

*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 Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that the agenda be accepted with the following additions:
  - Medical Centre concept design;
  - banking services;
  - petition to pave Eustache Comeau Road and a portion of Maza Road; and
  - poor condition of Griffith Road.

**MOTION PASSED**

Warden Melanson presented Jonette Dufus to Council. Ms. Duffus is the owner of the Nelson Surette Expulsion paintings which the Municipality presently have in the Council Chambers. Warden Melanson thanked Ms. Duffus for having loaned the collection to the Municipality of Clare for 5 years and advised that the general public is welcome to come and view the paintings.

2. Moved by Nil Doucet, seconded by Daniel Hill, that the August 16, 2006 Council meeting minutes be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Business arising**

Letter to King's Transit (re. transportation to Université Sainte-Anne)

Council was advised that King's Transit cannot provide further service to their Digby/Weymouth area at this time due to the fact that they would not be able to make their transfers. The Manager of King's Transit indicated that they would be in contact with the Clerk Treasurer in 2-3 months to see if anything can be done.

Cost of wheelchair accessible doors

Council was advised that the cost for providing wheelchair accessible doors is in the range of \$3,200.00 - \$3,500.00 per door.

The Committee of Council's report of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Committee meeting report were reviewed.

3. Moved by Nil Doucet, seconded by Arnold LeBlanc, that the Municipality apply under the Rural Infrastructure Program for the closure of the landfill site and the extension of the Belliveau Cove sewer system on Belle View Street.

**MOTION PASSED**

4. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Simon LeBlanc, that Council approve a borrowing resolution to cover costs incurred by the Municipality towards the Entrepreneurship Centre.

**MOTION PASSED**

5. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that we retain the services of John Cameron to provide a legal opinion in regards to the former open burning dump site in Meteghan Centre.

**MOTION PASSED**

6. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Arnold LeBlanc, that we accept the contribution of \$500.00 from Graff Brothers for the items they will remove from the old Meteghan School being demolished soon.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Moved by Russell Comeau, seconded by Simon Leblanc, that Council go to tender to demolish the old school in Meteghan and haul the debris to the Municipal Transfer Station.

**MOTION PASSED**

Warden's Report

Warden Jean Melanson presented his report:

- advised that the Digby Board of Trade will visit Scotland to promote the Digby and area. Warden Melanson met with the organizers of this trip to provide information on the Clare area.
- Warden Jim Thurber of the Municipality of Digby and Warden Melanson met

with the Southville Fire Department to discuss their need for a new fire truck. Warden Melanson suggested that fire hall and fire truck should be a category of the new Infrastructure Program.

- Advised that there are no new developments in regards to Bay Ferries.
- Attended the Board of Directors' meeting at Université Sainte-Anne.
- Attended a workshop/seminar organized by Seniors of Security. Approximately 80 participants attended the meeting.
- Participated in a meeting of the Francophone Immigration Committee.

8. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Nil Doucet, that Council send a letter to the FCM's Committee on Infrastructure requesting that the Rural Infrastructure Program should have a category which would include Fire halls and fire trucks as part of the Infrastructure Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

9. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that a letter be sent to Belliveau Motors to thank them for their fundraising golf tournament. The proceeds of the tournament will be to purchase a defibrillator for the proposed new Medical Centre.

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Moved by Nil Doucet, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that invoices presented for the period of August 11, 2006 to September 11, 2006 be paid as presented.

**MOTION PASSED**

Correspondence was read and reviewed

- a letter from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis congratulating the Municipality of Clare on the occasion of the National Acadian Day on August 15<sup>th</sup>

Various Committee Reports were presented:

**South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc gave a report on the activities of the SWSDA and advised that the Authority was working on the following issues: tourism; Clare Energy Concept; Pam Boudreau involved with Clare businesses and organizations.

Council was advised that Larry Peach is working on various tourism activities with the Municipality of Clare and Argyle, and is in the process of preparing a total market readiness plan for the region.

### **Villa Acadienne**

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc, chairperson of the Villa Acadienne board of directors, advised that the Board had held a 2-day retreat to discuss governing policies, and to develop a short and long term plan for the Villa.

Council was also advised that the Villa is presently having plans drawn up to attempt to stop the erosion of their property at the beach.

Council was advised that the Villa has an operating budget of \$5,244,000.00.

### New business

11. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Russell Comeau, that the section of the Major Road leading inland from Highway 340 in Corberrie be named the Major Road Extension.

### **MOTION PASSED**

It was agreed by Council that the October meeting would be as follows:

Committee of Council:	Wednesday, October 11, 2006
Regular Council:	Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Council was advised that the Planning Advisory Committee will hold public meetings on the following dates in order to receive input from the community regarding planning issues:

Monday, October 1, 2006:	Joseph Dugas School
Tuesday, October 2, 2006:	Saulnierville Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 3, 2006:	Meteghan Fire Department
Thursday, October 4, 2006:	Saint-Albert School, Salmon River

Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc advised that the concept design of the Medical Centre had been received and reviewed by the Medical Centre Committee.

It was agreed by Council to meet on Monday, September 25, 2006 to review and discuss the Medical Centre design.

Council requested that we prepare a banking services package and go to tender.

Councillor Brian Comeau advised that he has recently received a copy of a petition sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting paving the Eustache Comeau Road and a portion of the Maza Road. Councillor Comeau advised that in his opinion the roads require work.

12. Moved by Brian Comeau, seconded by Russell Comeau, that the Clare Municipal Council forward a letter to the Honourable Angus McIsaac supporting the petition to pave the Eustache Comeau Road and a portion of the Maza Road.

**MOTION PASSED**

Councillor Daniel Hill advised that the Griffith Road located off Highway 340 in Weaver Settlement is in poor condition and requires work.

13. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Nil Doucet, that the Clare Municipal Council write a letter to the Saulnierville Office of the Department of Transportation requesting that maintenance work be carried out on the Griffith Road.

**MOTION PASSED**

#### Planning Advisory Committee

The minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of September 12, 2006 were circulated and reviewed.

14. Moved by Daniel Hill, seconded by Brian Comeau, that the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee to have our solicitor write a letter to the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board and the Department of Environment requesting their definition of a water source be accepted.

**MOTION PASSED**

15. Moved by Arnold LeBlanc, seconded by Ronnie LeBlanc, that Council meet in closed session.

**MOTION PASSED**

Council returned to regular session.

The meeting adjourned on a motion from Councillor Daniel Hill.