

**Municipality of Clare
Council Meeting
Minutes - December 19th, 2007**

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

ABSENT: Councillor Danry Hill

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Ronnie LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Nil Doucet that the proposed agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

3) PRESENTATION

No presentation

4) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON:

4.1 November 21st, 2007 Council Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Simon LeBlanc that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 21st, 2007 be accepted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5.1 Proposed Purchase of Municipal Vehicle

Connie Saulnier, CAO reviewed the mileage expenses for the Building Inspections Department, explaining that the cost is more than \$13,000.00 for one year. She provided an example of all costs associated with the municipality purchasing a vehicle compared to the municipality paying mileage. Cost savings would be approximately \$4,000 per year.

Council reviewed the documentation and agreed that there would a savings for the municipality and instructed Ms Sauhnier to obtain pricing on a truck for the Building Inspection Department. The truck could be utilized by other employees or by Council on weekends (ie. moving props for special events or traveling on business).

5.2 Yarmouth Airport

Warden Jean Melanson asked if Council was in agreement with signing the accord with the Municipalities of Argyle, Yarmouth and the Town of Yarmouth relating to the Yarmouth Airport with the proposed terms and conditions. Council supports the agreement.

6) WARDEN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

- Waste Check Meeting
- Received a reply from the Cosman Estate. They have refused our request for the New Medical Centre.
- Pam Thibault was asked to hire someone for the Green Project

7) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

There were no official statements by members of Council.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1** – Letter and petition to have High Speed Internet brought to the Bonnie Road. Eastlink should be invited to a meeting to explain the High Speed Project that was recently announced by the province.

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that we write a letter of support to have High Speed Internet available on the Bonnie Road. **MOTION CARRIED**

- 8.2** – Letter from the 2006 Canadian National Old-Timers Baseball Championship. They are requesting a letter of support to hold a tournament in 2009 or 2010 for the Canadian National Old-Timers Baseball Championship in Yarmouth-Clare.

MOVED BY by Councillor Simon LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that we write a letter to support Yarmouth-Clare as a location to have the 2009-2010 Canadian National Old-Timers Baseball Championship.

MOTION CARRIED

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 Public Works

No reports

9.2 South West Shore Development Authority (SWSDA)

No reports

9.3 Villa Acadienne

Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc indicated that the committee received a presentation of a business plan (draft only). They hope to be able to meet with the Minister Chris d'Entremont in January to discuss the details.

9.4 Waste Check

Warden Jean Melanson showed Council a graph for the waste-garbage. He suggested that the information could be incorporated in the next Municipal Newsletter.

9.5 Medical Center Progress Report

Ms. Connie Saulnier, CAO advised Council that Avondale Construction Ltd will be finished with Phase I on Friday December 21st and that Phase II will be awarded by Motion of Council at tonight's meeting.

The "Buy-a-Brick" Program is going well. Ms Saulnier advised that there was still time to purchase bricks.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Award of Tender – Contract 2 – Building Interior Works, Finishes, Mechanical/HVAC & Electrical

MOVED BY Councillor Russell Comeau and seconded by Councillor Brian Comeau that the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare accept the tendered bid in the amount of \$1,789,964.16 (\$1,570,144.00 plus \$219,820.16 HST) as submitted by Delmar Construction Limited on November 30th, 2007 for the Clare Medical Centre - Contract 2, Building Interior Works, Finishes, Mechanical / HVAC & Electrical.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 Award of Tender – Snow Removal, Sanding and Salting

MOVED BY Deputy Warden Arnold LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Russell Comeau that the Municipality of Clare award the Snow Removal, Sanding and Salting Contract 2007-2008 to the following:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Pierre LeBlanc Tractor Services	Clare Municipal Office	\$60.00 per hour (includes salt and sand)
Jason Deveau	Clare Health Center	\$50.00 per hour plus \$20.00 per 20 kg bag of sand or salt
Jason Deveau	Meteghan Sewage Treatment Plant	\$50.00 per hour plus \$20.00 per 20 kg bag of sand or salt

MOTION CARRIED

*The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors wished a Merry Christmas to all the residents of the Municipality of Clare.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by,
Jeannette Doucet, Deputy Clerk