

Mayor's Report from

June 22- July 13, 2012

I will begin with my comment towards the growth of Council. I have seen that this group of individuals is expressing their views openly. This indicates to me that we are moving in the right direction. I am very confident that Council is listening and developing their opinions on facts that are presented. I have and will continue to bring forward all the information that I have at my disposal to bring to Council so logical and business decisions can be made with a clear picture of where we want to go. I have spent the last 2 weeks around the office area and there are many adjustments that need to be addressed by Council. I will issue a full report for evaluation along with all my recommendations so as Council will be able to deal with the facts.

June 25, 2012

I was very pleased with the results of our first public meeting where we were required to be prepared and ready to deal with motions on issues from the agenda. All Council members expressed and represented themselves very well. The public had the opportunity to speak from the floor for the first time and all comments were positive and appreciated.

July 5, 2012

I met with the local R.C.M.P. along with Superintendent Landry from Campbellton. There were various issues discussed from having a cross walk for the Jacquet River School placed, to speeding issues in our community. It was agreed that they would do public presentations approximately every quarter and that their objectives are: Road Safety, Organized Crime, Youth at Risk and Crime Reduction.

I also attended the Mayor's Forum in Campbellton with various issues discussed. The conversation centered on who would be accountable for the salaries of the new directors to be appointed by the Province for each district.

July 9, 2012

I met with Mr. John Ball who is the Director of Marketing for IAM Building Systems that have set up shop in the old Bennett building. We discussed the operation and hiring policies. I departed that meeting very confident that Belledune will have a professional working relationship for many years with this operation.

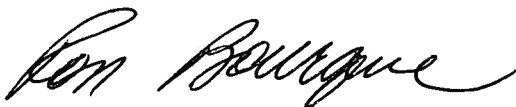
Council had a Committee of the Whole meeting and a lot of information was placed before Council. A presentation by Emmie Flanagan on "Gander" has given all members of Council the update they require to evaluate the cost of this project. A decision should be rendered in a very reasonable amount of time.

July 11, 2012

I travelled to Bathurst to record the announcement for Belledune Days at Max 104.9 radio station. I expressed my views as professionally as possible and the spots will air four days before Belledune Days begin.

In closing I want to thank the people who have come to express their valued opinions at the public meeting. Your conduct was everything I expected from this new opportunity to communicate.

Sincerely Yours,

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

Ron Bourque- Mayor of Belledune