



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
June 15, 2026**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Deputy Mayor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Present: Councillor, Dawn Hickey
Councillor, Brenda Cormier
Councillor, James Carrier
Mayor, Mario LaPointe
Absent:
Late:
Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee
Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle
Staff Absent:
Staff Late:

Call to Order & Welcome

- Mayor Lapointe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"
- Reaffirm Oath of Office
- Moment of Reflection

Adopt Agenda

M 2026/06/15-63

Brenda Cormier moved

that the Agenda be adopted as presented., seconded by James Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Adoption of Minutes

M 2026/06/15-64

Ron Bourque moved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2026 be adopted as presented, seconded by Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

Statements by Member of Council

Mayor, Lapointe

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Carrier

Councillor, Cormier

- Procedural By-law and Council Remuneration By-law Review

2026/06/15-65

Brenda Cormier moved that the Council, with Administration, commence with the review and updating of the Procedural By-law and the Council Remuneration By-law with the deadline of August Regular Meeting for the 1st and 2nd Readings and the September Regular Meeting for the 3rd reading and Adoptions., seconded by James Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

- Budget Review 2026

Councillor Cormier wants Council and Administration to review the Village of Belledune General Operating Budget and Utility Operating Budget to address the potential taxation shortfall expected for 2027. Shifts in NB Power assessments and provincial Property Tax Reform impacts make early, proactive discussions essential, as the 2027 budget must be approved and submitted to the province by November 15, 2026. She mentioned that Administration will be providing some information to Council at their In-house trainings, but timing is crucial for beginning the 2027 Budget Discussions. Council should establish date in July 2026 to start.

CAO Lee mentioned that at the Orientation that Council and Staff just attended, it was stressed how important it is to start working on the Budget for the next year in early July. Clerk/Treasurer Buckle will be returning soon, so CAO Lee will go ahead and schedule meetings in July for the commencement of reviewing the 2026 budget and having discussions in regards to the 2027 budget.

Councillor Bourque added that while at the Orientation he had a discussion with the Minister of Local Government, Aaron Kennedy, who told him that legislation had passed in regards to the multiplier for Municipalities, in which the rate of 1.4 to 1.7 was going to 2. He mentioned that the Clerk/Treasurer should be aware of that for budget purposes.

Councillor, Hickey

Councillor, Robinson

Administration Reports

Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee

- Social and Environmental Grant Report

CAO Lee reported that 2 request for grants were received, and Council has the information in their packages. One was from the Ecole Academie Nortre Dame and the other was from Specticle Aerian Restigouche. He explained the Grant Policy to the public. CAO Lee had given his recommendations to Council.

Mayor Lapointe asked for a motion of Council.

No motions were made.

2026/06/15-66

No Motion made.

2026/06/15-67

No Motion made.

Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle

- Financial Reports

2026/06/15-68

James Carrier moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented and the Accounts Payable be paid., seconded by Brenda Cormier. MOTION CARRIED.

By-laws and Policies

Motions and Resolutions

- Chaleur Regional Service Commission Appointments

Mayor Lapointe asked who was interested in representing Belledune on the Bpard of Directors for the Chaleur Regional Service Commission, both Councillor Robinson and Councillor Bourque put their name forward.

M 2026/06/15-69

Brenda Cormier moved WHEREAS the Regional Service Delivery Act requires a municipality to appoint one councillor to serve on the Board of Directors of the Regional Service Commission when the Board has fewer than six voting members, and

WHEREAS the Chaleur Regional Service Commission Board currently has fewer than six voting members;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Councillor Robinson be appointed as the municipality's second representative on the Board of Directors of the Chaleur Regional Service Commission (CRSC), to serve alongside the Mayor., seconded by James Carrier. MOTION CARRIED

Against: Ron Bourque

	For	Against	COI
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
Brenda Cormier	x		
James Carrier	x		
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- Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Carrier nominated Councillor Robinson for Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robinson accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

M 2026/06/15-70

Ron Bourque moved that in accordance with Section C.2, subsection 2 of the Village of Belledune By-law Regulating the Proceeding of Council, Councillor Robinson be appointed as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Brenda Cormier. MOTION CARRIED.

General Correspondence

- Correspondence List & Documents

SPCA Report - May 2026

Chaleur Regional Service Commission, Building Permit Report - May 2026

Universal Track Systems, Inspection Report - May 2026

Thank you card for donation to fellowship supper - from St, John the Evangelist CWL

Closed Session

Adjournment

M 2026/06/15-71

James Carrier moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:17pm., seconded by Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer