

## Mayor's Report for January, 2016

The New Year is now here and it is Council's responsibility to make all the necessary preparation for a smooth transition for the incoming Council. All members of Council are asked to recommend their suggestions. I will advise that looking back at all the very difficult decisions that faced this Council that the next Council will have a very smooth initiation. The ground work has been finalized and our very experienced staff is very well organized to assist new members elected in what is expected from them in the next 4 years. As Mayor, I will not allow my personal experiences of the last few weeks to take away from the accomplishments of the last few years. The settling of a 20 year lawsuit, the Stanley Cup in our community, dealing with the fire department issues, the upgrade of our campground, the hosting of the Musical Ride, our new Cenotaph and the restructuring of the Chaleur Drive water and sewage issues are very strong reasons for this Council to be very proud of its accomplishments. Council also approved a new salary grid for all employees of the Village of Belledune based on a recommendation from Mr. Donald Smeltzer. All these issues have been a very positive approach to Council involvement. Belledune is very well positioned for the announcements of what is in our 2016 budget to move our community forward. The budget will be presented on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Centre beginning at 7:00pm. I look forward to informing the public on the many positive points that will be discussed at this presentation.

In closing, I will once again express my appreciation to all staff members for their dedication to doing a great job day after day. Council has demanded much from them and you have demonstrated that your commitment to achieving the results is your primary goal to moving our community forward.

Sincerely

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

Ron Bourque  
Mayor