



Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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

1) CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Meteghan Volunteer Firefighters Recognition – Sgt Holmes, Meteghan RCMP

Sgt Holmes, Staff Sgt Landry and Corporal Thibodeau made presentations on behalf of the RCMP South West Nova District. A plaque was presented to the Meteghan Fire Department and certificates of appreciation were individually presented to each of the volunteer firefighters who assisted in lifesaving efforts during an incident at Mavillette Beach on July 16, 2010.

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

4.1 January 19th, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the January 19, 2011 Council Meeting be accepted with the following correction: to the French minutes, item 7), regarding Fidèle Thériault, change “110th birthday” to “100th birthday”. The English minutes were correct.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 February 9th, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted with corrections to section 2.1) Presentation by *Festival acadien* relating to their financial request, which should read: “The Festival asked Council to increase their annual grant from \$20,000 to \$25,000 beginning 2011-2012. They also requested another \$5,000 for fireworks for this summer’s festivities.”

MOTION CARRIED



5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Update: Relocation of Weymouth Land Registration Office to Digby

Warden Melanson gave an update regarding the relocation of the Weymouth Deeds Office to Digby. He explained that the numerous meetings, petitions and efforts were futile because the Department's decision had already been taken a few years ago when it decided to no longer offer such services in rural areas and to relocate once lease agreements came up for renewal. Such is the case for the Weymouth office.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Jean Melanson reported the following recent activities:

- Tidal View board meeting;
- Meeting in Halifax to show support for the *Festival acadien de Clare* which met with the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to request more financial support;
- Yarmouth Airport Commission Board Meeting;
- Waste Check Board Meeting (the recycling contract with Scotia Recyclers is ending at the end of the year; the board discussed perhaps looking at building its own facility to process the recyclables; more to follow regarding this issue).

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements from the members of Council.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Planning/Development/Building

Councillor Danny Hill reported on the committee's activities. He indicated that members of PAC had reviewed the current municipal Land Use By-Law and made recommendations to planners at Genivar with the objective of making it easier to understand and more current, adding various issues currently not addressed.

Forum on Public Transportation

Councillor Hill reminded Council of the forum on public transportation being held at 7 pm tomorrow at the Saulnierville Legion, organized by *Le Transport de Clare* with Genivar (a project funded through the Nova Scotia Research Incentive Program).

Building Permits Report (2-Year Comparison)

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits reports for January (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2011	5	\$ 58,000.00
2010	5	\$260,700.00



9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau gave an overview of the February minutes regarding the Recreation committee's activities. He highlighted various items, such as the Municipal Volunteer Recognition Banquet to be held on April 14, 2011. He also pointed out that two youths from Clare are participating in the Canada Winter Games, currently being held in Halifax; they are Sarah Robichaud (hockey) and Nicole Thériault (archery).

9.3 Tourism – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

9.3.1 Clare Municipal Tourism Committee

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc stated that no meeting had been held.

9.3.2 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc indicated that no meeting had been held since the last Council meeting.

9.4 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau informed Council regarding various topics, such as a recent fire marshal inspection and staffing updates.

9.5 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

Warden Melanson had nothing more to report.

9.6 Clare Energy – Warden Jean Melanson

There was no report.

9.7 Clare Firefighters Association: Quarterly Report – Councillor Danny Hill

Councillor Danny Hill reported regarding the Clare Firefighters Association's Annual meeting held in January 2011. The directors are Daniel Gaudet remaining as president; Blaine Rodgerson remaining as vice-president; and Darlene Saulnier remaining as Secretary/Treasurer. Councillor Hill listed the numerous calls answered since May 2010 and training exercises held. Councillor Hill concluded by thanking all the volunteer firefighters and auxiliary members.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Motion: Tax Write-Offs

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare write off the following tax amounts for the properties belonging to Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources for the reason described below.



Account #	Amount	Year	Reason
02551586	\$ 14.00 + interest	2010	Exempt
04335155	\$ 36.00 + interest	2010	Exempt
10050332	\$ 40.00 + interest	2010	Exempt
02552493	\$ 40.00 + interest	2010	Exempt
08542082	\$ 6,748.00 + interest	2010	Exempt

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Motion to transfer funds to/from Reserve Funds

This motion was deferred to the next Council Meeting.

10.3 Motion regarding financial support for *Jeux de l'Acadie* Finals in Argyle

Council discussed the request of the Municipality of Argyle regarding the financial support the Municipality of Clare agreed to provide for the *Jeux de l'Acadie* Finals to be held in Argyle in 2012.

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of the District of Clare support the 33rd “*Jeux de l'Acadie*” Finals, which shall be hosted by the Municipality of Argyle in 2012, with a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 and that the grant be disbursed in the following manner: \$22,500.00 in 2011, no later than July 31st, 2011 and \$7,500.00 in 2012, no later than May 15th, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

AND

MOVED BY Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare encourage volunteers within our community to assist the Municipality of Argyle with the various “*Jeux de l'Acadie*” activities (i.e. supervision of events, etc.) and/or required services (i.e. feeding and housing athletes, transportation, etc.) for this large Maritime event.

MOTION CARRIED

11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, 2011 at 7 pm.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk
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