



Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 19th 2010

PRESENT: 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: James Crombie and Richard Landry; Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.

ABSENT: Warden Jean Melanson.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc called the Council Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 April 21st, 2010 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the minutes of the April 21st, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 May 5th, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the minutes of the May 5th, 2010 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from previous meetings.



6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Due to Warden Jean Melanson absence no report was given.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Fiftieth Golden Wedding Anniversaries

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that Maurice and Felice Belliveau of Meteghan River will celebrate their 50th golden wedding anniversary on May 21st. He requested that a congratulatory letter will be sent to them.

Councillor Nil Doucet indicated that Nil and Carol Belliveau of Belliveau Cove will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23rd. He requested that a congratulatory letter will be sent to them.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from Paul Comeau, President, *Association civique de Clare*

CAO Connie Saulnier read a letter from Paul Comeau which announces that a group has been formed called *Association civique de Clare*, with Paul Comeau as the president. The group indicates in the letter that it is interested in municipal issues. Deputy Warden LeBlanc acknowledged that members of the group were present in this evening's audience.

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 April 2010 (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department as follows.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2010	29	\$ 1,105,000.00
2009	39	\$ 1,276,000.00

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

The Recreation Committee's monthly meeting was held April 29, 2010. Councillor Brian Comeau gave a brief summary of the minutes which were previously distributed to Council. Among the information highlighted, Councillor Comeau stated that five youth have been hired for the summer to help coordinate and organise the summer programme activities.



9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

Council was informed that there was no SWSDA board meeting held.

9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

The Tourism Committee's monthly meeting was held April 13, 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 a new Community Calendar, which will be an on-line calendar and posted at the RVB, will be up and running soon. The official opening of the RVB is set for August.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a brief summary of the *Villa Acadienne* monthly board meeting. He indicated that: the Villa has two summer students; ShepCom was awarded the tender to shingle the roof.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Due to Warden Jean Melanson absence no report was given.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 New “Municipal Planning Strategy”:

a) First Reading of the Draft “Municipal Planning Strategy”

The Planning Advisory Committee recommended that Council proceed with the First Reading of the Draft “Municipal Planning Strategy” dated May 14, 2010 and schedule a date and time for the Public Hearing.

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee, as required by the Province of Nova Scotia's Municipal Government Act, Sections 205 and 206, and proceed with the First Reading of the Draft “Municipal Planning Strategy” dated May 14, 2010 and schedule a date and time for the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Date of Public Hearing: Wednesday June 16 at 7:00 pm, Council Chambers

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the date of Wednesday June 16 2010 for the Public Hearing, to be held at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office in Little Brook.

MOTION CARRIED



10.2 Name Change – 5075 Road in Beaver River to Seaward Road

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau that, **subject to the approval of the Municipality of Yarmouth**, Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the motion to rename the section of road commonly know as “5075 Road”, located in Beaver River and forming the boundary between the Municipality of Clare and the Municipality of Yarmouth, to the new name “Chemin Seaward Road” and not the name “Chemin Beaver River Shore Road” that had been previously adopted by the Municipality of Clare on October 1st 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Appointment of Municipal Member on Board of Directors for “Yarmouth and Acadian Shore Tourism Association” (YASTA)

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare appoint Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and Councillor Simon LeBlanc as the alternate to sit on the Board of Directors of the Yarmouth and Acadian Shore Tourism Association (YASTA).

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Motion Regarding Regional Tourism Development Officer

Council discussed the recommendation to hire Ms Rose Madden as the Tourism Development Officer for Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association.

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council for the Municipality of Clare accept the that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare hire Ms Rose Madden as Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association’s Regional Tourism Development Officer for Clare/Argyle as of May 31, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Motion Regarding Municipal Dog Catcher Position

Council discussed the recommendations to hire Ms Shawna Comeau as the Municipal Dog Catcher and Mr. Marc Robichaud as back-up for the dog catcher position.

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare appoint Ms. Shawna Comeau as the Municipal Dog Catcher as of Monday, May 24, 2010 and Council appoint Mr. Marc Robichaud as back-up for the dog catcher position.

MOTION CARRIED



10.6 Review and Adoption of 2010/2011 Municipal Budget

(a) Municipal Tax Rates

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the 2010-2011 Municipal Tax Rates for the Municipality of the District of Clare be as follows:

\$ 1.02 per \$100.00 of Assessment as the Residential Tax Rate, and
\$ 2.07 per \$100.00 of Assessment as the Commercial Tax Rate.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Sewer Service Charges

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipal Sewer Service Charges for 2010-2011 be as follows:

Meteghan, Meteghan Centre, Meteghan River: \$150 per Unit
Church Point: \$150 per Unit
Belliveau Cove: \$200 per Unit

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Rates for Street Lights at Sidewalks

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Street Light Rates at Sidewalks for 2010-2011 be as follows:

Highway 1 and Patrice Road – Church Point	\$63.22
Highway 1 – Little Brook and Comeauville	\$38.36
Highway 1 – Saulnierville	\$56.23
Highway 1 – Meteghan River	\$56.67
Placide Comeau Road in Meteghan River	\$71.46
Highway 1 and Peter Dugas Road – Meteghan	\$36.41

MOTION CARRIED

(d) Due Date and Interest Rate Commencement Date

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the due date for payment of Municipal Taxes be July 31st, 2010 and that interest, at a rate of 1½ % per month, commence on August 1st, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

(e) 2010-2011 Municipal Budget (attached)

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the 2010-2011 Municipal Budget for the Municipality of the District of Clare be approved as presented on May 19, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED



11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

“IN CAMERA” SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council discussed the Clare Health Centre/Pharmasave issue during the “In Camera” session.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that Council resume to its “Regular” Session to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk

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Approved at June 16, 2010 Council Meeting