

Municipality of Clare
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 21st, 2007

Present : Warden Jean Melanson, Deputy Warden, Arnold LeBlanc, Councillors : Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Ronnie LeBlanc, Simon LeBlanc, Nil Doucet, Darry Hill, Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet and CAO Connie Saulnier

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:
10.8 Snow removal contract

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Darry Hill that the proposed agenda be approved as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. PRESENTATION

No presentation

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON:

4.1 October 22nd, 2007 - Council Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and Seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of October 22nd, 2007 be accepted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Request from SPCA – Dog Pound & Animal Control Officer – Deputy Arnold LeBlanc

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc inquired if, with the approval of Council for Connie Saulnier CAO could conduct some research regarding a SPCA / dog pound for the Municipality of Clare i.e: cost, possible locations, etc. Council agreed with this recommendation.

5.2 Municipal Planning for the District of Clare – Gérard Theriault

The Planning Committee has scheduled a meeting with the Municipal planner, Chris Ready, to discuss planning issues and to work on some bylaw changes relating to commercial livestock.

6. WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Warden Melanson reported that he had attended the following meetings and events:

- Oct 24 -Inter-municipal forum Clare/Argyle and CDENE; the group identified the following events to focus on: the finals of Jeux d'Acadie during 2010, Jeux de la Francophonie during 2014, Congrès Mondial Acadien during 2019
- Oct 29 -Falmouth – for the funding announcement for the Belliveau Cove Sewer extension on rue Belle-Vue.
 - Also did a interview on Radio Canada regarding the funding announcement
- Nov. 1 - Interview regarding the cluster project regarding the Geomatic System with Martin O'Hara.
- Nov. 6 - 9 -UNSM:
 - Province announce the Municipal Clean Air and Climate change program of 7.5 million over 3 years.
 - Judge Jamie Campbell guest speaker at the UNSM banquet. Spoke highly of Clare as one of the best places to live.
 - The Provincial and Federal Government announced new infrastructure agreement for Nova Scotia totaling 634 millions
 - Also did a radio-television interview regarding this announcement with Radio-Canada
- Nov. 14- Green Conference in Halifax
- Nov. 17 - Bureau de direction de l'Université Sainte-Arme meeting in Halifax.
- Nov. 19 -Waste Check –Yarmouth
 - Public consultation on province energy strategy
 - Presented with a cheque from Belliveau Motors in the amount of \$24,267.13 for the Medical Centre.

7. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that his parents, Jerry and Grace Comeau, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9th, 2007 and requested that the Municipality send them a letter of congratulations.

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that we should send a letter of thanks to Belliveau Motors for their contribution of Nov. 19th, 2007 for equipment for the new Medical Centre.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

-A letter from Warden Fred Whelan of the Municipality of the County of Kings requesting support of our troops activities.

-A letter from David Fudge advising his new position as District Policing Officer for South West Nova District of the RCMP

-A letter from Joanne Bradley regarding stray cats/ animal shelter in the Municipality.

-A letter from Service Nova Scotia indicating that our request to borrow funds for the Medical Center in the amount of \$4,000,000 has been approved.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Public Works

No report. Councillor Brain Comeau inquired whether the residents were going to be notified of the community changes regarding civic addresses. This issue will be discussed with Medard Comeau, who is in charge of civic numbering.

9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that Larry Peach does not have the time to work on the project "Rendez-vous de la Baie" Interpretive Centre. The cultural centre would like for Council to approve a new coordinator, Charles Gaudet at Centre Jodrey, at a cost of \$30,000.00.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by the Councillor Simon LeBlanc that we contract the service of Le Centre Jodrey, at no additional cost to the Municipality, for the Centre Interpretative "Rendez-vous de la Baie".

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Villa Acadienne

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that the report of the CDENE Phase I will be presented at their next meeting.

9.4 Waste Check

Warden Jean Melanson indicated that Waste check is working on their internal policies. Warden Melanson showed a graph indicating that the recycling is increasing and that the regular garbage is decreasing.

9.5 Medical Centre Progress Report & Launch of "Buy-a-Brick" Program

Connie Saulnier, CAO gave a progress report on the construction of the new Medical Centre.

-55% of Phase I is completed

-75% are local employees

-Contract for Phase II closes on Nov. 29, at 2 pm.

Warden Jean Melanson indicated that the Municipality will be launching the "Buy-a-Brick" Program on Friday Nov. 23, 2007; a fundraising campaign for the Medical Center. The goal is set at raising \$500,000.00. The program is in collaboration with the Conseil Sigogne- Knights of Columbus, who is a charitable organization. Charitable receipts will be available for all donations.)

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Road Name

a) **Emile Robicheau Rd.**

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and seconded by Councillor Darry Hill that the road from Highway #1 to the Fishermen shed in Meteghan Center be named "Emile Robicheau Road".

MOTION CARRIED

b) **Romial Rd.**

MOVED BY Councillor Nil Doucet and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the road from Belle View Street to the properties of Maurice Blinn and Dianne Maillet in Belliveau Cove be named "Romial Road".

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 List of Municipal, Government and Private Roads – Councillor Brian Comeau

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

10.3 Monument – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau requested that Council to give consideration towards putting a monument for fishermen lost at sea; Council suggested that the CAO, Connie Saulnier look into this possibility of a monument i.e. price, location, grants, etc.

10.4 Letter of Request

Council agreed that we write a letter regarding assessment # 04147499 and # 00863602 indicating that Council does not write off interest on taxes. Therefore, the request has been denied.

10.5 Electronic Voting

CAO, Connie Saulnier will contact the company regarding electronic voting for a demonstration

10.6. Transient Dealers – Deputy Warden Arnold Comeau

CAO, Connie Saulnier will look into establishing a by-law concerning this issue.

10.7 Approval of 3 Year Capital Plan

MOVED BY Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare approve the attached 2007-2008 Capital Budget and the 2007-2008 Gas Tax Summary for submission to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. **MOTION CARRIED**

10.8 Snow Removal

MOVED BY Councillor Brian Comeau and seconded by Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc that we tender for snow removal on an hourly rate for the season 2007-2008. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED BY Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that we purchase a 14 ft plow, to fit the loader at the transfer station, not to exceed \$8,800 plus HST. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUCNIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on *Wednesday, December 19, 2007* at 7 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk