

## **Mayor's Report from**

**December 14, 2014 - January 13, 2014**

**The New Year will bring new opportunities for Council to address. I am stating publically that 2013 was a year of many challenges which I am very proud to confirm that Council addressed professionally and with final decisions. The opportunities that will force Council to decide the future of our community will create much conversation, soul searching and hopefully satisfaction. I am advising Council to maintain the logical decision process that they have followed to date and not fall into the political trap of making decisions because of pressure. The reputation of any Council or Council member is never made while they are in office; it is always made after they are no longer there.**

**In 2014 Council will deal with Chaleur Drive issues, Fire Department objectives, Municipal building issues and budget decisions. The decision of Council will be the ground work for our 2015 budget. Council has had the opportunity to discuss what has happened in the past and also what we as a Council would like to see in the future. I am committed to maintaining the professional and business environment that has served our community very well to date. I recognize that the dedication from every single employee who works for the Village of Belledune is a major contribution to the success of this Council.**

**Dec. 14, 2013**

**I was present for Christmas in the Park that was held this year at the Recreation Center. All those who attended had a good time and the organizers of this event deserve a lot of credit for a job well done. I was also present for the memorial at the arena for Charles Hache. The plaque that was unveiled will serve as tribute to an employee who will be missed by his family and those who knew him.**

**Dec.16, 2013**

**The final public meeting for 2013 was informative and interesting.**

**Dec. 17, 2013**

**The public was invited to attend the presentation of the 2014 budget. Although there was a small turnout for this, I believe that the information presented was very informative for those who attended.**

**Dec. 18, 2013**

**I attended the final budget meeting for the Chaleur Regional Commission and all is ready for 2014.**

**Dec. 30, 2013**

**Council held a special meeting to place \$250,000.00 into the Capital Reserve fund.**

**Jan. 7, 2014**

**I attended the monthly meeting of the Restigouche Crime Stoppers unit. All is going well and the group is dedicated to addressing crime in our region.**

**Jan. 8, 2014**

**I was present for a meeting with the Nepisiguit Solid Waste group concerning recycling in the Village of Belledune. All is ready and the planning is all in place for May 2014.**

**Jan. 13, 2014 (5:00pm-6:30pm)**

**Council held a session to discuss our accomplishments and where we are trying to go in the future. All Council members had the opportunity to express their views and I believe this was a very productive exercise for Council.**

**Jan. 13, 2014 (7:00pm-8:00pm)**

**The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting went very smoothly and all issues on the agenda were addressed.**

**In closing, I wish to express to all Council members my appreciation for your conduct and professionalism in the past. I will not say that we agreed on all issues, I will only confirm that the conduct in general is very satisfying for me as Mayor. I have very positive expectations from all members of Council and your opinions for 2014 will be how we as a Council will be measured.**

**Sincerely**

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

**Ron Bourque  
Mayor**