

Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 21st 2009

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

ABSENT: Councillor Russell Comeau.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 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 presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 RCMP: Presentation of two new RCMP Officers (7:00 pm)

Sergeant Jeff Holms presented the two new Officers for the Meteghan RCMP Detachment, Constable Deni Castilloux and Constable Victor Manuel. Sergeant Holms gave a brief report of the work and changes at the Detachment.

3.2 Trudy Bengivenni, Shelley Wilson (Nutritionist, Public Health Services) and Randy Cleveland (Geologist/Fieldworker) (7:30 pm);

Topic: “Mink Farm Effluent & Watershed Contamination of the Meteghan, Sissiboo and Carleton River Systems”

Trudy Bengivenni introduced Randy Cleveland, a Geologist/Fieldworker, who gave a presentation on “Mink Farm Effluent & Watershed Contamination of the Meteghan, Sissiboo and Carleton River Systems” which indicated that there is a serious problem regarding blue green algae in the said waterways.

Council discussed the possibility of meeting with the Departments of Agriculture and Environment regarding this issue.

Warden Melanson thanked the group for the presentation.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 September 16th 2009 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the minutes of the September 16th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 October 7th 2009 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the minutes of the October 7th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Referral to SWSDA regarding Scotia Direct Lobster Co-op

There were no new developments regarding this issue.
It will be tabled until the next meeting.

5.2 Assuming Part of Wages of Summer Employee at Meteghan Park (Motion)

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of Clare assist with the Meteghan Park Development Association's 8-week summer employment project (with wages for the Summer Employee totaling \$3,100.08) which was funded in part by a Nova Scotia Economic Development Grant (in the amount of \$2,240.00) and that Council assume the remaining balance in the amount of \$860.08 to assist with the project.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc informed Council that a grant from ACOA in the amount of \$42,000 had been approved for the Meteghan Park.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Energy Audit

Warden Jean Melanson discussed the topic of an Energy Audit being organized by the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) through the Ecology Action Centre. Clare has been chosen as one of the locations for this project. Warden Melanson will report to Council once he has received more detailed information regarding the Audit.

Warden Jean Melanson reported on his recent activities:

- Library Board Meeting;
- Expo-Commerce official opening;
- Clare Firefighters and Auxiliary honorary banquet;
- Official Opening of the Yarmouth Municipal Office;
- Tidal View Board Meeting;
- Book Launch by author André Gaudet;
- Reception in Halifax regarding two awards (AF Thériault and Sons for the category of transformation; and June Deveau for her Studio/Gallery);
- Tourism meeting in Halifax.

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc congratulated Chuck Maillet for his new position as Director of Community Development with ACOA and requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Maillet.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Danny Hill indicated that a public meeting will be held at the Saulnierville Legion on October 27th. The format will be a fun event with food and discussions, with everyone from the general public invited. The supper buffet will begin at 5:30pm and discussions will follow. Councillors, members of the PAC and Terrain will be in attendance.

Building Permits Report (2-year comparison)

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

Permits	Value of Construction	Year
34	\$1,242,280.00	2009
24	\$ 516,020.00	2008

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau gave a report regarding the Clare Recreation Committee’s activities. He reported that the draft of the Five-Year Strategic Plan had been reviewed and the final Plan is almost ready.

9.3 South West Shore Development Authority

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc reported the recent SWSDA activities. The annual report was accepted at today's Board meeting; a consultant was hired to look at SWSDA's Transportation Plan; a report came in from the Province regarding immigration, with regards to the number of applications, Yarmouth came in second to Halifax with 46 applications.

9.4 Tourism Committee – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc reported the ongoing activities of the Tourism Committee and updates regarding the *Rendez-vous de la Baie*. He indicated that:

- the *Rendez-vous de la Baie* Café and Art Gallery are scheduled to open on Saturday October 31st. It will be a pre-opening celebration, from 12 noon until 5:00 pm. The Interpretive Centre and the remaining components will open in spring 2010.
- “Les Raconteurs” (Storytellers) project will be offered next year. This project will offer visitors the opportunity to meet local people in their homes, hear local stories and taste secret family recipes.
- The lobster and steamed clam suppers of “Les beaux jeudis” (Goodtime Thursdays) was a huge success and the event will be repeated next year.

9.5 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council of various issues regarding the *Villa Acadienne*. Staff voted regarding changing their current pension plan from Assumption to NSHO. Assumption had been the plan administrator for 30 years. As well, various maintenance projects are under way at the Villa, including 30 feet of roofing to be repaired.

9.6 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Jean Melanson reported on Waste Check's activities. At its last Board Meeting, held Monday, the auditors' financial statements reported a small surplus. A committee will be formed to create a Strategic Plan.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Motion to Award Household Hazardous Waste Depot Tender

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid in the amount of \$58,760.00 (\$52,000.00 plus \$6,760.00 HST) as submitted by “Spec Resources” on September 23rd 2009 for the construction of a Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Clare Municipal Transfer Station.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Motion to Transfer Funds from the Landfill Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund for purpose of purchasing Wood Chipper

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc the Municipality of the District of Clare transfer the sum of \$269,218.97 from the Landfill Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Wood Chipper and a Grapple Rake for work associated with the Landfill Closure.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk
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