

## **Mayor's Report**

**September 16, 2013 - for October 15, 2013**

**Council is very quickly approaching the most critical time of year. The budget for 2014 will soon be front and center for our future planning. The Strategic Plan has been addressed and will be presented to the public soon. The plan for recycling will need to be clear and the ongoing issue with our Fire Department will be dealt with professionally as soon as decisions are finalized. I am confident that many of these issues are not always popular however it is part of the mandate we asked the public to trust us to do.**

**Sept. 16, 2013(6:00 – 7:00 pm)**

**The Council held the quarterly meeting with the Executive of the Fire Department. Council had sent a personal invitation to all the members of the fire department to attend this meeting so that they could see what is discussed. I was very pleased to see 6 members attended and we extended our appreciation for their attendance and interest. The agenda items were discussed and all parties conducted themselves very professionally.**

**Sept. 16, 2013 (7:00- 8:30pm)**

**The monthly Public meeting of Council was conducted. All issues were addressed that were on the agenda.**

**Sept. 19, 2013**

**I attended the Zone 7 quartly meeting that was held in Charlo. The purpose was because their annual election on directors was to be held, and Councillor Tracy Culligan was interested in re-election to that position. Three members of Council attended the meeting and Councillor Culligan was successful in another term to this position. The Village of Belledune extends to Councillor Culligan our congratulations and appreciation for your interest in representing our community.**

**Sept 20, 2013**

**The Chaleur Regional Service Commission held a brain storming session for our region. All directors were present and many ideas were placed on the agenda for discussion. My main focus was for a regional police force and I was very pleased to see this was a main point for many of the municipalities because of the cost involved. The day was well spent in developing ideas, common interest and cost involved to move our region forward.**

**Sept. 23, 2013**

**The Council held a Strategic Plan meeting to discuss their vision on where our community was headed. All members of Council reviewed the previous plan and returned to place their ideas in the new plan. The new plan will be revised and presented to the public before year end for open discussion. The idea was to have a simple and achievable plan in place so that everyone understands our core values, objectives and time frame.**

**Sept. 25, 2013**

**I was required to Chair the monthly meeting of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission. The agenda was covered and all members were actively involved in moving forward in our region.**

**Oct. 1, 2013**

**I attended the changing of the Commanding Officer ceremony held in Fredericton for the R.C.M.P. Outgoing Assistant Commissioner Wayne Lang has been replaced by Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown. Councillor Frenette and I used the opportunity to discuss some very sensitive issues in our community with those in charge. The new Minister of Public Safety, Bruce Northrup was also in attendance and we did introduce Belledune to the Minister.**

**Oct. 2, 2013**

**I attended a meeting with C.A.O. David Hughes, Lori McNaughton of Allan, Paquet and Arsenault Chartered Accountants, Treasurer, Brenda Cormier and**

**legal adviser to the Village of Belledune, Andre Daigle on conference call. The long standing issue of “incorporating” our fire department as a not for profit organization was the topic. All parties agreed that once the final information was presented then legal and accounting recommendations would be presented for evaluation. This issue will be addressed by Council very soon.**

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**I attended the annual Conference of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick held in Fredericton. Although these are an annual event, it is always very informative information that is presented at this event. It is a very strong indication on how other municipalities handle their affairs and what solutions they implement to address them.**

**Oct. 11, 2013**

**I was present for another conference call concerning more critical information being presented concerning our fire department becoming an “incorporated” not for profit organization.**

**Oct. 15, 2013 (1:30-2:30 pm)**

**Another conference call was conducted with legal adviser, Andre Daigle. The legal information supplied will be relayed to Council members during the scheduled In-Camera session this evening. All the advice given will be evaluated by Council for a decision very soon on “incorporation” of our fire department as a not for profit organization.**

**Oct.15, 2013 (5:00-6:45 pm)**

**The Council held an In-Camera session to discuss several issues that required a decision of Council in the near future. All matters on this agenda were addressed and a plan to bring these items forward to a public agenda will follow very shortly.**

**Oct. 15, 2013 (7:00-8:30pm)**

**The agenda covered items that need to be addressed in the near future. The Council scheduled dates to address the 2014 budget, a survey will be sent to the public on the satisfaction of Council performance, updates on the campground, delivery of the new garbage truck and new pole decorations for our community were all addressed.**

**In closing, the preparation for 2014 will be addressed, the issues concerning our fire department will also need very critical attention and the planning strategies for the future will all need to be in place. The planning of any issue is the key to success and the failure to plan is the reason it will fail.**

**Sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Bourque". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

**Ron Bourque  
Mayor**