

Mayor's Report for July, 2015

I wish to express my satisfaction in where our Municipality has come over the last 3 years. I am not asking everyone to agree with this statement, I am only referring to the overall results. This Council has had some very important decisions to make and all the issues were issues that we inherited as a Council. We did not create the problems but we did make decisions on these problems that allowed our community to move forward. I do recognize that when issues are decided as individuals that this can create other problems however when decisions are made with the best interest of the Municipality as a whole, it is a decision that will finalize a problem and one that will allow Belledune to move forward. I will also make reference to the last 12 months to date and ask Council to stand up and be very proud of where we are now. Council will need to concentrate on making sure that all is in place for the 2016 fiscal year. I can only add my personal appreciation to all our employees for your dedication and cooperation in making Belledune a better place to live.

June 24, 2015

The annual A.G.M. for the Chaleur Regional Service Commission was held at the Best Western in Bathurst. The Commission ended the year with a surplus of \$180,000.00 and all is going in a very positive direction. The new Executive was elected and the President, Ron Bourque (Mayor-Belledune) , 1st Vice, Paul Losier(Mayor-Beresford) and Executive, Stephen Brunet(Mayor-Bathurst).

July 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of Crime Stoppers was done and all agenda items were addressed. The final cost and all invoices for the Musical Ride are now finalized. The Crime Stoppers share of the profits for this event with each group getting a check for \$4,142.76 each.

July 13, 2015 (6:00-6:45pm)

I was present for a meeting with the Planning Commission where the Director updated Council with many for the outstanding issues.

July 13, 2015 (7:00-8:15pm)

The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting was conducted and all agenda items were addressed.

July 16, 2015 (1:00-3:30pm)


I met with the Executive of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission to discuss future meetings of the Commission. All went well and the procedures will be respected by all to reduce time and the length of our meetings.

July 16, 2015 (6:00-6:30pm)

I presented a plaque on behalf of all citizens of Belledune to Dr. Reddy. He is retiring after 37 years of dedicated service to our community. He was very impressed with receiving the key to our community and we will always remember his contribution.

In closing, our community is at a cross road to development and sustainability. The next few years will be critical for where Belledune is positioned. Decisions will have been made on the Smelter, Chaleur Terminals and Maritime Minerals as to their future. We will need to find a plan to retain our youth, sustain our tax base and develop infrastructure to attract tourism so the existing businesses have a growing business. These will be the challenges of our next Council so to all the residents of Belle dune, be informed, be current and be sure to vote those whom you trust with our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Bourque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ron Bourque
Mayor