

**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
November 14, 2016**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Municipal Chambers
Present: Mayor, Joe Noel Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier
Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran

Mayor Noel called meeting to order and welcomed public

Agenda:

Tracy Culligan moved that the agenda be adopted with addition under Mayor Noel, Performance Review Session, Bathurst, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. Motion carried.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Business:

- Mayor, Noel

Nelson Courier, Bill for Snow Removal 2016 (Durham Dr. / Dylan Dr.)

Mayor, Noel reviewed the request from Nelson Courier for reimbursement for snow removal last winter. Mr. Courier claims that DTI stopped doing the snow removal not only on the private portion, but also the public portion of the street. Despite Mr. Courier calling CAO a number of times and he was told DTI would look after, they did not. Mr. Courier had to do the snow removal himself with a loader, both on the public and private portion of the street. He is asking for reimbursement in the amount of \$12,500.

Mayor, Noel made a request to DTI to share the costs. They said they would check with the Supervisor, but he has been waitin since last spring and can't be reached.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier provided information on the DTI rates and as well what some of the private contracts are costing the municipality.

Councillors made comments regarding the obligation for the municipality to provide snow removal services, the amount being requested not being reflective with other snow removal costs, a detailed list of the bill, a long time issue that was not resolved, other costs the Mr. Courier incurred and not claiming, DTI's responsibility, last of municipalities' responsibility to follow up and resolved, etc.

Mayor, Noel asked Mr. Courier, who was in the audience, to elaborate on the discussion.

Mr. Courier advised on the issues going on for years and issue with DTI. Mr. Hughes was contacted several times and always responded that it would get done. His job requires him to be on call 24/7, so he needed the road plowed. He consulted with a lawyer and he advised him to make

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sure that if he was doing the snow removal on the public street, no plow, make sure and remove all the snow and put it on his property, load by load, day by day.

He said he asked three contractors what they would have charged to remove the snow with loader. He based his request of \$12,500 on those figures.

Mayor, Noel said it would be on the agenda for the November 21, 2016 meeting for a motion.

Mayor, Noel advised that he, Councillor, Duivenvoorden and Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier will attend the Performance Review Session in Bathurst on November 23, 2016. Deputy Mayor, Arseneault noted he is unsure if he is able to attend, but will advise.

- Deputy Mayor, Arseneault

Senior's Shuttle (Update)

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault said a quote was received from the Bathurst Aquatic Centre for the use of a 25 seat bus and driver – cost \$200 per trip (plus HST). It will be used to take the senior's once a week bowling in Dalhousie and twice a month to Bathurst for Banking, etc. Adeline Hickey and Teenie Driscoll are willing to be the contact persons to register users. A flyer will be prepared to send out advising of the service and the contact person who will be taking names.

It will be on the agenda next week for motion.

Council inquires included clarification on the price, which includes all costs for gas, insurance, etc.

Power Club (Update)

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault briefed Council on discussions with Danny Harvey and he is addressing issues as they come up; inspection of equipment, request cost for upholstery of benches, etc.

Mayor, Noel said he spoke with Insurance Broker, Hugh Schryer and there is no information yet on insurance costs. Part of the conversation was regarding incorporation for gym.

Councillor, Killoran discussed incorporation and charging rent.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advise about a meeting she had from a long time member of the Gym who was also part of the operation group, but his name was scratched from the list. He is very happy to have the Gym operate as an incorporated body and is willing to be part of the group. He has always been appreciative of what the Village has done for the Gym – free facility.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden and Mayor, Noel said they had a visit from the same apparent person and the message was the same.

Councillor, Killoran expressed concerns about the Gym as it operated now, sees it as a community service and maybe one the municipality should take on, particular with the

discussion regarding the development of the former Belledune School, municipal / community center, maybe even requiring the hiring of a Recreation Director.

Councillor, Carmichael noted is has been running well for this many years.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden said the issue of insurance will happen, one way or the other. Where it will go in future, may change. For now incorporation is the solution to getting insurance coverage.

Councillor, Killoran said dissolving an incorporated body may be more difficult than you think. The Council has to decide how they want to deliver recreation services down the road. The municipality taking over would make sense.

Mayor, Noel said the municipality is not in a position to take at this time.

Councillor, Killoran sees this operation as an important piece of infrastructure and understands the municipalities' current resource challenges. Solution may be a part time employee to manage.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted an alternate route may be taking going forward, he support the concept. However, the objective is to fix situation now. The solution of incorporation and getting insurance fits for now.

Councillor, Culligan agrees with the proactive approach for former Belledune School; needs the right fit with right tenants. Recreation can take place without the village operating a Gym. Why does the Village have to take every activity on and operate; why can't individuals or organization provide some of these, as they do other places.

Councillor, Killoran stated that beyond basic services, what other services are we delivering.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault said he feel think are being done like patch work. How quickly can the incorporation happen? The gentleman running it is nervous.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier noted she will follow up with getting the information regarding incorporation. It is not difficult, an application needs to be filed and she could check with municipal legal counsel to inquire how much it would cost for him to do this scope of work.

Moni-Lana Hickey Snow Removal Request.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault inquired about the request by Ms. Hickey for snow removal. At one point it was done by the municipality and she is requesting to have it done again.

Mayor, Noel noted she is disabled and it cost her \$1,000 for snow removal and she pays taxed year around

Deputy Mayor, Duivenvoorden noted he was not aware of disability and not personally responsible to determine that. How many more do we have – do we discuss lane by lane, argument being why this one.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier gave a brief history of the Waterfront Lane – ownership by CN – their access road. They signed a lease many years ago with some of the property owners for use of the road; which included a clause that the lessees were responsible for the upkeep of the road.

Mayor, Noel advised there is a dilemma; this is a Council decision.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier said as requested she can inquire with other municipalities to see if services are provided for private streets and if so what is the determination for doing so.

Councillor, Killoran said this needs to be a policy decision and Council should look at.

Administration

- Acting CAO -Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

2016 Student Employment Report (Subsidy Program and Village Students)

Report was provided to Council and reported on showing the financial results of the Student Employment this year. Total Cost approximately \$80,000, less Federal and Provincial Program Revenue of about \$3,000 - \$4,000. A copy of the report is on file.

2016 Belledune Days Report

The financial report was presented for this year's Festival. The overall Revenues and Expense were presented. Total Revenues of \$38,567, Expenses \$39,128 with a deficit of about \$561. A copy of the report is on file.

2017 Budget Preparation Dates

First Budget Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Councillor, Killoran asked Clerk/Treasurer Cormier about the cancellation agreement for the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the former Belledune School. He also asked about the contact information for the firm that did some previous design work for proposed municipal facility. He also asked to check if they do Green Energy within their projects.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised that the cancellation agreement has not been endorsed and that she has made the request several times. The Purchase and Sales Agreement runs out end of January 2017 and if Council do not renew, it will no longer be in effect. So if the cancellation one is not endorsed, it will make no difference at that point.

As for company – they are a turn-key type operation doing everything from beginning to end, including design, cost estimates, tendering, application to funding programs, etc. They were used by the Village to prepare a preliminary design and project proposal for presentation to Public Safety to share a facility for RCMP services with a municipal building, similar to what was done in Sackville. Although, the proposal was not accepted by Public Safety, a very good proposal was prepared by the Company.

Closed Session: Personnel & Legal

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on a motion by Tracy Culligan, seconded by Sandenn Killoran. Motion carried.

Clerk

Mayor