

## **Mayor's Report from April 9 - May 17, 2013**

**I will begin this report by expressing our loss of Mr. Charles Hache. Charlie was a very dedicated professional employee who took his responsibilities seriously. Charlie will be remembered as a husband, father and respected employee. He will be missed by those who knew him and those who loved him. The Village of Belledune has plans to remember this true gentleman however that will follow at another time.**

**April 17, 2013**

**I attended a meeting at the Jacquet River School to hear a request for funding to help the school be involved in a program called "Skate Pass". The program will help utilize our equipment at the park and make the children more active outdoors. The information will be forwarded to Council for evaluation.**

**April 23, 2013**

**I was present for an appreciation function by the Art Society of Bathurst for the closing of Brunswick Mines. This was attended by many managers of the mines and a painting was presented on behalf of the Arts Society to Brunswick Mines. The depiction on the painting was of the buildings on site with smaller captions of activity underground. This painting was done by local artist and was ten feet high and eight feet wide. The City of Bathurst will display the painting in various areas throughout the city for the next few months.**

**April 24, 2014**

**The meeting of the Regional Service Commission #3 was held and many items were on the agenda. Those that need to be addressed include the sending of a letter to the new bus service being developed for the southern part of the Province. A presentation by the new Economic Development branch of the Province of New Brunswick. Mr. Donald Hammond will be asked to do a forecast for the members of Region #3 sometime in the near future. The Service Commission #3 will look for a new identity with a new name for this area.**

**April 25, 2013**

**I was invited to attend a presentation of instruction for the “Skate Pass” program at the Jacquet River School. The instructors were there advising the safe ways to skate board and how this program will benefit the children. I was given an instruction video and manual. These items will be evaluated by Council for future consideration.**

**April 25, 2013**

**I attended the Belledune Regional Environment Association meeting. They had two guest speakers who both presented some very interesting information. Dr. Donald McAlpine spoke of the bat population problem that has spread to the Province of New Brunswick. The “white nose syndrome” that is killing many bats will have long lasting impact on mosquitoes and insects causing long term problems for trees and people. Mr. Bob Butler from X-strata Zinc spoke on what the Smelter is trying to achieve in the near future. The facility is working towards self sufficiency and profitability. These actions will allow the facility to continue operations and maintain a strong presence in our community. I wish to congratulate all those who are striving to achieve the results required to maintain their presence here in Belledune. The people of Belledune recognize the contributions that have made this facility a welcomed asset to our municipality.**

**April 27, 2013**

**The rally to demonstrate support for the Special Care Facility on the former site of the Belledune School was held. There were over 150 people who attended the function designed to make everyone aware of what a great addition this type of facility would be for our community. Mrs. Tara Hickey was there with the blue print of the facility and Council was there for the political support. The Petition was sent to various functions in our community for support and the total signatures are 501 as of May 8, 2013. A petition was there for anyone to sign and many did. I will be sending this petition to Minister Madeleine Dube of Social Development.**

**May 1, 2013 (7:30A.M.)**

**I attended the Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce breakfast where Mr. Berry Kyle of Industrial Rubber did a presentation on FFG Canada which is a new company that will develop a military vehicle for the Armed Forces. This will bring new high technology jobs to our area and will take 4-5 years to develop.**

**May 1, 2013 (7:00 P.M.)**

**I attended the Community Advisory Panel presentation that is sponsored by Xstrata and covers many issues that are important to our community. We were advised that Glencor has taken over Xstrata which will not affect the operation only changes internally. They also informed us that they are spending money to upgrade the facility and will schedule a shutdown this summer for maintenance.**

**May 2, 2013**

**I attended the monthly meeting of Crime Stoppers and all is going well. There was little activity on issues however the campaign to raise funds for tipsters will begin very soon.**

**May 5, 2013**

**I was invited to a luncheon for the Catholic Women's League in our dioceses for Northern New Brunswick. Ms. Emmy Flanagan did a great job and all was very well done.**

**May 9, 2013 (1:30 pm)**

**I met with Mr. Edward Huzulak at the 911 Center in Bathurst. He updated me on the service offered in the region when a 9-1-1 calls happens. The technology was very up to date and is available 24/7. The V.O.B. will evaluate the benefits of this system for the future.**

**May 9, 2013 (5:00 pm)**

**I attended the AGM for the Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce. This function is well attended and the information is very helpful to the direction of Belledune.**

**May 10, 2013**

**I attended the meeting with Andre Daigle who is a lawyer with ample municipal experience. The V.O.B. will require a new legal adviser and Mr. Daigle is very informed on how the law applies to municipal politics.**

**May 13, 2013 (1:30pm)**

**I met with M.L.A. Ryan Riordon in Bathurst to discuss the Special Care Facility in Belledune. Mr. Riordon was very receptive and advised that he would follow up on this issue. The V.O.B. is very active on this facility and the petition with over 500 names of local residents on it was presented to him.**

**May 13, 2013 (7:00-8:30 pm)**

**The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting was held and there were many items on the agenda. Council discussed these issues and the motions required will be placed on the agenda for the public meeting next week.**

**In closing I wish to express that this Council has now been accountable for one year. I have attached a separate report for your information however I believe that our first year is considered a step in the right direction. I can only express that this will continue and that with each member of Council having some experience that the next few years will be as successful as the past year.**

**Sincerely**

**Ron Bourque  
Mayor**