

Mayor's Monthly report from

July 16 - Aug. 17, 2012

I have been actively involved on a daily basis now and I have observed why many of the issues that plague our community continue to do so. I will be reviewing all the Policies, Procedures and By-Laws that we have on file so that those requiring alterations or deletions can be addressed soon. We will need to add some Policies and an example of this would be to implement policies for use of municipal electronic equipment, i.e. "Cell Phone Policy", "Internet Use Policy", etc.

The last 30 days have been very active in representing our community. I have attended many public forums and announcements that I believe are important that our presence be visible.

July 16, 2012

The public once again had the opportunity to ask questions to Council at a public meeting. I am very confident that this approach will serve the purpose it has been intended to serve.

July 18, 2012

I attended the announcement in Bathurst that Premier Alward advised that a new company called FFG Canada Inc. will create new high tech jobs for the area. The President, Mr. Barry Kyle informed the people present that they will partner with the parent company from Germany. Also in the afternoon the Premier was in Belledune at the new Port Authority facility to recognize the importance that manufacturing will play in the recovery of the New Brunswick economy.

July 21 & 22, 2012

These 2 days were for Council to become Orientated with the functions of municipal business. Mel Parker guided Council through a very informative session that gave a very detailed outline of what being a Councillor is all about.

July 28, 2012

I was present when the Belledune Port Authority named the new docking facility after the current C.E.O. Rayburn Doucet. Rayburn humbly expressed that his success is attributed to all the people who work behind the scenes. There were many people there who recognized that this is well deserved.

July 29th - Aug. 5th, 2012

This week was the beginning of Belledune Days and what a week of activity. Ladies Night was a huge success and the opening ceremonies on Sunday were well attended with activities. The rest of the week was all well organized and well attended with the Mackerel Derby on Friday night drawing a very good crowd. The weekend breakfasts were very well attended and the Beer Gardens dance went well also. The closing ceremony with fireworks on Sunday evening was again the highlight of the week with the weather cooperating to make this year the success it has enjoyed. The Council certainly extends its congratulations and appreciation to Chairwoman, Patsy Talbot for a job well done.

July 13, 2012

I attended the Mayors Forum meeting in Bathurst with all 6 mayors present. The discussion centered on District 3 issues that will need to be addressed. Also the watersheds for the area were discussed and a letter will be sent to the Minister to express our interest on some of the outstanding problems.

In closing, I am confident that our community will continue to show some very positive signs of recovery. The addition of IAM Building Systems to our community should prove positive for jobs, tax base and local involvement.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Bourque", written in a cursive style.

Ron Bourque