

## Mayor's Report for December 2014

The Council of the Village of Belledune and our Staff extend to all citizens a very Merry Christmas and may 2015 bring you prosperity, love and happiness. I wish to extend my personal appreciation for the tremendous job and dedication that all our employees have done in 2014. To C.A.O. Hughes, our sincere appreciation for your contribution to making Belledune a better place. To Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier, your attention to details is recognized as our asset to getting the job done efficiently. Administrative Assistant, Nicole Carrier, thank you for your great sense of humor in doing an outstanding job. Council also wish to recognize our Municipal Works Supervisor, Cameron MacLellan for his outstanding job in handling the day to day operations of our community. We also very much appreciate the job of our staff, Earl Culligan, Joe Lanteigne, Bernard McDonnell, and Mark Guitard for your dedication to getting the job done day after day. Our Fire Chief, Paul Boudreau, has come aboard in some very difficult times and done just an outstanding job. The Village of Belledune will always appreciate your contribution to leadership, professionalism and organization. To our volunteer Firefighters, Council does recognize your contribution to your community and extend to each of you our sincere appreciation for your dedication to your community. Council would also like to extend their warm wishes to all the other employees and service people who do such a great job day after day on behalf of our Village. The Campground employees ( Brenda, Cindy and Chantal), Arena employees (Keith, Wayne & Shirley), the Salmon Barrier employees, (Joanne, Eric, Ronnie, Roy, Donnie, Todd, Floyd & Kirk), our Dispatcher (Jackie) our Librarian (Paula), our custodians (Jeannie & Wade) and committee appointees are very critical personnel who make our community unique and contribute to the day to day operation of Belledune so professionally. Council recognize that we make policy and our employees do the work, so thank you for your contribution to making everything function.

Nov. 18, 2014

I met with local M.L.A. Daniel Guitard concerning our business plan to discuss with the Minister of Social Development the need for a "Special Care Facility" in Belledune.

Nov. 19, 2014

I was asked to do a short video concerning some of the issues that may arise from Chaleur Terminal Inc. coming to Belledune.

Nov. 19, 2014

I was present for the preparation of our 2015 budget. The meeting is only a series of meeting required to finalize our business for 2015.

Nov. 22, 2014

I travelled to the Nepisiguit Solid Waste to visit the site in Allardville. This was very impressive and all went very well and was very informative.

Nov. 24, 2014

I attended the Regular meeting rescheduled because there was not a quorum of Council who could be present the week before. All went well and all issues on the agenda were addressed.

Nov. 26, 2014 (10:30-11:00 am)

I did the annual Christmas radio commercial for the Village of Belledune.

Nov. 26, 2014 (1:00-2:00pm)

I met with the HKVCA committee chairperson to discuss the details of the C-Force memorial proposed for our community.

Nov. 26, 2014 (6:30-10:30pm)

I attended the monthly meeting of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission. A presentation on trails for northern New Brunswick was done by Jacques Ouellette and outlined the success that has been achieved in development.

Nov. 27, 2014

I discussed the Chaleur Drive issues with the service provider and was informed of how cost, pricing and delivery are achieved.

Dec 1, 2014

Some members of Council were present to discuss the ongoing budget for 2015. Some items on the budget were discussed and we will move forward with those items to be included.

Dec. 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of Crime Stoppers was held and several items were on the agenda. The RCMP Musical Ride will be on June 12, 2015 in Belledune and a report of the annual conference was given by our President.

Dec. 6, 2014

I attended the "Christmas in the Park" held at the Recreation Centre. All went very well and everyone was enjoying the activity and having a good time. I wish to

extend to Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan, my personal congratulations on organizing this event and a job very well done.

Dec. 8, 2014

The monthly Committee of the Whole meeting was done. All agenda items were covered and the information shared was very informative.

In closing, I wish to personally thank each member of Council for making some very hard choices in 2014 and on behalf of my family I extend to each of you a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to working with you in 2015 to make Belledune a better place for all.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Bourque", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Bourque  
Mayor