

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

Regrets: Councillor Russell Comeau.

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The following presentations were received by Council:

#### FESTIVAL ACADIEN DE CLARE

Mr. Mark Boudreau, President of the *Festival Acadien de Clare*, and Noel Desprès, Vice-President, addressed Council. Mr. Boudreau went over the proposed activities of the upcoming *Festival Acadien*, which starts on July 29 2006 and goes until August 15<sup>th</sup> 2006. Mr. Desprès went over last year's activities and expenses, and requested a grant from Council in the amount of \$25,000.00. This is an increase of \$10,000.00 from last year's budget. Mr. Boudreau and Mr. Desprès were accompanied by their Board of Directors and a number of people interested in the Festival.

Warden Melanson thanked Mr. Boudreau and Mr. Desprès, and advised that their request would be considered during the 2006-2007 budget process.

#### SECURITY FOR SENIORS

Mrs. Félice Belliveau and Sister Gloria Boudreau representing *Security For Seniors* addressed Council. Mrs. Belliveau advised that the program which started in October 2005 was well received by the seniors, and requested a grant in the amount of \$32,000.00 to cover salaries and benefits for the Coordinator of the program. Other operating expenses are covered by the RCMP and some fundraising.

Warden Melanson thanked Mrs. Belliveau and Sister Boudreau for their presentation and advised that their request would be considered during the 2006-2007 budget process.

## RCMP

Sergeant Michel LaCroix, of the Meteghan RCMP, presented a business case to Council in regards to having an additional RCMP Officer in the Clare area. Sgt. LaCroix advised that this officer would be a Corporal and would be a valuable asset to the Meteghan Detachment. Sgt. LaCroix advised that this new position would cost approximately \$110,000.00, however the process will probably take 6 to 9 months before the position is filled, therefore the Municipality would not have to budget the full amount for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Warden Melanson thanked Sergeant LaCroix for his presentation and advised that Council will decide on the matter during the 2006-2007 budget process.

## WASTE CHECK - RECYCLING PLANT

Warden Melanson went over the proposed plans by Waste Check to construct a recycling plant in Yarmouth. Council was reminded that the contract of H & H Recycling will terminate at the end of the year and that the members of Waste Check are of the opinion that having our own recycling plant would substantially decrease our tipping fees.

It was agreed that the Municipality of Clare contribute its portion of the Capital Cost estimated to be \$394,510.00 based on assessment and population.

The meeting adjourned on a motion.