

## Mayor's Report for April 2015

The activities that will be addressed for this summer are now in the planning stages. I do wish to extend to C.A.O.Hughes, Clerk/Treasurer Cormier and Public Works Superintendant MacLellan my appreciation in all the work and planning provided to Council so we are prepared for the work schedule. The community will be beautified in the month of May with our road side cleanup planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> and the tender for our extended ditch and brush cleanup scheduled for late May early June. The R.C.M.P. Musical Ride will showcase our community with 2 shows on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. The continued development of the new Memorial Park scheduled to open in late September will add beauty, tranquility and reflection for all those who wish to remember those who have served. The construction projects for our community will include Jacquet River Drive upgrade, Doyleville Road upgrading, fencing for the campground and a few other needs in our community that will be addressed.

I do wish to comment on the 3 years we have served to date. Council should be very proud of its accomplishments during this time. All the controversial issues we have dealt with were there when we came to office. This Council did not create these problems but they did settle them professionally and efficiently. Our last year will be very satisfying from an objective point of view. The 2015 budget should be a document that will be easy to follow and achieve. Council has set the priorities and our administration is preparing to do the projects we have outlined. I am looking forward to all the positive issues that will be achieved in 2015.

March 20- 29, 2015

The week long Gentleman Hockey Tournament was a great success for the organizers and our community. Everyone enjoyed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of this tournament and we congratulate all the organizers of this event.

March 25, 2015

I attended the monthly meeting of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission and all agenda items were addressed.

March 27, 2015

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission conducted a training session in Belledune at our local recreation center. All went very well and many of the directors enjoyed our facility and hospitality.

April 9, 2015

I attended the monthly meeting of the Restigouche Crime Stoppers unit. The details of the R.C.M.P. Musical Ride were discussed and tickets will be distributed this week. I also confirmed the distribution of the advertising for this event and all members are open to ideas.

April 13, 2015

I was present for our monthly Committee of the Whole meeting. All agenda items were discussed and the motions for moving forward will be at the Public Meeting of April 20, 2015.

April 14, 2015

I attended the AGM for the "The most beautiful Bays in the World". They elected a new Executive and board of Directors. They will be looking for ideas and recommendations on how to promote the Bay of Chaleur. Many of the local municipalities were present and all issues will be discussed at the next meeting in May, 2015.

April 15, 2015

I met with Mr. Denis Savoie, Regional Director for Social Development, concerning our request for a Special Care Facility at the old Belledune School. The purpose of his visit was to be sure we understood the reason for such a delay. The general question appeared to be "is this a policy or a regulation".

I will follow up with our local M.L.A. Daniel Guitard to clarify this question. A policy will be much easier to change than a regulation. I will wait for this information before requesting a meeting with the Minister to ask for action.

April 15, 2015

I spent the day taking a course on C.P.R. and learning how to use a defibulator.

In closing, I am very confident that many issues will be addressed in 2015. Council will need to prepare a recommendation for the next Council in 2016. The budget process should be from the list on our Strategic Plan. I would recommend a date be set for evaluation on this issue and being prepared for the next budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Bourque", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Bourque  
Mayor