

Mayors Report for January 17- February 14, 2014

I will begin by thanking everyone who expressed to me their sincere condolences on the recent loss of my father. Your thoughts will always be appreciated by my family and are a good example of what our community and surrounding area is all about.

Council will require some very important time to consider the future of our community. Many circumstances can change in the decision making process and careful consideration must be given to how best to serve the community. All decisions are not easy however when the facts are presented the decision may appear more logical. Council will need to remember that the public is not always as informed as Council members and may not know all the facts. The decision of Council must be made on the facts and not on emotions because the future of our community is dependent on them. Many types of councils have come and gone but the problems remain because the problem has not been addressed. I do congratulate this council, to date for dealing with some very sensitive issues however we will be required to do so again.

Jan. 17, 2014

The monthly public meeting was very informative and many issues were dealt with by Council. All went well and we are moving forward.

Jan. 22, 2014

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission met with some very positive issues on the agenda. Councils will be required to advise if they wish to sponsor the cost of the Most Beautiful Bay advertisement. I will bring this to our next Council meeting. I discussed with the Commission where we are with the Jacquet River Gorge issue. This item will be dealt with by the Commission.

Jan. 30, 2014

I met with the committee established to address the issues concerning Chaleur Drive. I will only comment because I believe the professionalism demonstrated by those present is an example of how problems can be addressed and worked upon to try to achieve working results.

Jan. 30, 2014

I had lunch with Minister Soucy and used the opportunity to express our interest in developing the Belledune School into a Special Care facility. He confirmed that he would discuss this with the Premier and I am looking forward to my future meeting.

Feb. 4, 2014

I attended the Crime Stoppers meeting in Campbellton and all is going well. The group is a group of dedicated professionals who are organized in fighting crime.

Feb. 5, 2014

I was present at the Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting to discuss the economic growth of the area. I did take the opportunity to advise the region to get involved in the 56th annual Conference of Canadian Ports coming to our area in August 2014.

Feb. 10, 2014

The quarterly meeting with the Fire Department was held and some issues were put on the table. There will be a report on inventory so that Belledune is able to coordinate what equipment we have with our E.M.O. coordinator for the Chaleur area. There are still some issues that will need to be followed up on for both the Department and Council. A date for the next meeting was scheduled.

Feb. 10, 2014 (7:00-9:00 pm)

The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting of Council was held and all went very well. Many agenda items were discussed and will be on the agenda for a decision of Council at the next public meeting.

Feb. 13, 2014

I attended the information session on Work, Health and Safety presented by the Province at the Atlantic Host. They expressed the changes in the acts that will come into effect on June 1, 2014.

In closing, I am hopeful that Council will address many of the major issues facing our community. The issues of Chaleur Drive, fire department, renovate or build a new building or scrap the idea and an action plan to address economic development are only some of the hurdles we will be faced with very shortly. I look forward to sharing ideas and discussion on these and any other opportunity we may have to move our community forward.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Bourque".

**Ron Bourque
Mayor**