

Mayor's Report for March, 2016

As the election of May 9th approaches, I do wish to advise that this will be the 2nd to last report I will file during this term as Mayor of Belledune. These reports are designed to keep you informed on what is happening in Belledune. They also provide you with information on my role as Mayor and what some of the activities I am involved with around our region.

Feb. 11, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Restigouche Crime Stoppers Unit was conducted and all agenda items were addressed. I am very pleased to advise that crime in the Restigouche area is down and our unit continues to promote the use of reporting crime without having to disclose your name. Thank you to all who have contributed to this reduction and we hope you continue to keep an eye on crime.

Feb. 15, 2016 (6:00-6:45pm)

Council met with Mr. Jacques Ouellette on trail development within Belledune. These information sessions have proven to be very informative to Council. Mr. Ouellette has confirmed that the application for the designated trail has been submitted to the Province for approval. There are still a very few details that require adjustment however the project is now waiting for the application confirmation.

Feb. 15, 2016 (7:00-8:30pm)

The monthly Public Meeting was conducted and all agenda items can be confirmed on the minutes of that meeting from our website. Council has given direction to our administration on their motions.

Feb. 17, 2016

I was asked to speak to the Beresford ATV club on the development of our trails here in Belledune. The proposed trail is part of a major undertaking for trail development in the North. There were approximately 125 members present and they were very positive in our announcement to develop these trails. They all recognize that with access through Belledune, ATV's can now travel from Quebec to Shippagan to the Miramichi. This access will open new tourism activity for all areas in this line of traffic.

Feb. 22, 2016

Council was given a presentation by a member of the Province on what would be best for our community to develop in the line of "Heritage" or "Historical" properties. The information provided will allow Council to choose a direction for our community.

Feb. 25, 2015

I met with John Levson concerning the Chaleur Terminals project in our community. The project is still being considered by the parent company and there are some meetings scheduled with various groups in the near future. The current price of oil has had a major impact on the project moving forward however C.T.I. is evaluating the project on its merit.

March 1, 2016

I attended the monthly meeting of the Restigouche Crime Stoppers unit and all agenda items were addressed.

March 9, 2016 (2:30-3:00pm)

I met with the Department of Environment and a resident of our community concerning the water erosion at the Belledune River. Recommendations were made.

March 9, 2016 (6:30-9:00pm)

The Chaleur Regional Service Commission conducted their monthly meeting and all agenda items were addressed. The contract for salary scale of the non-unionized employees of the Commission was finalized by the directors. As President of the Commission I do wish to advise that these employees are a critical factor in getting things done in our region. They all do a very professional job and conduct themselves accordingly.

March 10, 2016

I was invited to the meeting with the R.C.M.P. to present their statistics on policing in the Region #3 area. Only Belledune and the Local Service Districts were present because we are the only users of this service in our region. The objectives and results for 2015 were discussed and open communication at a community level is very important to the success of the objectives.

March 14, 2016 (6:00-6:45 pm)

The Trail Blazers Skidoo Lodge Executive met with Council to discuss some future activity on developing the area. The meeting went very well and I am confident that communication is now very open between Council and the Executive. All parties have a good understanding of each other's goals and what it will take to achieve them.

March 14, 2016 (7:00-8:00pm)

The agenda concerning the Public meeting was addressed and are some issues that will require Councils attention shortly. These issues will be on the next meeting of Council however some information will be given to Council members to bring them up to date. All is moving forward and we will need to see what Council will recommend.

March 15, 2016 (2:00-4:00pm)

I attended a presentation on ideas to address water strategies in the future. There were 22 people in attendance that had various interests in how our water supplies in Northern New Brunswick will be used and preserved. All in attendance agreed that this is critical for the future and what part municipalities, government and the public will play in future conservation. These ideas will be distributed to those in attendance shortly and I will share them when received.

In closing, I will advise that I have considered it a privilege to represent our community in this area and that I do consider that I have represented our community with pride and dignity. I do wish to thank all those who have supported our efforts to move Belledune forward. I also wish

to recognize that although everyone may not always agree with the decisions, I can only confirm that all decisions were considered with the best interest of our community as a whole. As you consider re-offering or to those who are considering placing their name on this election ballot, remember that this is a very demanding responsibility and your vision of our community for the future is very important to the development of Belledune.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Bourque". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Ron Bourque
Mayor