



Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 16, 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: Germaine Comeau and James Crombie; Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Greg Zwicker, Terrain Group, regarding the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

Greg Zwicker, planner from Terrain Group, explained the issues surrounding the topics and concerns that were raised by those present at the Public Audience, held immediately before this evening's Council meeting, and those received via email and in the survey handed out at the March public session.

Council agreed that the topics and concerns were of interest and value, however before being considered to be added to the new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS), they will have to be addressed and discussed during more public discussions, Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and Council discussions.

Due to differences in various areas of the draft bilingual MPS between the French and the English text, Greg Zwicker recommended to Council that adoption of the MPS be held off until the necessary corrections have been made.

Council agreed to postpone the adoption of the MPS until next Council meeting scheduled for July 21st, 2010 once the corrections have been made and reviewed.

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council defer the Second Reading and the Adoption of the MPS until July's Council meeting once the necessary corrections have been made to the bilingual text.

MOTION CARRIED



3.2 Recreation Strategy Plan by Recreation Director, Andrea Gaudet

Andrea Gaudet of the Clare Recreation Department presented the Recreation Strategy Plan. Her power point presentation (attached) explained the 5-Year Strategic Plan for 2009 to 2014, which focuses mostly on educating the population of the health benefits of staying active, conducting a study to identify infrastructure needs, and offer more programs for the youth and the seniors.

Warden Melanson thanked Andrea for her informative presentation.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 May 19, 2010 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of the May 19, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 June 2, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the June 2, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Request from Western Counties Regional Library for Emergency Reporting System at Meteghan Library

The Western Counties Regional Library is planning to install emergency reporting system in their libraries. They have requested funding from Council to purchase the system for the Clare Library Branch. The cost for the purchase of equipment is \$975.00 plus tax, as well as a monthly service fee.

Council had requested that CAO Saulnier acquire more information before making a decision. The system would be used in the event that a staff member working alone in the evening could activate this system, which would request emergency assistance, in the event the employee felt their safety or security was being compromised.

CAO Saulnier informed Council that Sergeant Holmes of the Meteghan RCMP commented that phoning 911 would result in receiving the same emergency response services as activating such a system. Sgt Holmes questioned the response time of such a system, stating that it may be a deciding factor. He also stated that the area of Meteghan is generally a safe area.

Council again discussed this issue and requested that CAO Saulnier speak with staff members that work alone at the Meteghan Library to inquire if they have safety concerns. CAO Saulnier will report to Council once she has received this information.



5.2 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 on June 2, 2010 (see attached).

The group is looking at tapping into the potential economic benefits of meeting the needs of the aging population in Clare. They are proposing that the CAAE would coordinate the project, *Université Ste-Anne* would be responsible for research and the Municipality would assist with subsidising the project in the amount of \$2,000.00 to get the project off the ground.

Council discussed and decided to table the request until CAO Connie Saulnier obtains clarification regarding this project.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson gave a report on his recent activities:

- Exit 32 on Highway 101 in Salmon River is completed, however lights still need to be installed. The Exit should be open by the end of the month.
- Attended the Medal Presentation Ceremony with Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis at *École secondaire de Clare*.
- Attended the announcement by Greg Kerr for funding for a breakwater at the Saulnierville Wharf.
- South West Shore Development Authority had been dissolved. A new RDA is being created.
- Attended the Yarmouth Airport Commission Board Meeting.
- Attended a luncheon in Halifax for Dr. Lionel d'Entremont who received an award for Rural Physician of the year for the province.
- Attended the FCM meeting in Toronto.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc indicated that two youths of Little Brook, Alexandre Dow and Dianne Boudreau, had both been accepted to study in medicine at the *Université de Sherbrooke* in Québec. He requested that congratulatory letters be sent to them on behalf of Council and the Doctor Recruit Committee.

Councillor Nil Doucet indicated that Elise Doucet from New Edinburg had been picking up garbage on her daily walk for years and wished that her efforts be commended. He requested that a certificate be sent to Mrs. Doucet to highlight her devotion to keeping our community clean.

Councillor Brian Comeau wanted to remind everyone that the Relay for Life fundraising event for cancer research is being held on Friday June 18, 2010.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be read.



9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Danny Hill reported that members of the Planning Advisory Committee, as well as Council and the Planning Steering Committee members met last week to review the final draft of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and discuss requests received by Terrain from certain residents of Clare with regards to various MPS issues.

Building Permits Report (2-year comparison)

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2010	33	\$ 1,450,953.00
2009	18	\$ 152,500.00

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

The Recreation Committee's monthly meeting will be held next week.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

The office has officially been closed.

9.4 Clare Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

The Tourism Committee's monthly meeting was held May 11, 2010. Councillor Arnold LeBlanc gave a brief summary of the minutes which were previously distributed to Council. Among the information highlighted Councillor LeBlanc stated that new post cards are being created, as well as a coupon booklet to promote merchants and businesses in Clare. The official opening of the RVB is set for Friday August 13, 2010.

Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA) – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc reported that YASTA had its first board meeting. The staff is located in Hebron in the Municipality of Yarmouth's municipal office.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau reported that the *Villa Acadienne* 2010-2011 Plan has been approved.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

There was not board meeting.

9.7 Clare Firefighters Association: Quarterly Report – Councillor Danny Hill

Councillor Danny Hill indicated that the Clare Firefighters Association would like to present quarterly reports regarding service call and training activities. He reported that in 2009 a total of 332 calls were received and 166 training activities were held. To date in 2010, a total of 112 calls were received.



10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Second Reading of the Municipal Planning Strategy

This item was dealt with under 3.1 (see page 1).

10.2 Adoption of the Municipal Planning Strategy

This item was dealt with under 3.1 (see page 1).

10.3 Appointment of Jean LeBlanc as Clare Industry Representative on Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA) Board

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare appoint Mr. Jean LeBlanc as the Clare Industry Representative to sit on the Board of Directors of the “Yarmouth and Acadian Shore Tourism Association”.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Motions to Transfer Funds to Reserves

a) Federal Gas Tax Funds

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare transfer the sum of \$206,818.00 (Year 5 of Federal Gas Tax Funds) from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for future projects eligible under the Federal Gas Tax Program.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Landfill Reserve Fund to General Operating Fund

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare the Municipality of the District of Clare transfer the sum of \$105,839.01 from the Landfill Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund to cover expenses from April 1st 2009 – March 31st, 2010 associated with the Landfill Closure.

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Motion Re. Construction of Seniors Apartments – Councillor Nil Doucet

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau that the Municipality of Clare write a letter to the Department of Community Services to request the construction of a 10-unit senior citizens apartment complex to serve the Belliveau Cove, New Edinburgh, Ohio, and Weaver Settlement area of our Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED



10.6 Motion Regarding Naming Road in Saint-Bernard (Chemin du Cap Firmin)

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the motion to name a road on the land of Brian A. Dugas in Saint Bernard which abuts Riverside Road to “Chemin du Cap Firmin Road”.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk
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