

Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 18th 2009

PRESENT: Warden Jean Melanson; Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Nil Doucet, Danny Hill, and Arnold LeBlanc and Simon LeBlanc; CAO Connie Saulnier and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.
Translator: James Crombie; Camera operator: Jene Dugas.

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 Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the proposed agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 October 21st 2009 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the minutes of the October 21st, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted with the following correction: at Item 5.2 the amount of the grant from ACOA for the Meteghan Park is \$42,000 instead of \$65,000.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Council-in-Committee Meeting

There was no Committee-in-Council Meeting in November.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc informed Council that a letter from Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op is forth coming.

6) WARDEN’S ACTIVITY REPORT

A.F. Thériault & Sons Receives the National Award *Laurier de la PME* Competition

Warden Jean Melanson informed Council that AF Thériault & Sons received the National Award *Laurier de la PME* Competition at a ceremony in Ottawa. Warden Melanson requested that a letter of congratulations and a certificate of recognition be sent to AF Thériault and Sons.

Warden Jean Melanson reported on his recent activities:

- Annual Meeting of the FANE in Halifax;
- Public Planning Session in Saulnierville with Terrain and the general public;
- Pre-Opening celebration of the *Rendez-vous de la Baie* Café and Art Gallery;
- Airport Commission meeting in Yarmouth;
- Evening for business students at *Université Sainte-Anne*;
- UNSM Fall Conference in Halifax;
- Nova Scotia Music Week in Yarmouth;
- Remembrance Day Mass and Banquet at Saulnierville Legion;
- Board of Directors meeting for *Université Sainte-Anne*;
- Radio-Thon for CIFA.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Danny Hill indicated that the public planning meeting with Terrain held at the Saulnierville Legion on October 27th went well. There were approximately 100 participants from the general public.

Building Permits Report (2-year comparison)

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits reports for October (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department (see below).

Permits	Value of Construction	Year
18	\$429,771.00	2009
23	\$613,000.00	2008

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding the Clare Recreation Committee's activities (copy of October 22, 2009 meeting minutes enclosed). He reported that various grants were given, including *Les Aquadiens de Clare* to help organize a swim team for Clare; *La Société acadienne de Clare* for a story telling festival in Clare; sensei Anna Bartlett of the Bushino Ki Karate Club, to assist with a training course.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc informed Council that there was no SWSDA Board Meeting, thus nothing to report.

9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc reported the ongoing activities of the Tourism Committee (copy of October 20, 2009 meeting minutes enclosed) and gave an update regarding the *Rendez-vous de la Baie*. He indicated that:

- the *Rendez-vous de la Baie* Café and Art Gallery opened on October 31st. The Interpretive Centre and the remaining components will open in spring 2010. The official opening will be held in May 2010. The RVB is now on Facebook™. The Café is open daily from 7 am to 11 pm and there are daily lunch specials.
- The details of “Les Raconteurs” (Storytellers) Project are still being worked out. People and places for the tour are being enlisted, with 10 potential places of interest. This project will offer visitors the opportunity to meet local people in their homes, hear local stories and taste secret family recipes.
- Many other projects are in the research or planning stages, such as a mural project which would have historical and cultural elements; “Savour the Local Sea” which would showcase adventures in taste and experiences; the Interpretive panels in Clare and involving them in Geocaching; and others.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council of various issues regarding the *Villa Acadienne*. The job of repairing the roof will be tendered out; the snow removal contract has been awarded to Jason Deveau; and a letter was sent to the Minister of Health to invite him to discuss the proposed expansion.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Jean Melanson informed Council that there was no Waste Check Board Meeting, thus nothing to report.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Appointment of a New Member to the Recreation Committee

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that letters of interest had been received with regards to filling the vacant position on the Municipal Recreation Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that Council for the Municipality of Clare appoint Mr. Yvon McCauley to serve on the Recreation Committee for a 3-year term, with a maximum of 6 years.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Minutes on Municipal Web Site – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau discussed the issue of bilingual municipal meeting minutes posted on the municipal Website and the possibility of adding the Agendas to what is currently posted on the Website. It was also suggested that Council Agendas be circulated to the media.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that bilingual Municipal Council Meeting minutes be posted on the Municipal Website as soon as they are available; and that bilingual Council Meeting Agendas also be added to the Website.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Motion to Award Tender for Landfill Closure Area A/B/B1 (Final Grading)

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid in the amount \$78,503.36 (\$69,472.00 plus \$9,031.36 HST) as submitted by “Spec Resources Inc” on October 23rd 2009 for work associated with the Clare Landfill Closure Area “A/B/B1” – Final Grading.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeannette Doucet
Deputy Clerk

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Minutes approved by Council on December 16, 2009