

## **Mayor's Report for Aug, 20- Sept.15, 2012**

**I have now been actively involved on day to day basis at the Municipal office for 90 days. The public has been very receptive to my presence at the office and I have had many conversations with the public who wish to express themselves to a member of Council. I am very pleased to advise that the professionalism and respect that I expected has been very well received and reciprocated.**

**August 20, 2012**

**Once again the Public Meeting of Council was a very positive one. This Council expressed its appreciation to Belledune Days Chairperson, Patsy Talbot. We can only express our sincere appreciation to Patsy for her service to our Community.**

**August 20, 2012**

**I met with the Fire Chief for the Village and addressed many concerning issues that arise annually. I outlined where this Council was headed for the future and this meeting was very productive for the Department and Council.**

**August 25, 2012**

**Employment Awareness Days was attended by many of our local people looking for information on jobs coming to our community. I wish to thank XSTRATA ZINC CANADA and the Community College for their support for this event. The Council of the Village of Belledune is committed to repeating this Fair in 2013. The Council will continue to promote jobs and communication to the residents of our community.**

**August 28, 2012**

**I was invited to the Port of Belledune to welcome the Minister of ACOA, Bernard Valcourt. He was in Belledune to tour the port and it was an opportunity to express our views on the Federal boundaries reform that impacts our Municipality.**

**August 30, 2012**

**I attended the press conference where the C.N.R. announced that the line from Bathurst to Moncton would be discontinued within the next 12-18 months. This is based on a cost assessment for repairs, maintenance and profit. The C.N.R. will continue to service Belledune because the development of the Port is a priority.**

**September 5, 2012**

**Council met with all human resources who are affiliated with our Municipality. This information session was to advise the direction that Council wish to go. They were informed that Policies & Procedures will be respected by all and that the expectations will be goals that are achievable.**

**September 6, 2012**

**I had a meeting with the Human Resource Officer of IAM Building Systems over their future in our community. I was very impressed with their business plan and the opportunities they will bring for our community. I am confident that this type of business will complement our community.**

**September 7, 2012**

**I was invited to welcome the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association to our community for their annual meeting. This event was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Durham Branch #77. There were many local people involved however the presence of 2 Veterans from this battle was very heart warming and emotional for all those present. The Village of Belledune wishes to congratulate the organizer, Emmy Flanagan, on a job well done.**

**September 10, 2012**

**I was present for the Work, Health & Safety Committee meeting held for our municipal organization. I am very confident that the people involved are working towards a better work place for the employees who work for our**

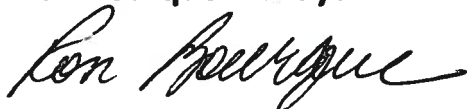
**Village. I want to confirm that the Council is in support of the importance of these meetings.**

**I was also present for the Committee Of The Whole meeting on this date. The discussions of members of Council are very positive in determining the direction of our community. These meetings are where much of the discussion and information sharing is done and we would encourage the general public to attend these meetings also. This is where opinions and the thought process begin. The issues are on the table however no final decisions or motions are made. This allows all of Council to evaluate the issue and hear what their colleagues have to say. They are then given a week before the public meeting where the items will be on the agenda for debate and decision by formal motion or resolution.**

**There are many issues to be addressed in the near future concerning our Federal Boundaries, C.N. Rail and the budget for 2013. I will work closely with Administration to prepare the information for Council to decide the future direction of our community.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ron Bourque--- Mayor**

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