



**Municipality of the District of Clare  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 21, 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 and Deputy Clerk Jeannette Doucet.  
General public in the audience: Richard Deveau.  
*Translators: James Crombie and Richard Landry.*  
*Camera Operator: Jene Dugas Cottreau.*

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jean Melanson called the Council Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3) PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Badges presented to new Fire Chiefs and Deputy Fire Chiefs (7:00 pm)**

Warden Jean Melanson presented badges to the three newly elected Fire Chiefs and Deputy Fire Chiefs of two fire departments within the Municipality of Clare:

- Fire Chief Michel LeBlanc: Little Brook Volunteer Fire Department;
- Deputy Fire Chief Raymond Saulnier: Little Brook Volunteer Fire Department;
- Deputy Fire Chief Lee Comeau: Meteghan Volunteer Fire Department.

Warden Melanson thanked all volunteer fire fighters for their hard work.

**3.2 Lisa LeBlanc, General Manager: Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)**

Lisa LeBlanc, newly hired General Manager of the Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA) introduced herself to Council and gave an overview of the different projects that she is currently working on. She indicated that she wants to promote the area with brochures being placed at different locations. Warden Melanson thanked Lisa LeBlanc for her presentation.

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

**4.1 August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the minutes of the August 17, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**



#### **4.2 September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Council-in-Committee Meeting be accepted with the following correction: at item 4.9 regarding the Communication Committee, it should indicated that it is “Councillor Brian Comeau” instead of “Councillor Russell Comeau” that is part of the committee.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **5.1 Belliveau Cove Wharf Repairs**

CAO Connie Saulnier wanted clarification as to who would be preparing the funding application to ACOA for the repairs at the Belliveau Cove wharf.

Councillor Nil Doucet indicated that the Belliveau Cove Development Commission will be inquiring with Mike Comeau from ACOA regarding the proposed project and submitting an application. Councillor Doucet stated that he will keep Council informed.

### **6) WARDEN’S REPORT**

Warden Jean Melanson congratulated Georgette LeBlanc of Church Point for having been nominated as one of the three finalists for the Literature Award Émile-Ollivier 2011, an award to recognize Francophone-Canadian authors living outside of Québec. The winner will be announced tomorrow, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011.

Warden Jean Melanson attended the following meetings and functions:

- Minister Bernard Valcourt visiting in Clare;
- CDÉNÉ’s Annual Meeting in Halifax;
- Presentation on Active Living by Mike Trancity;
- Clare Energy board meeting;
- Official opening of Energy Project at *Université Sainte-Anne*;
- Édouard LeBlanc’s book launch, in Saulnierville (gave a speech);
- Strategic Planning Meeting regarding the *Festival acadien de Clare*;
- Brainstorming Session with Councillors and invited cultural partners regarding the funds of the Cultural Award received last year (\$10,000);
- meeting with creditors regarding SWSDA.

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

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc wished to congratulate Elie and Elaine Thimot on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (September 2, 2011).

### **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to address.



## 9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 9.1 Planning/Development/Building

Councillor Danny Hill indicated there was no meeting in August.

#### **Building Permits Report (2-Year Comparison)**

Councillor Danny Hill presented the building permits reports for August as submitted by the Building Department:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2011	23	\$891,500
2010	24	\$2,210,300

### 9.2 Clare Municipal Recreation Committee – Councillor Brian Comeau

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated there was no meeting September.

#### **Physical Activity Coordinator**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that during the municipal budget process, Council had approved funding, in conjunction with provincial funding, to hire an Active Living Coordinator in the Recreation Department. This was for a three (3) year term. Recently, a selection committee interviewed candidates for the position. Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that the committee is making the recommendation that Odette Comeau be hired as the Active Living Coordinator.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of the District of Clare, through a provincial funding grant, hire Odette Comeau as the Active Living Coordinator in the Recreation Department for a three (3) year term.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### 9.3 Tourism – Councillor Arnold LeBlanc

#### **9.3.1 Clare Municipal Tourism Committee**

Councillor Arnold LeBlanc indicated there was no meeting in August.

He indicated that the expansion at the Rendez-vous de la Baie cultural centre is almost complete; that the outdoor stage is functional now; the first concert was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Digby Wharf Rat Rally; there was a kiosk at the Wharf Rat Rally in Digby and a guided tour in Clare for motorcyclist, organized by Guy LeBlanc. Councillor LeBlanc added that the statistics for visitors showed an increase in June and July and a decrease in August.

#### **9.3.2 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA)**

General Manager Lisa LeBlanc gave an overview of YASTA activities at the beginning of the Council meeting under Presentations.



**9.4 Villa Acadienne – Councillor Brian Comeau**

Councillor Brian Comeau indicated that there was no board meeting in August.

**9.5 Waste Check – Warden Jean Melanson**

Warden Melanson indicated that there was no report.

**9.6 Clare Energy – Warden Jean Melanson**

Warden Melanson indicated that there was no report.

**9.7 Communication Committee (NEW) – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc**

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc indicated that the new Communication Committee, made up of himself, Councillor Brian Comeau and Councillor Arnold LeBlanc met on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee discussed various ways of better communicating with the public. It was suggested that an email distribution list be created and Council invite the public if they wish to receive emails with news, agendas, minutes, newsletters, etc. regarding the Municipality and Council.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Municipality of the District of Clare advertise in the local media inviting members of the public that wish to receive emails with news, agendas, minutes, newsletters, etc. regarding the Municipality to contact the office via email to be added to a new distribution list.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Award of Garbage Collection Tender (Motion)**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid as submitted by Clare Dumpsters Ltd. on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the collection of garbage, recyclables and organics for the Municipality of Clare, for a 5-year contract in the following amounts:

Year 1 =	\$394,048.01	(\$342,650.44 + \$51,397.57 HST)
Year 2 =	\$413,750.41	(\$359,782.97 + \$53,967.44 HST)
Year 3 =	\$434,437.93	(\$377,772.11 + \$56,665.82 HST)
Year 4 =	\$456,159.83	(\$396,660.72 + \$59,499.11 HST)
Year 5 =	\$478,967.83	(\$416,493.77 + \$62,474.06 HST)

In the event that the location for delivery of compost is changed from the Yarmouth Composting Facility to the Clare Transfer Station at any time during the period of this tender, the annual contract amount will be reduced by the prorated amount of \$6,279.00 (\$5,460.00 + \$819.00).

**MOTION CARRIED**



**10.2 Motions regarding Tender Submissions at Comeau Lumber Site**

**10.2 (a) Purchase and Removal of Scrap Metal and Derelict Machinery**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Danny Hill that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid as submitted by Fundy Auto Salvage Ltd., as submitted on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 in the amount of \$161.00 per metric ton, for the purchase and removal of scrap metal and derelict machinery from the former Comeau Lumber site in Meteghan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.2 (b) Tender Submissions for Renovations and Modification to Stud Mill**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid as submitted by Delmar Construction Ltd., as submitted on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 in the amount of \$76,597.02 (\$66,606.10 + \$9,990.92 HST), for the renovations – modifications to the stud mill, located on the former Comeau Lumber site in Meteghan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.2 (c) Motion to approve tendered bids for sale of specific items**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Danny Hill and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the following tendered bids, as submitted on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the sale of specific items (see attached document) from the former Comeau Lumber site in Meteghan as listed below.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Highest Bidder</u>
A	Debarker & Associated motor	\$1,500	Harold Newell
B	Tractor tires	100	Gary Belliveau Construction
C	Screw-type augers	120	Spec Resources
D	Manual grader	250	William Gilliatt
E	Scarifier	525	Edmond Thibodeau
F	Used lot of tires	400	Gary Belliveau Construction
G	Dodge reduction gear	200	Gerard Robicheau
H	Truck air tanks and misc. items	150	Gary Belliveau Construction
I	Brakes, filters & misc. items	300	Gary Belliveau Construction
J	U-bolts, cam parts	80	Spec Resources
K	Chip cover & overhead compartment	80	Spec Resources
L	Air bags and baking plates	150	Gary Belliveau Construction
M	Brake drums	80	Spec Resources
N	Shocks and wheel bearings	200	Gary Belliveau Construction

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O	Exhausts and misc. clamps	255	N. Melanson Contractors
P	Rims	50	Gary Belliveau Construction
Q	Rollers	520	N. Melanson Contractors
R	Parts cleaner	200	Harold Newell
S	Freightliner truck	1,003	William Gilliatt
T	Ford truck	525	William Gilliatt
U	Various truck parts	300	Harold Newell
V	Bridge beams	2,400	Spec Resources
W	Trailer & loader	1,200	Edmond Thibodeau
<b>Total Bids</b>		<b>\$ 10,588</b>	

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.3 Community Arts and Culture Recognition Award of \$10,000 – Warden Melanson**

Warden Jean Melanson stated that Council had invited cultural organizations for an open discussion brainstorming session on September 14<sup>th</sup> to get ideas and suggestions on how to distribute the Community Arts and Culture Recognition Award of \$10,000 (see attached document).

Various ideas had been brought to the table. It was suggested that the non-profit organization *Fédération régionale des arts et du patrimoine de la Baie Ste-Marie* (FRAP), who needed funds to hire an Artistic Director, could use the \$10,000 and lobby government for more funds to be able to hire an Artistic Director.

Council discussed and proceeded to the following motion.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Brian Comeau and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Arnold LeBlanc that the Municipality of Clare approach the organisation *Fédération régionale des arts et du patrimoine de la Baie Ste-Marie* (FRAP) and offer them the opportunity receive the \$10,000.00 under the condition that the funds would be added to other monies they would receive through Heritage Canada or any other funding agency to hire an Artistic Director.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.4 Exit 31 at Meteghan 101 and Bonnie Road – Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc**

Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc expressed concerns from citizens regarding the off-ramp at the Meteghan Exit off Highway 101 (Exit 31). He explained that the railings of the guard rails block visibility making extremely difficult to see oncoming traffic. As such, it is very dangerous when off-ramping onto Bonnie Road and often the traffic is travelling fast. He indicated that the Department of Transportation has been approached in the past, but nothing has been done to rectify the situation. As well, there have been various motor vehicle accidents in the past at that exact location.

Council discussed and agreed that a letter should be sent to the Department of Transportation expressing citizens’ concerns and complaints regarding Exit 31 in Meteghan, with the hopes that the situation can be rectified.



**10.5 Recommendation for the Physical Activity Coordinator**

This topic was discussed under Point 9.2 under Committee Reports, Recreation Department (see page 3).

**11) IN CAMERA SESSION**

At 8:35 pm, it was

**MOVED BY** Councillor Simon LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that Council proceed to an In Camera Session to discuss various issues.

**MOTION CARRIED**

In Camera Session concluded at 9:45pm.

**10.6 Scotia Recyclers**

**MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare enter into a ten (10) year supply agreement with Scotia Recyclers Ltd whereby the Municipality of Clare agree to provide Scotia Recyclers Ltd and Scotia Recyclers Ltd agrees to market for the Municipality of Clare all recyclable material generated at the new Clare Municipal Recycling Facility (to be set up at the former Comeau Lumber site in Meteghan) for a marketing fee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Nil Doucet and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare purchase used recycling equipment (balers, etc.) from Scotia Recyclers Ltd for use at the new Clare Municipal Recycling Facility (to be set up at the former Comeau Lumber site in Meteghan) at a price of \$35,000 and refurbish the equipment at a cost not to exceed \$59,000 for a total cost of \$94,000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Regular Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 7 pm.

**13) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm as per a motion by Councillor Nil Doucet.

*Respectfully submitted by*

**Approved by Council on October 19, 2011**

*Jeannette Doucet – Deputy Clerk  
(cdk)*