



Municipality of the District of Clare
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 19, 2011

PRESENT: Warden Jean Melanson; Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc; Councillors: Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Nil Doucet, Arnold LeBlanc and Simon LeBlanc; CAO/Clerk Connie Saulnier, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet. Translators: none.
Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.

ABSENT: Councillor Danny Hill.

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 Simon LeBlanc that the proposed agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3) PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Active Transportation – Andrea Gaudet, Recreation Department (7:00 pm)

Andrea Gaudet of the Recreation Department gave a presentation regarding “Active Transportation”. She presented a video that showed various ideas to have more active transportation in Clare. Council discussed the possibility of having more sidewalks and perhaps bicycle racks at various locations within the Municipality to accommodate other means of transportation.

Warden Melanson thanked Ms. Gaudet for her informative presentation.

3.2 Overview of 2011 RCMP Planning – Sgt Jeff Holmes, Meteghan RCMP

Sgt Jeff Holmes of the Meteghan RCMP, accompanied by District Superintendent Greg Gibson, as well as Officers Frank Landry, Christian Thibodeau and Mathew Vacon, gave an overview of 2010 occurrences as well as plans and priorities for the upcoming year (copy of report enclosed).

Warden Melanson thanked the officers for the report.

3.3 Clare Volunteer Firefighters Recognition – Sgt Holmes, Meteghan RCMP

Sgt Jeff Holmes and District Superintendent Gibson then made a presentation to volunteer firefighters of the Salmon River and Meteghan Detachments for their excellent work during a lifesaving incident at Mavillette Beach on July 13, 2010.



4) **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

4.1 **December 15th, 2010 Regular Council Meeting**

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the minutes of the December 15, 2010 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 **January 5th, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting**

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 **Update: Proposed Relocation of Weymouth Land Registration Office to Digby**

Warden Jean Melanson gave an update regarding the Province's intent to move the Land Registry Office from Weymouth to Digby. He reported that various Municipal representatives have met with Government representatives to discuss this issue. Also petitions have been forwarded to the Minister (Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations) with the objective of stopping the pending move.

6) **WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson had nothing to report.

7) **OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Nil Doucet wanted to wish Mr. Fidèle Thériault of Belliveau Cove a happy one hundredth (100th) birthday tomorrow, January 20th 2011.

8) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Warden Jean Melanson informed Council that he received a request from the Municipality of Argyle that Council write a letter of support regarding Argyle's applications for funding to build a track and field sports venue in Argyle for the *Jeux de l'Acadie* Finale.

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that Council write a letter of support regarding Argyle's applications for funding to build a track and field sports venue for the *Jeux de l'Acadie* Finale to be held in Argyle in 2012.

MOTION CARRIED



9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Building Permits Report (2-Year Comparison)

In Councillor Danny Hill's absence Warden Melanson presented the building permits reports for December (*copy included*) as submitted by the Building Department:

Year	Permits	Value of Construction
2010	7	\$ 555,000.00
2009	8	\$ 507,000.00

9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau reported on the Recreation committee's activities. He indicated that the committee discussed fund raising activities currently being organized by the Recreation Department with funds raised going towards the CJA project, namely the Haunted House and the Easter Egg Hunt. After much discussion, the committee decided that if the CJA wished to continue these fundraising events, they would have to take ownership of these projects instead of the Recreation Department. Councillor Comeau indicated that discussions have been held with the representatives of the CJA to explain this decision.

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 reported that YASTA continues to work on various projects. Councillor LeBlanc indicated that Larry Peach of YASTA has accepted the employment of Tourism Director and will assume the duties of managing the RVB as of January 31st 2011. He will work 3 days for the Municipality of Clare and 2 days for YASTA until April 1st 2011, then work full time for the Municipality of Clare. Larry Peach was previously employed by the Municipality of Clare prior to working with YASTA.

9.4 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau reported that no meeting was held in December, however he indicated that at the November meeting the board discussed refinancing the Villa's loan of \$396,000; he also indicated that the contract for providing heating oil during the new fiscal year will be tendered.

9.5 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson

There was no report.



9.6 Clare Energy – Warden Jean Melanson

There was no report.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Motions: Naming of Roads in Concession:

(a) Spec Drive

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet that the Municipality of Clare accept that a road in Concession on land owned by Spec Resources Inc from “Patrice Road” up to their new barn, located in District 2 of the Municipality of Clare, in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia, be named “Spec Drive”.

MOTION CARRIED

(b) D & R Drive

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Municipality of Clare accept that a road in Concession on land owned by Spec Resources Inc, located in District 2 of the Municipality of Clare, in the County of Digby, Nova Scotia, be named “D & R Drive”.

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11) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Council went to an In-Camera Session to discuss issues related to SWSDA and Comeau Lumber.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeannette Doucet - Deputy Clerk

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Minutes were approved at February 16th
2011 Council Meeting.