

Mayor Report from March 15 - April 13, 2013

I will begin this report with a comment on the Stanley Cup coming to our community. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by all those who came out to see the most recognized trophy in all of sports. The event was hosted by the Village of Belledune and was only achieved by the support of our partners that we do business with in our community. I would like to thank our partners, Rayburn Doucett from the Port of Belledune, Mike and Belinda Babin from Guardian Restigouche Pharmacy, Dwayne Samson of Shaw Group, Xstrata, Toni Babin of Allan, Paquet & Arsenault and Rejean Boudreau of Roy Consultants. These are the sponsors who supported this great event in our community. There were over 200 people present when the Cup was at the Royal Canadian Legion and then over 300 people viewed the Cup the next day at our recreation center. The response from the public was enthusiastic and a great time was had by all who attended.

March 15th & 16th, 2013

These are the dates that the Stanley Cup was in our community. As mentioned above all went very well and a huge thanks you to our sponsors.

March 18th -24th, 2013

This is the week the annual "Mark Arsenault Gentleman Hockey Tournament" was held in our community. The organizers of this event, Mark and Paul Arsenault deserve our appreciation for bringing and delivering such a great event in our community. The people of Belledune look forward to this event and it allows everyone to come out to see friends, family and meet new friends enjoying a sport many love. The event has always been very well organized, enjoyed and a privilege for our community to host.

March 21, 2013

I met with personnel from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans over the Durham Harbour issue. This is an area where D.F.O. wants to download their responsibility to the municipality. Their goal is to change the designation of the

harbour from Commercial to recreational. There are more issues to address before all of this can materialize.

March 26, 2013

I attended an information session with the R.C.M.P. in Campbellton concerning the restructuring of all the Districts in New Brunswick. We were informed that there will be closures however it is not clear where at this time. We were also informed about the objectives of the R.C.M.P. for 2013-2014. They were listed as 1) Crime Reduction- Curfew checks and Property crime 2) Traffic Safety— Impaired and Check stops 3) First Nations Policing—Communication and Youth 4) Youth – detection of moderate and high risk offenders.

March 27, 2013

The meeting was directed by the Waste Management in looking for a decision from the Village of Belledune concerning our decision on the collection of recyclables. This very issue is on the agenda for a motion at the public meeting of April 15, 2013. I am confident that there will be more information available on this issue with my next report.

March 28, 2013 (9:00- 11:30 am)

I was asked to sit on a special committee for the Regional Service Commission #3 to establish a set expense for all meetings, travel and special committee meetings. There were 4 members of the R.S.C. #3 present to prepare this recommendation and all will be on the agenda at the meeting of the R.S.C. #3 for approval at the April24, 2013 meeting.

March 28, 2013 (6:00- 8:00 pm)

The Council met again with the Fire Fighters to discuss the alternatives on how they were to receive their remuneration. There were two alternatives presented and the fire fighters were asked to choose one. They advised that they would have the vote as soon as possible.

April 8, 2013

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held and many issues were on the agenda. The public meeting of April 15th will have many of the motions required to finalize the issues discussed at this meeting. I am confident that Council will deal with such issues as the fire department, village bus, jobs for youth program, recyclables in Belledune, and a few others in a very professional way .

April 9, 2013

The vote for the Fire Department was counted with the Chief, one Deputy Chief, two members of Council and the Mayor present. The vote was decided and the work will begin to establish a new and strong relationship between our Fire Department and Council. All parties agreed that the time has come to move our community forward and that all lines of communication will always be open. The new beginning was a very positive experience for our community and we are all looking forward to the development of open communication.

In closing, I wish to express that we are quickly approaching our first year as a Council. We have dealt with many controversial issues during this time and I will highlight these in my next report. This will allow me the opportunity to share and communicate our success and address the issues that continue to plague the community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald Bourque".

Ron Bourque-Mayor