

Mayor's Report for August 2014

The last few days I have had the privilege to attend the 56TH Annual Port Authority Conference that was hosted by the Port of Belledune. I was privileged to represent our community at this very prestige event. The organizers from the Port of Belledune need to be recognized for the professionalism, organizational skills and attention to the small details that they showcased at this event. I will express that they did themselves proud but they also represented our community professionally. I will state that the rest of the Canadian Ports now know what this group of professionals represent and where they live. I personally received many comments from representatives of other ports on how impressed they were with the Conference arrangements. The highlight of the Conference for Belledune was the presentation of the "Belledune Merit Medallion" to Rayburn Doucett. I did the presentation at the Gala on Tuesday evening before his peers and I could see that Rayburn was personally touched to be recognized by his community for his many contributions to Belledune. I believe that this event will be remembered for many years to come because it was unique and very well organized.

July 21, 2014

The monthly Public meeting was done and all items on the agenda have been addressed. The meeting was attended by our usual citizens of Belledune however I want to extend this invitation to all citizens to be better informed by attending these meetings. Please do not base your opinion on second hand information, come and hear what Council have to say and are prepared to do.

July 23, 2014

I met with our insurance company to discuss how to address the problem concerning coverage for our facility on Chaleur Drive. The information will be relayed to the company for more clarification.

July 27-August 03, 2014

The opening of Belledune Days was very well attended. During the week I was actively involved in many of the activities and all went very well. I do want to congratulate Chair, Patsy Talbot for a job very well done. I will list the activities I did attend and enjoyed. Breakfast at St. Gabriel's, Opening Ceremonies, Deal or No Deal, Nacho Night, Seniors Supper, Mackerel Derby, Legion Hoe-Down, Legion Breakfast and closing Fireworks.

August 11, 2014 (3:00-5:00pm)

I attended the announcement at Chaleur Sawmill Association concerning more wood allotment from the Province. Premier Alward was present and I was able to have a private meeting with him concerning issues that are important to Belledune. This announcement has allowed the Chaleur Sawmill to plan its future both for the company and here in Belledune.

August 11, 2014 (6:00- 6:50pm)

Council met with the Planning Commission to discuss the rezoning of a parcel of land for a company that is looking at future development in Belledune.

August 11, 2014 (7:00-8:30pm)

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

August 17th-20th, 2014

I attended the 56th Annual Port Authority Conference as a guest. These were long days but very professionally done. The guest speakers were James Irving, Frank McKenna, Minister of Transport, Lisa Raitt and several others. The information provided was very informative, expressed what part ports play in transportation and some insight into what is required to meet the future needs. I also presented the award to Rayburn Doucett at the Gala as discussed in my opening remarks.

In closing, the summer is quickly coming to an end and Council will need to begin the process of planning the budget for 2015. I am looking forward to the recommendation from the Council Committee on a new facility or to look at other alternatives. The new Fire Chief, Paul Boudreau is very actively involved with the fire fighters, re-organizing policy and structure and building moral within the department. The Chief will make public presentations at our monthly meeting from time to time to keep the public informed.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Bourque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ron Bourque-Mayor