

Mayor's Report for September 2015

The budget process for 2016 has begun and Council is extending to the general public an invitation to submit any ideas, recommendations or suggestions for the growth of our community. Council will complete the budget and if time permits we will present the final version to the public in early December.

The opening of our new Memorial Park was a huge success. A large crowd at the park were present to show their respect for our local Veterans, firefighters and emergency responders. I wish to express our sincere appreciation to Father Keith Goldrup, Piper Craig Caldwell and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77. The dinner was a huge success for the Veterans and their spouses. The sponsors were recognized for their contribution to the success of this event. I only wish to express that this event was one of the most emotional events it has been my privilege to attend and be a part of developing as Mayor of Belledune.

Sept. 19, 2015

The day was dedicated to our local Veterans with the opening of our Memorial Park. The dinner was very well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.

Sept. 21, 2015

The Public Meeting covered all items on the agenda and were addressed.

Sept. 23, 2015

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission had its monthly meeting and all agenda items were addressed. The 2016 budget presentation began however another meeting will be required to finish the budget.

Sept. 28, 2015

The Swiss Ambassador to Canada made a visit to our local salmon barrier to view the operation. The Ambassador was very impressed with our professionalism and I wish to send Councils personal congratulations to our employees for their expertise and conduct to highlight our community on an international scale.

Sept. 30, 2015

The budget was finished for the Chaleur Regional Service Commission and there will be a couple of increases that should be noted for Belledune. The tipping fees will increase from \$58.40 per ton to \$65.00 per ton. The bulk of this increase is due to the recycling fees associated with this process. Also the Planning Commission will see a small increase to

\$109,000.00 in 2016. The main project for 2016 includes a plan to sell the methane gas that is presently being burned to N.B. Power as a source of revenue to the Commission. There is approximately 700 Kilowatts available.

Oct. 2-3-4- 2015

I attended the annual Conference of Union of Municipalities for the Province of New Brunswick. There were many presentations and a lot of information was gathered. I wish to congratulate Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan on her second term as Secretary on the Executive of the Union of Municipalities.

Oct. 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Restigouche Crime Stoppers unit was held in Campbellton and all agenda items were addressed.

Oct. 13, 2015

The Committee of the Whole monthly meeting addressed all agenda items. The items discussed will be presented to Council for a decision at the public meeting.

In closing, I can only express that this job is an exercise in constant learning and humility. I will advise that I do recognise that I will make mistakes but I will also express that all my actions are with consideration of Belledune's best interest first. It has been my privilege to watch personnel that do their job day in and day out; do it professionally and with respect to others. Sometimes these emotions are put to the test however character and dedication are qualities that our staff have demonstrated. I wish to thank each and every employee of our municipality for making me better at what I try to present and represent.

Sincerely,

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

Ron Bourque

Mayor