

**Village of Belledune  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 16, 2017**

**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Council Chambers  
**Present:** Mayor Joe Noel  
Deputy Mayor Paul Arseneault  
Councillor Lilliane Carmichael  
Councillor Tracy Culligan  
Councillor Nick Duivenvoorden  
Councillor Sandenn Killoran

**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Cormier  
**Staff Absent:** CAO Landon Lee

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Mayor Noel called meeting to Order and welcome public.

- **Moment of Reflection**

There was a moment of silence in memory of Ronald Pitre of Belledune, Lillian Audit and Brenda Hickey of Nash Creek and Leona (Guitard) Comeau of Whitehorse, formerly of Belledune & Camille Pepin of Belledune.

- **Oath of Office**

Council reaffirmed their Oath of Office.

**Adopt Agenda**

**2017/10/16-182**

**Tracy Culligan moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes: addition under Statements by Member of Council: Councillor, Killoran - request for donation Flag Raising Ceremonies, Councillor, Duivenvoorden - Pub Night Report and Deletion under Administration Report: CAO, Landon Lee - Moose Electro Braid Fence Route #11- Clarification & Directives on Project Work Process and Approvals Process, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Statements of Conflict of Interest**

No Conflict of Interest to Declare.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**2017/10/16-183**

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of Special Meeting and Committee of Whole Meeting September 11, 2017 and Regular Meeting of September 18, 2017 be adopted as presented, seconded by Paul Arseneault. MOTION CARRIED.**

Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the Minutes.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

No Presentation, Petitions or Delegations.

Statements by Member of Council

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault

- Flag Raising

Ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Memorial Park at 11:00 A.M. followed by a reception at the Legion. Inclement weather will see the event moved to the next Saturday.

- Request for Moose Sign

Request to see if Council had do anything about getting moose signs installed on Route #134 from Sawmill area going east to around Shannon Dr. and as well on Turgeon Rd. It is an area with many sighting and the Fire Chief has expressed to him the potential dangers.

Directive: As this is a provincially road, DTI will have to be the ones to authorize.

CAO, Landon Lee is directed to submit a letter of request to DTI for signs.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden

- Pub Night Report

Pub Night was September 29, 2017 and Undercover performed. Not a large crowd. The current financial is at \$139.50 balance. They will continue to have Pub Night with the hopes of attracting more people and the next one will hopefully be in early November.

Councillor, Killoran

- Donation Request- Flag Raising Ceremony

Mayor, Noel noted that other Council members did not receive copies of this correspondence. All correspondence including requests are to be submitted to the municipal office so they can be included in Council meeting packages.

**2017/10/18-196**

**Sandenn Killoran moved that Belledune Council donate \$500 to the Flag Raising Ceremonies, payable \$400 to Ladies Auxiliary for catering and \$150 to Glen Godin for Sound System, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration Reports

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Snow Removal Tender, SR1- Award

**2017/10/18-184**

**Tracy Culligan moved that as per CAO, Lee's recommendation, Council award Snow Removal Tender SR1 (2017-2018) to the only bidder, Woodcox Trucking, for the amount of \$4,887.50 (HST included), seconded by Paul Arseneault. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Financial Reports – General Operating & Utility Operating Funds

**2017/10/18-185**

**Tracy Culligan moved that the Financial Reports be accepted and the Accounts Payable be paid, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Income / Expense Statement – Information as of September 30, 2017

**By-laws and Policies**

- By-law #17-10-2017, A By-law to Amend the Rural Plan of the Village of Belledune being By-law # 17-01-2008 "Agricultural Use"
  - Third and Final Reading & Adoption

**2017/10/16-186**

**Sandenn Killoran moved that By-law # 17-10-2017, A By-law to Amend the Rural Plan of the Village of Belledune being By-law # 17-01-2008 " Agricultural Use" with Amendment recommendation from CRSC - RPAC, be read a third time and adopted, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. DEFEATED.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Lilliane Carmichael		x
Paul Arseneault		x
Tracy Culligan		x
Nick Duivenvoorden	x	
Sandenn Killoran	x	

Councillor, Culligan made a statement regarding her reflections on this proposed By-law Amendment "Agricultural Uses". A copy of her statement is on file.

"I have gone back and forth repeatedly on how I would vote in regards to this agricultural bylaw.

I was hoping the representatives from the province would clear things up for me; however, they only reinforced to me that they are not making decisions from an objective point of view and are firmly in support of all farming leaving little room for the complaint process.

Council spent a weekend developing the Municipal Strategic Plan last year, and we've yet to meet as a council to review our work and come to any sort of consensus on it. Yes, we mention agriculture in that plan, but I believe we need to look at what we worked on and make decisions based on the *entire* strategic plan.

As far as Economic Development is concerned, we handpicked a group of very knowledgeable and experienced people to put their heads together to create and promote economic opportunities in our community. I believe we should allow this committee to do the work we appointed of them, and support them in coming up with economic ideas we can all get behind. In yet more terms of economic development, it's been suggested that we need to change the bylaw and then go after the market to fill it, or the market will come to us ("Build it and they will come"). I suggest we need to find the market first and then look to supply it. We're going backwards in my opinion.

I believe this bylaw has been predominantly one-sided; it's only being looked at from positive potential impact, but we haven't examined the negatives or what-ifs – we haven't looked at any long-term consequences. There's so much we haven't explored:

- water consumption in a concentrated animal feeding operation (250 feeder pigs can consume over 821 thousand litres/year) (one beef cow consumes approximately 10, 200 litres of water/year)
- existing farms are exempt in relation to their nutrient management plan (spread of manure). (I DO recognize that most farmers realize that manure has a fertilizer-equivalent monetary value, so they apply it responsibly to reduce farm expenses.)
- our village has thousands of acres of cultivated land on which to spread manure, so how do you “regulate” the smell? We can’t. The province has proven they are not in the business of regulating smell. (other provinces, like Manitoba, DO regulate smell). Moreover, while smell might seem like a minor inconvenience for some folks, for others it means not being able to open their windows, barbecue, spend time outdoors, hang laundry, etc. and that needs to be respected.
- exploring farming potential in other areas in the community, away from our population.

There’s a disconnect with this plan between what’s being said and what’s being implied, and I feel much more homework has to be done before any kind of bylaw should be passed.

This has been a very emotional topic. I’ve been both courted and harassed for my vote – I’m sure we all have – since it was first introduced. Let me just say, that I’ve done my research, and it’s one of the issues that I’ve had the toughest time in deciding which way to vote. As opposed to those who suggest I’m against progress, I’m NOT; I am against ideas that are not thoroughly explored. I’m NOT against farming or farmers; I’m against *intensive* farming in the residential corridor of our village.

I’m also against the disrespect I’ve witnessed over and over towards those who have opposing views, as though people who disagree with an opinion are somehow “stupid” or beneath you. Lastly, I just want to say my vote is mine. I do not promise it to anyone. It’s MY decision, based on MY research and MY conscience.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden made a statement expressing his passion on the subject of farming and where that passion stems from.

Councillor, Killoran made a statement reflecting on where he feels this process when wrong.

### **Motions and Resolutions**

- Chaleur Regional Services Commission – RPAC Appointment  
**2017/10/16-187**

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Belledune Council recommends that Elizabeth Lanteigne be appointed to the Chaleur Regional Services Commission - Regional Planning Advisory Committee, to come into effect January 1, 2018, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Council Professional Development Program  
**2017/10/16-188**

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that as discussed at the Committee of Whole meeting on October 10, 2017 Council authorize Councillor, Tracy Culligan to register for the "Executive Certificate in Local Government Program" at the cost of \$2,495, with a scholarship credit of \$1,000 applied to the invoice and Council agree to pay the balance of registration \$1,495, seconded by Paul Arseneault. MOTION CARRIED.**

Super Village Trailblazer Inc. – Council Non-Voting Board of Directors Appointment  
**2017/10/16-189**

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that in accordance with the Conditional Funding Agreement between the Village of Belledune and the Super Village Trailblazers Inc., dated October 13, 2017, Belledune Council appoints Councillor, Sandenn Killoran as their non-voting member to the board of directors of the Super Village Trailblazers Inc., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Environment & Local Government Fall Fire Conference – Nov. 24-25, 2017

Mayor Noel noted that this policy should be amended to put the decision authority with the CAO. If there is a budget established he and the Fire Chief should be able to approve this.

Directive: CAO, Lee, as he is reviewing policies, can review and propose amendment for this one as well.

**2017/10/16-190**

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that in compliance with the Belledune Volunteer Fire Dept. Procedure - Section 050 Subjection 021A, Belledune Council approves Fire Chief, Keith Legacy and fire fighters Darrell Culligan and Dwayne Stephenson attending the Environment & Local Government Fall Fire Conference in Fredericton on November 24 & 25, 2017, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

- ATV Trail – Belledune Colony Road Bridge, Ownership Transfer
  - Village of Belledune Commitment to DTI

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault inquired about the status of the ATV trail. Nothing has been heard from Mr. Ouellette for some time now.

Directive: Mr. Ouellette will be asked to meet with Council and brief them an update of this project.

**2017/10/16-191**

**Tracy Culligan moved that Belledune Council confirms to DTI that Belledune will not give exclusive access to the ATV's for Belledune River bridge on Colony Road and will allow other vehicles to access in accordance with the bridge's weight limit of 43 tons and Belledune will accept ownership of the Belledune River bridge on Colony Road, conditional on the terms of the Agreement between the Chaleur ATV Club and the Village of Belledune as outlined in the Chaleur ATV Club letter to Belledune Mayor, dated October 16, 2017, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **General Correspondence**

- Save our Trains in Northern NB

#### **Resolution**

WHEREAS passenger and freight train services are essential to the economic and social development of northeastern and southeastern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the movement of people and merchandise by rail is the most environmentally sound means of transport, thus supporting commitments and objectives to reduce fossil fuel emissions at international, national, provincial and local levels;

WHEREAS passenger rail is essential for many people to access centralized health and social services and the reduction or elimination of access to such services has adverse consequences on the health of citizens;

WHEREAS these barriers to much needed health and social services affects, disproportionately, the most vulnerable members of our communities: our elders and those on fixed incomes;

WHEREAS demographically, northeastern New Brunswick has a disproportionate increased amount of elders;

WHEREAS cost analysis of rail vs. highway demonstrates that rail construction and maintenance is significantly less expensive than for highways;

WHEREAS statistics prove the safety record of passenger rail is better than that of automobile travel;

WHEREAS the federal government of Canada has failed to invest adequately in passenger rail, in comparison to most other western countries including the United States;

WHEREAS the federal government of Canada has no national strategy for passenger rail, unlike most other western countries;

WHEREAS the federal government has not required adequate and accurate accountability of funds invested for rail passenger service;

WHEREAS this failure to invest and failure to maintain Via Rail's budget has caused severe service cut-backs in number of travel days available, has shut down stations, terminated contracts, which directly resulted in decreased passengers;

WHEREAS the Renaissance passenger rail equipment used on VIA Rail Canada's train the Ocean is deteriorating and deferring ridership;

WHEREAS VIA Rail Canada has reduced the Montreal-Halifax Ocean train's frequency from 6 days a week to 3 days a week;

WHEREAS there is demonstrated savings on daily service compared with sporadic service that increases passengers' personal costs for accommodations, meals, etc. created by overnight stays;

WHEREAS required rail infrastructure improvements of the section of track known as the Newcastle Subdivision has reduced speeds of VIA Rail Canada trains to 30 MPH in some segments;

WHEREAS reduced speed of the Newcastle Sub adds close to 2 hours extra running time of VIA Rail Canada trains between Campbellton and Moncton;

WHEREAS delayed arrival times are becoming excessive.

**WE, the Council of Belledune**

CALL UPON the federal government of Canada, and Via Rail Canada to specifically restore daily passenger service between Halifax and Montreal on The Ocean, given the demonstrated cost savings

CALL UPON the federal government of Canada to re-invest in new rail passenger cars (rolling stock) for VIA Rail Canada's train The Ocean;

CALL UPON the federal government of Canada and the provincial government of New Brunswick to further invest in infrastructure of the Newcastle subdivision to decrease travel times;

CALL UPON the federal government to implement a national rail strategy that creates standards for passenger rail service, requires accountability in meeting those standards and requires fair and reasonable partnerships with freight and passenger trains sharing train tracks.

**2017/10/16-192**

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Belledune Council adopts the Resolution regarding train services in northern New Brunswick, seconded by Sandenn Killoran. MOTION CARRIED.**

- NACC Airport Privatization

**2017/10/16-193**

**that Belledune Council adopts the Resolution opposing Airport Privatization and sent letter to Members of Parliament**

**2017/10/16-197**

**Paul Arseneault moved that Motion M 2017/10/16-194 be tabled until further discussion by Council, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Property Tax Assessment – Municipal Review Statistics Report 2017
  - No further action to be taken

- Donations & Advertisements

Councillor, Killoran recommended the following items be carried over to the next meeting for further discussion by Council as they exceed the Donation Policy and Committee's spending limits.

- Mr. Arnold Guitard - Walking & Ski Trail
- Bullying Canada
- Ads in the 2018 Tourism Guide (Chaleur Tourism Guide)

**2017/10/16-194**

**Sandenn Killoran moved that Belledune Council approves the following donations: \$100 Gift Card for Violet Jerome Fundraiser & \$250 to Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps #1242 Annual Financial Campaign and approve the following advertisements: Brunswick News (4 regional newspapers) “Remembrance Day Feature” for the cost of \$420, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Closed Session**

Nil

**Adjournment**

**2017/10/16-195**

**Sandenn Killoran moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.**

---

Mayor

---

Clerk/Treasurer