



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
June 15, 2020**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: REMOTE - Electronic
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran
Absent: Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
CAO, Landon Lee
Staff Present: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called the meeting to Order.

- Moment of Reflection

Mayor, Noel asked for a moment of silence in memory of: Robert (Kim) Winton and Beverly Culligan of Belledune and Edward Lagace formerly of Belledune.

Adopt Agenda

M 2020/06/15-82

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes; delete under Councillor, Arseneault: AJN Investment and Development and add Graduates Acknowledgement, and add under Councillor, Carmichael: Graduation Parade, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest Nil

Adoption of Minutes

M 2020/06/15-83

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Meeting of May 4, 2020, the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2020 and the Special Meeting of May 25, 2020, be adopted as presented, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Statements by Member of Council

Councillor, Arseneault

- Graduates Acknowledgement

Councillor, Arseneault noted that this year is unique and special year but not necessarily in a great way. He wished to extend congratulation to all graduates and best wishes for the summer and the best for next year.

Councillor, Carmichael

- Graduation Parade

Councillor, Carmichael noted the banners are displayed and the Community Events Committee is organizing the parade for June 27th and they will be contacting each graduate with details.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden

- Update from Landon on Unsightly Premises

Councillor, Duivenvoorden said CAO, Lee will share some information on the subject, but his own objective is that we do not lose sight on this one.

CAO, Lee said there was a small list compiled of sites to look at and he touched base briefly with CRSC, Planning Department who oversee the process. There were three on that list that had been visited and he will follow up again to get a quick update on those first. If there are more properties Council want visited, he will add those to the list. He had conversation with CRSC Planning and they are aware we are wanting this to move ahead. One of the properties in question has now changed ownership and this like the a similar one before, there will need to be a little lenience for the new owner and follow up and make them aware.

- Final Report of the 2020 Roadside Cleanup Program

Councillor, Duivenvoorden reported there were 11 groups with nearly 60 participants. He will identify them tomorrow on his Facebook. There were about 140 bags of garbage collected. There was one glitch were one area was missed and he and family members took it upon themselves to do this section. It was a successful 2020 program and he looks forward to delivering cheques. He thanked Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier and inquired about cheques. She replied all cheques were completed and ready for pick up by him.

Administration Reports

CAO, Lee

- Residential Grant Policy Report and Recommendation

M 2020/06/15-84

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that in accordance with the Village of Belledune Economic Development By-law # ED-01-2019 and the Residential Grant Policy Council accepts CAO, Lee recommendation and approve the following grants: Darryl Lefaive PID 20445 631 for the amount of \$710, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- Roy Consultant Proposal

CAO, Lee advised Francis Frenette of Roy Consultants is putting together a proposal to do a study which will provide options to Council on extending Restigouche Street. Per previous information that has been sent out, Roy Consultants designed the current road and water systems in our Light Industrial Park, so he asked them to put the proposal together. It is important to get some options to Council and Phase 1 does that. Phase 1 is a critical first step to getting the information for the development of the Street, to get the developer access to their property.

Council members inquired about the Phase 1 or Phase 11, and which is needed and suggested CAO, Lee make a recommendation on which to proceed with this evening.

CAO, Lee is comfortable with Phase 1 for now and for time line purposes, if Phase 11 needs a decision before the next Regular Meeting of Council, then a Special Meeting could be called.

Councillor, Arseneault said he would be voting against the motion. He would like to see some expectation placed on some of these developers to spend some of there dollars and this will show they are committed to being here for a while.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted he appreciates Councillor, Arseneault's comments and theory behind it, but he is uncomfortable going back to them when the agreement is already in place.

Councillor, Carmichael said the road needs to be extended and it should have been looked at before.

Councillor, Killoran stated this is municipal infrastructure and is necessary to attract business. And in reference to job commitments we cannot force that. He wished they had paid more for the property. If we turn screws on companies who may want to come here, they may go somewhere else.

Mayor, Noel noted we need a road to the property and we knew that in order to sell they need the road to the property; as well then there is the possibility of second lot.

M 2020/06/15-85

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Belledune have Roy Consultants proceed with Phase 1 of the Restigouche Street Extension as per the proposal received, Ref No 242-19, dated June 11, 2020, for the amount of \$9,500 (plus HST), seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED

Against: Paul Arseneault

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault		x	
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Tracy Culligan	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden	x		

Sandenn Killoran	x		
	4	1	0

- Training for Appliances, Café RFP

CAO, Lee requested direction from Council on if the \$2,000 training for the café appliances should be included in the café RFP. As pointed out by Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier this may not be required if the successful bidder has commercial kitchen experience. There is very little to do on the Tender, but the direction is needed from Council on how to handle the equipment training component.

Councillor, Killoran recommended adding that as a scoring in the RFP – Experience or bidder puts up funds for training.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Financial Reports

M 2020/06/15-86

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented and the Accounts Payable be paid, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- 2019 Annual Report

M 2020/06/15-87

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Village of Belledune 2019 Annual Report be adopted as presented and posted to Belledune website, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

- 2019 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – Report (Copy on File)

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier reported the Program was successful this year with both she and Nicole completing around 100 returns. There was some modification to deal with the program because of Covid19, which required cancellation for a while and then arrangement for Drop Off and Pick Up -using safety precautions. This worked well and the program moved forward. Program is much appreciated by the clients.

By-laws and Policies Nil

Motions and Resolutions

- Nova Communications, a Division of Rock Networks -Rural Broadband, Belledune

Council comments were in relation to:

- Huge project and costs (potentially \$3 Million) and municipality lost revenue over Smelter closure
- The need to have – future economy digital
- This would be a strategic investment
- Concern over paying for another study to be shelved
- Would like additional information and possible alternatives
- Massive misunderstanding of project
- Council needs to be explained what publicly owned broadband entails

- Possibility for provincial funding

CAO, Lee noted that it would be worth while to invite them to give more information and answer some of the questions that were raised after the first presentation.

M 2020/06/15-88

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Belledune Council retain the services of Nova Communications (A Division of Rock Networks) to proceed with Phase 1 - Rural Broadband Site Survey Village of Belledune for the amount of \$26,900 (Plus HST), as per terms and conditions specified in quotation #00009395 dated June 9, 2020, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael.

M 2020/06/15-88B

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Motion M 2020/06/15-88 be tabled, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- Masks for Humanity

M 2020/06/15-89

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Village of Belledune, who have received some 100 plus masks from Masks for Humanity, make a monetary contribution of \$250 to this organization as a gesture of support, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- Purchase & Sale Agreement Amended
 - AJN Investment and Development 2008 Ltd.

M 2020/06/15-90

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Motions related to Purchase and Sale Agreement to AJN Wall Panel Ltd., being motions M 2020/05/27-77 and M 2020/05/27-78, at the Special Meeting of May 25, 2020 be repealed and the associated endorsed agreement becomes Nul and Void, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED. Against: Paul Arseneault

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault		x	
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden	x		
Sandenn Killoran	x		
	4	1	0

Councillor, Arseneault expressed his concerns and he is not comfortable attaching his name to this project. Does not understand if the company has capital to employ 40 people, why ask for cut in property price. As of the 25th, we did not have an agreement to hire majority of local. He spoke to CAO, Lee on this and he advised that asking for 30 or 35 is a little too much to ask.

CAO, Lee advise that is it hard to mandate business to hire from local region. The company has been eager to meet with Council and have been trying to come into the province under business venture. In

his conversation with AJN, he honestly thinks AJN don't disagree that there should be no reason local people could not be involved.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden asked how can we enforce hire local agenda. He is concerned that if companies get that message, they may not want to come here at all. Companies want the best candidates for the jobs. The onus is on the employees to present themselves as best candidates.

Councillor, Killoran said that enforcing locals is next to impossible, it can't be done. The company will hire those that fit the organizations objectives. He would be quite concerned about their viability if they did otherwise. The way to address this is to get job description ahead of time, do workshops and the Village work towards giving people an edge. As for break on land- it is worthless until it is sold. He was unhappy with the price that came back, wish it could sell for more.

Directive from Council is to go ahead and set up for presentation from company.

M 2020/06/15-91

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Council approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as Amended, between the Village of Belledune and AJN Investment and Development 2008 Ltd. for the purchase of land in the Belledune Light Industrial Park (PID 20697017) for the amount of \$6,000, at a price \$9,000 less than the fair market value, as per the Appraisal Report, dated March 23, 2020, prepared by Atlantic Realty Advisors and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the final agreement document, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Against: Paul Arseneault

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault		x	
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden	x		
Sandenn Killoran	x		
	4	1	0

Mayor, Noel said that AJN will be also be making a presentation to ACOA & ONB and will do with Council as well. Could be this week. They are working with WorkSafe NB to come to Belledune.

- Economic Development Grant - AJN Investment & Development 2008 Ltd.

M 2020/06/15-92

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Council approve, as per By-law ED 01-2019 Economic Development – Section 1, subsection b.; a non-monetary grant valued at \$9,000, to AJN Investment and Development 2008 Ltd., for property purchased in the Belledune Light Industrial Park (PID 20697017), the reduced amount on the fair market value as per the Atlantic Realty Advisors Report, dated March 23, 2020, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Against: Paul Arseneault

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault		x	

Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden	x		
Sandenn Killoran	x		
	4	1	0

General Correspondence

- Correspondence In:

Restigouche SPCA Monthly Reports - May 2020

Atlantic Railway - Track Inspection Report - May 2020

RCMP Quarterly Report

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

M 2020/06/15-93

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that meeting adjourn at 8:17 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer