

*Present were:* Warden Jean Melanson; Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc; Councillors Nil Doucet, Daniel Hill, Simon LeBlanc, Brian Comeau, Russell Comeau, Ronnie LeBlanc; Clerk Treasurer Delphis J. Comeau and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.

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1. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Daniel Hill, that the agenda be accepted with some additions.

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the September 20, 2006 Council meeting minutes be accepted as read.

**MOTION PASSED**

The October 11, 2006 Committee of Council Report was received and discussed.

3. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that we attempt to find the owner of a property on the Frank Comeau Road in Maxwellton which has an un-maintained garbage bin (if the owner does not want to maintain the garbage bin the Municipality will have it removed).

**MOTION PASSED**

4. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Arnold LeBlanc, that the Municipality prepare the payroll for the Security for Seniors employee until March 31, 2007 as a service to the Security for Seniors Committee and that we advise the Security for Seniors Committee that this position is not recognized as a Municipal Employee.

**MOTION PASSED**

Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc requested that a meeting date be set up to discuss the role of the Committee of the Whole, which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Councillor LeBlanc advised that the role of the Committee should be to receive information and that no recommendations should be made at this Committee meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would discuss this issue at

the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Committee of Council meeting and that the meeting would start at 6:30 PM.

5. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Daniel Hill, that the resignation of Tracy Perry be accepted. Ms. Perry worked at the Municipality as a receptionist/receptionist for 6.5 years and as Tax Collector for 1.5 years.

### **MOTION PASSED**

#### Warden's Report

Warden Melanson presented his activities for the past month:

- attended a meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> to review the floor plans of the proposed medical centre;
- attended an Energy Concept meeting and advised Council that Jason Hollett who has been handling the Energy file for the SWSDA has taken a full time position with the provincial Department of Energy;
- attended a presentation at *Université Sainte-Anne* on Geomatics;
- attended a meeting of the regional Library Board on September 28, 2006;
- attended the Medical Centre Committee meeting with the Minister of Health, Chris d'Entremont. The purpose of this meeting was to brief the Minister on the Municipality's proposed Medical Centre and to discuss the possibilities of monies being received by the Province for this project;
- attended the UNSM annual Conference in Sydney, NS (October 17-19<sup>th</sup>). A request submitted last year by the UNSM to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for Fair and Equitable Funding was refused by Service Nova Scotia, however they have indicated a willingness to discuss Corrections and Affordable Housing costs, presently the responsibilities of the Municipal units, with the UNSM.

#### Official statements by Members of Council

Councillor Nil Doucet congratulated Joseph and Sadie Buckley of St. Bernard on their recent 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and requested that a certificate be sent to them.

Councillor Nil Doucet advised Council that he wishes to thank Mrs. Doris Maillet of St. Bernard who picks up debris while on her daily walks. Councillor advised that he will send a letter to Mrs. Maillet and urged others to do the same thing.

Councillor Brian Comeau advised that Remi and Lucille Muise of Saulnierville Station will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 and

requested that a certificate be sent to them.

Councillor Brian Comeau advised that Nathalie Saulnier (12 years old) of Saulnierville was recognized as outstanding student for her fiddling accomplishments at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton last summer.

6. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that Council send a letter to congratulate Nathalie Saulnier for her recognition as outstanding student in fiddling at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton last summer.

**MOTION PASSED**

Councillor Russell Comeau advised that Gilbert and Marie-Adèle Deveau of Meteghan River also pick up garbage on their daily walks and that they should be recognized for their concerns towards the environment.

7. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Arnold LeBlanc, that a letter be sent to Gilbert and Marie-Adèle Deveau thanking them for picking up debris along side the road while on their daily walks.

**MOTION PASSED**

8. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that invoices presented for the period of September 12, 2006 to October 11, 2006 be paid as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

Correspondence was read and reviewed

9. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Russell Comeau, that the resignation of E.M.O. Coordinator Hubert Robicheau be accepted effective October 31, 2006.

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Russell Comeau, that André Valotaire be appointed E.M.O. Coordinator, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

**MOTION PASSED**

11. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Brian Comeau, that a letter of appreciation be sent to Hubert Robicheau for his interest and efforts towards the Municipality's EMO activities.

## **MOTION PASSED**

Correspondence prepared by Mary Kenneally was received from The Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) requesting \$ 1,000.00 from each Municipal Unit in Southwestern Nova Scotia, to assist with a scientific study monitoring the life cycle of a lobster, in the LFA 33 and LFA 34 zones.

12. Moved by Simon LeBlanc, seconded by Nil Doucet, that council grant \$1,000.00 to assist the F.S.R.S. with their lobster research project.

## **MOTION PASSED**

An application to E.M.O. Nova Scotia requesting financial assistance under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) for equipment for the Clare E.M.O Centre was circulated. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$5,436.00 and the J.E.P.P. would contribute 50% if approved.

13. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the Municipality apply under the J.E.P.P. program for funding to acquire a number of items for the Clare E.M.O Centre.

## **MOTION PASSED**

Warden Melanson read a letter received from Delphis Comeau, Clerk Treasurer, advising Council of his intentions to retire from his position on March 31, 2007 after 30 years of service with the Municipality. Clerk Treasurer Comeau advised that he would be prepared to assist with the 2007/2008 budget process if his services were required.

14. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Russell Comeau, that we thank the Clerk Treasurer for his 30 years of service with the Municipality of Clare.

## **MOTION PASSED**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that Council has not received any financial statements in this fiscal year, which in his opinion could easily be produced. Councillor Comeau advised that the Municipality of Argyle provides financial information on a monthly basis to its Council.

Various Committee Reports were presented:

**Villa Acadienne**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc, Chairman of the *Villa Acadienne* Board, advised that the work to stop the erosion at the beach behind the Villa is underway and should resolve the erosion situation. Mr. LeBlanc also advised that the Villa has been developing a short term and long term policy for the Villa. Deputy Warden LeBlanc also advised that the Villa had lost some employees due to their moving to Alberta, however advised that some are returning to Clare and to their jobs.

### **Waste Check**

Council was informed by the Clerk Treasurer that the contract with Scotia Recycling to construct and operate a Recycling Plant in Yarmouth was reviewed and accepted by a subcommittee of Waste Check.

### **Medical Centre**

Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc, Vice Chair of the Medical Centre Committee, advised Council that the Committee is presently reviewing the plans prepared by Practice Solutions and will send a recommendation to Practice Solutions requesting they prepare a 2<sup>nd</sup> plan.

15. Moved by Ronnie LeBlanc, seconded by Russell Comeau, that we start the process to request monies from the Cosman Estate to assist with the cost of the new Medical Centre.

### **MOTION PASSED**

### New business

The Clare Municipal Council received one (1) application from a member of the general public (Denise LeBlanc) to serve on the Recreation Committee.

16. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the application of Denise LeBlanc to serve on the Recreation Committee be accepted.

### **MOTION PASSED**

The Clerk Treasurer suggested to Council that we prepared a tender for the old scales which were at the Municipal Landfill Site.

17. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that Council tender the old scales that were previously used at the Municipal Landfill Site.

### **MOTION PASSED**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc presented a verbal report on the N.S. Gaming Commission Conference which he recently attended in Halifax.

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc also advised Council that there appears to be a desire by the hockey community to have *Université Sainte-Anne* improve the arena and informed that a request for a financial contribution may come before Council next fiscal year.

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc also advised that he and Councillor Daniel Hill had visited the Dog Pound operated by the Municipality of Digby. Deputy Warden LeBlanc indicated that the pound was very well maintained and that he will bring more information once additional information is received from the Municipality of Digby.

Councillor Simon LeBlanc advised Council that no light has been installed at the car pool lot off Highway 101 at Exit 29 in Concession, as previously indicated by Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation at a meeting with Council, approximately 15 months ago.

18. Moved by Simon LeBlanc, seconded by Arnold LeBlanc, that we send another request to Greg Newell asking that a light be installed at the car pool lot off Highway 1, at Exit 29 in Concession.

**MOTION PASSED**

19. Moved by Simon LeBlanc, seconded by Russell Comeau, that we send an Invitation Tender to fill-in the foundation at the old Meteghan School.

**MOTION PASSED**

Council agreed to change its November meeting date from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to accommodate officials from E.M.O. who wish to address Council at its televised meeting.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Councillor Russell Comeau.