneuriat (CAAE)*, in collaboration with *Université Sainte-Anne*, had presented a proposed project regarding the elderly population in Clare to Council in June.

Council had tabled the request until CAO Connie Saulnier obtained clarification regarding this project. The issue remains tabled until more information is received.



## 6) **WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities:

- *Université Sainte-Anne* Golf tournament in Granite Springs (NS)
- Meeting with *Garderie familiale de Clare*
- Tidal View board meeting
- Waste Check board meeting
- Western Counties Regional Library board meeting
- Opening of Folk Art exhibit at the Yarmouth Art Gallery

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

There were no official statements from members of Council.

## 8) **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be read.

## 9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 9.1 **Planning Advisory Committee**

No meetings were held.

#### **Building Permits Report (2-year comparison)**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2010	33	\$ 1,575,600.00
2009	31	\$ 2,231,500.00

### 9.2 **Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau**

The Recreation Committee's monthly meeting was held June 24, 2010. Councillor Brian Comeau gave a brief summary of the minutes which were previously distributed to Council.

### 9.3 **Regional Development Authority – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc**

There was nothing to report.

### 9.4 **Tourism – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc**

#### **9.4.1 Clare Tourism Committee**

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc informed Council that the official opening of the RVB is set for August 13. He stated that Larry Peach has been hired for 8 weeks to assist with the RVB marketing plan and remaining components that need to be completed for the official opening. LeBlanc added that the community events calendar is up and running.



#### **9.4.2 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)**

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc reported that YASTA began in April 2010 and had its first board meeting. Staff is located in Hebron in the Municipality of Yarmouth's municipal office. Currently there are 3 employees working on different projects such as *Musique de la Baie*, Savour the Local Sea, etc.

#### **9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau reported that the *Villa Acadienne's* 2009-2010 financial statements show a \$33,197 surplus. He also stated that during their annual meeting, Eric Pothier was elected chairman, Brian Comeau was elected vice-chair, and the other board members are Councillor Arnold LeBlanc, Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Councillor Simon LeBlanc, and Josephine Hanna. Comeau added that Grant Thornton has been reappointed as the Villa's auditors.

#### **9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson**

There was nothing to report.

### **10) NEW BUSINESS**

Warden Jean Melanson proceeded to item 10.2 instead of 10.1, which reversed the order in which the Municipal Planning Strategy was to be adopted.

#### **10.2 Motion to Repeal Municipal Planning Strategy Dated January 17, 2006**

**PROPOSED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Clare, hereby repeal the Municipal Planning Strategy dated January 17, 2006 and replace this document with the Municipal Planning Strategy date July 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.

#### **MOTION DEFEATED\***

\* Council defeated the motion as it felt that the new MPS dated July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 should be adopted before the existing MPS dated January 17, 2006 should be repealed.

Warden Jean Melanson then invited Greg Zwicker of Terrain, congratulating Mr. Zwicker and the team at the firm for their hard work. Warden Melanson also highlighted the fact that this is the only MPS in Nova Scotia that is written in both official languages in one document and the community should be proud of this accomplishment.

Greg Zwicker of Terrain Group congratulated Council, the community and the staff for accomplishing such an amazing project. Zwicker added that the MPS was a community document with the efforts of many individuals which the Municipality should be very proud of. Mr. Zwicker informed Council that all the necessary revisions had been made to the document and he felt it was ready for adoption.



**PROPOSED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of Clare hereby repeal the Municipal Planning Strategy dated January 17 2006 upon the adoption of the new Municipal Planning Strategy dated July 21 2010.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.1 Second Reading and Adoption of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)**

**PROPOSED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council of the Municipality of the District of Clare, as authorized under the Province of Nova Scotia’s Municipal Government Act, Sections 205 and 206, proceed with the Second and Final Reading of the “Municipal Planning Strategy” dated July 21, 2010, thereby enacting the document as the Municipality of Clare’s Municipal Planning Strategy, effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2010.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc then proceeded with the Second and Final Reading of the “Municipal Planning Strategy” dated July 21, 2010 (in title only) thereby enacting the document as the Municipality of Clare’s Municipal Planning Strategy, effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2010, pending provincial approval.

Councillor Danny Hill, as chairman of the PAC, thanked all those involved in the preparation of this document, which included members of the PAC, Greg Zwicker and his team at Terrain, members of the public, Municipal Staff including Colette King, for all their hard work.

**10.3 Motion to Adopt Tangible Capital Asset Policies**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare adopt the following Tangible Capital Asset Policies:

<b>Capitalization Threshold</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Estimated Useful Lives</b>	
Land	Indefinite
Land improvements	25 years
Buildings	40 years
Plants	25 years
Computer Equipment	3 years
Computer Software	5 years
Small Equipment (office)	5 years
Machinery & Equipment	15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Wharves	25 years
Sidewalks	20 years
Sewer Lines	50 years

The Municipality will take a half year of amortization in the year of acquisition.

**MOTION CARRIED**



#### **10.4 Garderie Familiale – Request to Erect an Office Building on Meteghan Library Site**

Representatives of the Municipality of Clare met with representatives of the “*Garderie familiale de Clare*” to discuss the possibility of *La Garderie* to construct an office building on a portion of land owned by the Municipality, where the Clare Library is located in Meteghan. A Lease Agreement has been drafted that would permit the “*Garderie familiale de Clare*” to construct their office building.

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare enter into a Lease Agreement with the “*Garderie familiale de Clare*” which would permit them to construct an office building on a portion of land owned by the Municipality of Clare where the Clare Library is located in Meteghan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **10.5 Turning Over Private Road to Municipality (Point Road at Major’s Point)**

A letter was received from Major Enterprises requesting that the Municipality take over the private road know as the Point Road at Major’s Point. The Municipal Solicitor Hugh Robichaud will look into the private road by-law to see if this road meets all municipal regulations for the take over of private roads.

#### **10.6 Road Signage and Responsibility – Councillor Brian Comeau**

This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **10.7 Motion for the Destruction of Old Documents**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the Resolution of Council, as per Schedule ‘A’, authorizing the removal and destruction of the documents and records which are no longer required as set out in Schedule “B” Affidavit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **10.8 Power to Wentworth Lake Park**

A request was received from a resident regarding the Municipality providing electricity to Wentworth Park. Council discussed and stated that electricity is not required at the park, therefore the request was denied.

#### **10.9 Citizen Safety Concerns (In Camera)**

##### **IN CAMERA SESSION**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian comeau that Council proceed to an “In Camera” Session.

**MOTION CARRIED**



Council discussed issue 10.0 “Citizen Safety Concerns” during the In Camera Session.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau that Council resume to its Regular Session to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 2010.

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk  
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