



Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
Committee & Boards Review & Budget Session #2
September 27, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Staff Present: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor called meeting to order.
Acknowledgement of “Treaties of Peace and Friendship”
Reaffirmation of Oath of Office

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest:
Deputy Mayor, Bourque declared a Conflict of Interest under Restigouche Crime Stoppers appointment.

Business

- Committees / Boards Review and Appointments

BELLEDUNE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Belledune EMO Planning Committee (By-law) - (Mandatory)
No Committee established or no EMO Coordinator appointed
On Hold for now
Belledune EMO Standing Committee (Mandatory)
Mayor, Arseneault & Councillor Carmichael (Council reps)
Fire Committee (Quarterly Meetings)
All Council, Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Captains
Belledune Joint Health & Safety Committee – Per Regulation
Councillor, Carmichael (Employer representative)

Belledune Economic Development Task Force (Not Active, but not officially dissolved) Established by Motion not a By-law.

Dissolve Committee

Belledune Youth Advisory Committee (By-law)

Repeal By-law & Dissolve Committee

Councillor, Robinson will handle under her portfolio for Schools

Belledune Finance Committee (By-law)

By-law Repealed – Motion of Council Sept. 2021

Belledune Community Events Committee (By-law)

Revised in July by New Council – Councillor Appointed.

Susan Furlotte (Secretary) Appointed Sept. 2021

Belledune Port Authority

Paul Shannon – until April 2022 -Compensation from Port

Denis Caron will meet with Council to discuss – Hold until then

Restigouche County Crime Stoppers – Municipal compensation

Reappoint Ron Bourque and Council Representative

Chaleur Bay Watershed Group – Municipal compensation -

Advertise for Position. Get information.

Chaleur Green Trails Group

Confirm whether still needed or not.

Restigouche Regional Museum & Chaleur Area Historical Research Society Inc.

Same Group, not sure need a Municipal Appointed Rep.

Chaleur Regional Service Commission (CRSC) -Compensation from Commission

Mayor Arseneault (as per Regulation)

CRSC Regional Planning Advisory Committee -Compensation from Commission

Advertise. Get Information

CRSC Oversight & Support Committee (municipal managers)

Belledune CAO

CRSC Regional EMO Committee (city managers)

Belledune CAO

CRSC Climate Change Adaptation Committee – Not sure if Compensated by Commission

Advertise for Position. Get information.

CRSC Tourism Committee

Advertise for Position. Get information.

Dalhousie Nursing Home Board

Patsy Talbot sits on Board – Not appointed by Council

Confirm with Patsy Talbot she is still there and interested in staying.

For those committee identified for Council representatives a motion will be brought forward at the next Regular Meeting of Council to approve appointments.

For the other Committees / Board requiring outside representation a notice will be prepared to go out to the public for each of these asking for people to put there name forward for consideration of appointment.

▪ 2022 Budget Preparation - Working Session #2

The following Budget Expenditure Services were reviewed for the second meeting with the exception of Personnel, which will be discussed at a future Closed Session of Council – permitted by legislation.

General Government

- No changes made to this section from 1st Meeting

Protective

- No changes made to this section from 1st Meeting

Transportation

- Engineer - \$15,000 same as previous year
- Road & Streets - \$125, 000, with discussion on the Mitchell/Lawlor intersection
- Culverts & Drains - \$20,000 same as previous year
- Other areas to be discussed with public works and information pending from DTI on maintenance costs

Environmental Health

- No changes made to this section from 1st Meeting

Environmental Development

- Economic Development Growth – previous year \$90,000 was removed and the Economic Development Grant was increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.
- Discussion on Housing Incentives Grants and the Policy was discussed regarding whether this will continue or not. No firm decision made.
- Student Subsidy Program remains at \$30,000 with further discussion on how to bring the usage by businesses back up
- Other Development Services – Tourism HR (seasonal position) did not happen in 2021 and it was removed from the 2022 Budget.
- Christmas Decoration Budget – increased back to \$10,000 – the community have very positive comments.

Recreation

- Recreation Health & Wellness Programs was increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 base on submission by Health and Wellness Coordinator’s proposed plans
- Fairs /Festival and Community Events Budgets remain the same as previous year
- Parks & Playgrounds remain the same as previous year

Fiscal

- Debt & Interest Payments are as per the payment schedule
- No Capital project have been identified at this time

Personnel costs will be discussed at the next meeting in Closed Session – October 25th, 6:30 P.M. CAO, Ferguson will attend that session.

Council discussed in general terms:

- Roadside Brush Cutting - # of time to be done in the summer (3) starting in June
- Sidewalks along Route #134 – Fix shoulders of the road

- Beach at Campground – Access & Beach cleaning
- Roherty Point improvements
- Memorial Park – lights and benches
- Upgrades to Recreation Centre kitchen & dish washer
- Belledune Days Beer Gardens – Door Ticket Revenue
- Jacquet River Tennis Court -convert to Pickleball
- Campground – Fire pits for all sites
- Culligan Wharf and Durham Harbour upgrades

Adjournment

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer