

Mayor's Report for February 18 to March 14th 2013

I have been very busy with preparing agendas and attending meetings during the last month. The month of March will see Council deal with the pending issue that has plagued our fire department for over two years. Council has had a presentation on the legal choices and the decision of Council will be delivered to the firefighters at a meeting scheduled for later this month. I will confirm to the public some information on this issue after the presentation to the individual firefighters has been done.

February 26, 2013 (7:30-9:00am)

I attended the breakfast meeting of the Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce with Mrs. Jenna MacDonald of the Belledune Port Authority doing a presentation on port activity.

February 26, 2013 (10:00-11:00 am)

I spoke with the General Manager of the Caisse Populaire for Atlantic Canada about the issues concerning Belledune without a bank. He was very informative on why banking left our community and why it will be difficult to get one to return.

February 26, 2013 (2:00-4:00pm)

I attended a seminar on line that was presented for municipal representatives. This was very informative and controlled cost to the municipality because of how it was done.

February 27, 2013

I was present at the monthly meeting of the Regional Service Commission #3 that is held in Petit-Rocher. The main item on the agenda had to do with approval of the budget for Waste Management at Red Pines. The timing for approval was critical because much of the construction work to be done at Red Pine will require approval before the June meeting of the Capital Borrowing Board. This board does not meet in July and August. The members of the Regional Service Commission #3 will have a meeting with Minister Bruce Fitch on March 14th, 2013. The Executive voted to make this a closed meeting because of the many sensitive issues to be addressed. The Board is looking for information from the Minister on development in our region.

March 7, 2013

I was present for the Regional Service Commission #3 meeting in Petit-Rocher concerning the approval of the Waste Management 2013 budget. There were some questions that arose when the budget was presented that required more clarification. Mr. Raymond Bryer provided the information and the budget was approved.

March 11, 2013 (6:00-6:45pm)

Council had a meeting with our advisors on recommendations to address many of the issues concerning the fire department.

March 11, 2013

The Committee of the Whole meeting covered many interesting issues. They can be seen on the agenda for that meeting. I spoke about the Stanley Cup coming to Belledune this weekend and the action plan for the Special Care Facility in Belledune. The policies and procedures for the return of the bus will be addressed for its return in April.

March 14, 2013

I was present when Minister Bruce Fitch met with the directors of R.S.C. #3. Many issues were placed on the table and we were informed that an EMO Officer would be hired by the department of Public Safety to coordinate EMO issues in each Region. I express my concerns on Jacquet River Gorge, Port of Belledune, Policing Services and response time from the Government.

I closing there are many details that will be addressed in our community over the next few months. I will be reporting on those issues as they become finalized.

Sincerely,



Ron Bourque
Mayor

Expenses for Stanley Cup on March 15th & 16th, 2013

Piper Craig Caldwell-----	\$ 150.00
Ladies Auxiliary R.C.Legion-2—Luncheons-----	\$ 500.00
Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion-----	\$ 100.00
Plaques for Sen. McIntyre & Phil Prichard-----	\$ 40.68
Security for Cup (Danny Smearer)-----	\$ 100.00
Photo's (Flo Guitard)-----	\$ 150.00
Hotel for Phil Prichard-----	\$ 323.75
Travel for the Cup-----	\$2,331.62
Misc. (Receipts will be needed)-----	\$ 572.79
Photo's for sponsors-----	\$ 33.90
Total-----	\$4,302.74
Banners: - B.P.A., Guardian, Shaw, Xstrata, Roy Consultants & Allan, Paquet & Arsenault)	
@ \$1,000.00 each-----	\$6,000.00
Estimated cost of banners-----	\$1,225.00
Working Capital-----	\$4,775.00
Total Cost -----	\$4,302.74
Total Profit-----	\$ 472.26