

**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
September 12, 2016**

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

Mayor Noel called meeting to order and welcomed public.

Agenda:

**Tracy Culligan moved the agenda be adopted as presented, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden.  
Motion carried.**

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Business:

**Council**

- Mayor, Noel

Chaleur Regional Services Commission – Assessment of Commission

Mayor, Noel reported he is happy with the path the commission is going. There are a fair amount of services in Belledune. Cost sharing is something that Belledune needs to be cautious about. The Commission has a list of initiatives, including regional tourism, regional economic development, etc. He noted there meeting are public and anyone can attend. He will get the schedule so the meeting dates for the CRSC can be published in the Belledune Newsletter.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden inquired if the language was an issue.

Mayor, Noel noted that so far Bathurst and Beresford are very accommodating; they make sure English is there; Pointe Verte and Petit Rocher not so much.

- Deputy Mayor, Arseneault

Rescue Boat for Fire Department

He was asked, in light of the water rescue requirement last month, some members of the Fire Dept. asked to bring forward the issue of a rescue boat for Belledune. They feel they need one, both Charlo and Beresford have. They are not very expensive, reasonably cost effective and something they can use.

Mayor, Noel noted this will be brought forward at the Fire Committee meeting and evaluated.

Jacquet River School - Playground request ( Principal Trevor Glazier)

This was an issue brought forward by the former Principal and the new Principal, Mr. Glazier was to get more information, but nothing has come so far. Deputy Mayor, Arseneault will bring forward when more information is received.

Councillor, Killoran noted that there is equipment in storage since the Belledune School, closed.

- Councillor, Carmichael – Nothing to report at this time

- Councillor, Culligan

Christmas in the Village

She reported that she has commenced working on this. The date has been set, Mr. Caldwell has been booked for horse / sleigh rides. She is hoping to make the event two (2) days this year. She will be checking with Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier on the finances and bring back to the table next month.

- Councillor, Duivenvoorden

Ward By-law – Election of Councillors (Public Input)

He would like to see the 2020 Election be all Councillors elected at large, no more ward system. He agrees with proposal to solicit some voluntary input. The Notice was read, he made a few minor changes and would like it circulated by mail.

Councillor, Culligan inquired why not a public meeting.

Mayor, Noel proposed the notice should go out and if we feel a public meeting required, then we can do.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted that not everyone is comfortable putting forward their comments in a public forum, this is an opportunity to get balance response.

- Councillor, Killoran

Decision to turn the former Belledune School into a Community Centre

He submitted a report to Council recommending that the subject be set as a priority on Council's agenda. He will be putting forward a motion next meeting to prioritize this into the Strategic Plan and Budget for 2107. A copy of his Report is on file.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted he likes the speed that this project is moving forward. It will require more discussion at Strategic Planning to determine the use beyond larger municipal space but what other accommodations should be given consideration.

Councillor, Killoran agrees, X amount of space for municipal governance use, X amount of space for other users. The sooner we do the sooner we go out for tenants and seek government funding.

Mayor, Noel noted that floor plans and cost are required to get started.

Councillor, Killoran said we need to let the community know, local vendors know and how we can involve them while following the Provincial Procurement Act.

Mayor, Noel noted this will be a community project, they need to know, they should have input regarding accommodating activities. It should be a community public process.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault does not see much dissention and feels the people will embrace.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden said this is a gold mine that has not been mined yet; it represents so much opportunity.

Councillor, Killoran just watching it decay is depressing. It needs to be rebuilt and see all activities for young, old, etc.

#### Formation of an Economic Development Task Force

Councillor, Killoran submitted a report to each Council member regarding formation of Task Force. An excerpt from the Belledune Procedural By-law regarding Committees is attached. A copy of his report is on file.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault inquired about difference between Standing and Special Committees; autonomy vs. recommendations.

Councillor, Killoran noted that it is more about recommendation and what kind of autonomy to work with.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault asked if every initiative is to be brought before Council for approval by Council.

Councillor, Killoran noted they cannot access Village funding without approval.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier noted such committees are an extension of the Council system and need to follow same rules, meeting open to public, minutes recorded, etc.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden mentioned when this was done in the past, board members were compensated, and he feels the same should apply again. It is a good incentive for participation.

Councillor, Killoran noted this is open to suggestions.

Mayor, Noel advised the Council can address this discussion during their Strategic Planning session.

Councillor, Killoran feels that this group would help with the Strategic Planning and it would add to the discussion. He feels there are no need to delay going out and finding these people.

Mayor, Noel recommended finding out what other communities are doing with committees including pay.

Councillor, Culligan inquired what will be the makeup of the proposed ten (10) members.

Councillor, Killoran feels the list could be made up of businesses, industries, services, hospitality, etc., with three (3) seats for general population, not necessarily business related.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault asked if they would all be from Belledune or could politicians with special connections be involved to bring something forward.

Mayor, Noel noted there is potential out there that we need to tap into; for example Ron Losier, Tara Smearer, to name a few.

Councillor, Killoran feels that if we can bring in ten (10) people from outside Council it expands Council's capabilities. He inquired why had Belledune not met with MLA yet.

Mayor Noel advised he had already advised the MLA to coordinate a date with the Clerk for when he could meet with Council. He should talk with Council for sure.

Start of Fall Wellness Activities in the Community / Yoga and Aerobics

Councillor, Killoran submitted his proposal in Council meeting materials. A copy of his report is on file.

Questions were asked regarding starting dates, booking of Recreation Centre, etc.

Councillor, Killoran noted the intention is to start after Thanksgiving up to Christmas. He is proposing the Village cover cost up front, maybe with a reduced charge of \$5 per class.

Mayor, Noel noted it is a good proposed program. Decisions to be made for example costs of seniors, cover all or charge small amount, etc.

Councillor, Culligan noted the Health and Wellness group talks about Healthy / Active Living programs and Go Ahead Seniors workshops and meetings. As well there is the Committed for Chaleur Wellness Movement. We should try tie in with those programs, there are good opportunities.

Councillor, Killoran said there is provincial money out there and we need to structure motion to really make this look like a pilot project. We need to try and subsidize that way.

The instructors need to come to Belledune, we need to guarantee the program is going to go for three (3) months to get instructors to come here.

Selection of a Facilitator for Strategic Planning Session

Councillor, Killoran said Village needs to go ahead with this session. He recommended Mayor, Noel and Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier proceed with selection of facilitator and setting dates.

Preference of group is for two (2) days, Saturday and Sunday.

A motion will be on the agenda at the regular meeting to finalize the decision.

**Administration**

- Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Manager, Brenda Cormier

Cenotaphs Removal - Directive reaffirmed to remove the two old cenotaphs

Campground Canopy Removal – Directive to remove the two (2) old canopies

Advertisement Request – Newspapers / Radio – Directive to review previous year's requests, make a list and the Donation Committee can review and determine participation. This is to streamline the process for approvals to advertizing requests and meet deadlines.

Circus – September 19, 2016 – Notify Council and public this event will occur.

Backwash Controls – Chaleur Dr. Water / Sewer System – CAO, Hughes will have to address this issue when he returns. It will be on the agenda for the Regular meeting.

Municipal Insurance – Inquiry Different Company

Council was advised of the inquiry and after discussion the determination is to remain with the current provide who is the Villages appointed broker. To solicit quotation would require a lengthy evaluation of the coverage we have; the preparation of a tender document (very complex and comprehensive) and put out for public bidding process. This process would require some outside expertise to complete the task efficiently and effectively. It was also noted that building a relationship with your insurance company is important to assure consistency and service expectations for addressing liabilities when they arise.

Council felt that if the Clerk/Treasurer is satisfied with the current company then they are good with remaining with them

Sub-Standard Culvert, Noel Rd. – Shoulder Damage, Mitchell Rd.

Two issues were discussed with Council and the recommendation of issuing letter to both parties received consensus of Council.

**Closed Session:** 8:05 P.M.

- Personnel
- Land / Legal

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Paul Arseneault and seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. Motion carried.

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor