

**Mayor's Report
July 2014**

I wish to advise the public of two issues that will change the direction of our community. The first is to extend to Mr. Paul Boudreau a welcome to our community and to our staff. As the Fire Chief you will have some very challenging decisions to make however they will also become very rewarding as the results of those decisions are seen. I extend to you a personal welcome and we are looking forward to your influence on the direction of our Fire department. The second issue that will shape our community is the implementation of a Committee of Council to determine whether to renovate our present structure, build a new facility, look at alternatives or scrap everything. The members of this Committee will make a recommendation to Council on what they believe is the best option for Belledune.

June 23, 2014

I was privileged as Mayor to present service awards to our employees who have reached milestones in the service to our community.

June 25, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission dealt with many of the issues on the agenda. All is proceeding in a positive manner and our community continues to play a very dominate role in the economic development of not only Belledune but the region.

June 27, 2014

I attend the security meeting at the Port of Belledune. Information was exchanged between many of the parties involved at the port from security to mutual agreements between the Village of Belledune and other partners.

July 1, 2014

I was present for the Canada Day activities and wish to congratulate all those who contributed to the success. I wish to thank, Chair Patsy Talbot on another great job well done.

July 2, 2014

I attended the Special Meeting of Council to address all the items that were on the agenda.

July 3, 2014

I was present for the monthly meeting of Crime Stoppers. I did advise that I will be organizing a public meeting in late September or early October with the R.C.M.P. to address some of the public's concern on all terrain vehicles.

July 7, 2014

The E.M.O. coordinator, Mr. Ken McGee was in Belledune to offer assistance because of the storm in our community over the weekend. He was very instrumental in having the Red Cross organize water distribution for our community and surrounding area from the Legion. This storm has taught us many lessons in what could happen and how we are not as well prepared as we should be.

July 9, 2014

I did the radio advertisement for Belledune Days beginning at the end of this month.

July 13, 2014

I attended the presentation in Dalhousie called " Mud, Blood and Glory" The Restigouche Museum did a very good presentation on what it was like at the beginning of WW 1 and the part they played.

July 14, 2014 (2:00- 4:30 p.m.)

The Chaleur Drive Committee met with Mr. Hugh Schryer concerning insurance on the water and sewage facility. Mr. Schryer will address the questions asked of him and I wish to thank Mr. Schryer for being present and assisting our community with the information directly.

July 14, 2014 (7:00-8:30pm)

The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting was very short however all items were addressed. Those that were not were moved to the Public meeting on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

In closing, I will comment that our community has made some very positive steps forward over the last 24 months. The problems are behind us because Council has made clear and final decisions on many of these issues. I realize that not everyone will agree however everyone will agree that final decisions have never returned to create more problems.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Bourque". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Ron Bourque
Mayor**