



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2020
REMOTE**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: REMOTE – Electronic, Live streamed on Facebook.com/belledunevillage
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Present: Councillor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Deputy Mayor, Sandenn Killoran
Staff Present: CAO, Landon Lee
Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called meeting to order.

Moment of Reflection:

Mayor, Noel asked for a moment of silence in memory of: Richard Carrier of Belledune, Isabelle Guitard formerly of Belledune, Charlotte Joncas formally of Jacquet River, Mabel Godin, Sylvia Hickey and Gillian Wilson of Lorne, Roy Hickey of Black Point, Christine Lapointe formerly of Lorne & Norman Furlotte of Charlo and for the Nova Scotia tragedy and for all of those who lost their lives.

Adopt Agenda

M 2020/04/20-052

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Presented OR as Amended with changes, seconded by Sandenn Killoran. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Councillor, Carmichael inquired if she was in a Conflict of Interest for the Salmon Barrier Discussion

She was advised no, because it was only information.

Councillor, Culligan asked about Deputy Mayor, Killoran and the Quinn Point Lease Agreement.

Deputy, Mayor Killoran declared his Conflict of Interest.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Statements by Member of Council

Councillor, Arseneault

- State of Salmon Barrier and employees going forward
- State of J.R. Park and employees going forward

Councillor, Arseneault said he would like to start the discussion but at some point, he will pass on to administration and then Council members to discuss.

First, he would like for the employees to know what is happening in terms of their employment this season. It is a matter of respect and being mindful of their situation. They need to know we are doing everything we can within the parameters we can. Having them on the agenda does that. Secondly, the public needs to hear from administration and Council where we are, where we are going with these now and anticipate to be. In a conversation with CAO, Lee he feels it was very positive and CAO, Lee is on top of it. He will pass the conversation to CAO, Lee to reiterate what he said then.

CAO, Lee said he has had conversations with Jo-Anne Hache and all the employees at the Campground. He has been monitoring, keeping up to date as best as he can, but we are at the mercy of the province's mandate.

With the Salmon Barrier, Jo-Anne has advised there are only two (2) persons per shift, she has concerns over accessibility to public when they are open and operating. Maybe make it not available to the public. CAO, Lee also noted there is the issue of what is considered an essential service, what should and should not open. There are general concerns, but we will move forward to be proactive and ready to go when permitted.

Questions and comments raised by Council members.

- Working together in the river, setting up the blockade – can the 6-foot distance be maintained.
- Operating procedures, how do they fit in with mandate of province.

CAO, Lee said that for the Campground that is cut and dry, province mandate is they cannot open yet. It would be his preference to find a way to pay employees; not leave them high and dry. A lot of seasonal employees depends on this employment he will research to see how we pay them. There is a lot of information out there regarding businesses, but nothing specific to municipalities. He will monitor and feed information to employees as we progress on that.

Deputy Mayor, Killoran noted the CERB program for those unable to go to EI or if their EI is ending, and who qualify for this program.

Councillor, Arseneault wish to reiterate, it is important that the employees are kept in the loupe, it is now April 20th and they would normally be preparing to start back into workforce. There needs to be a good line of communication kept open. Secondly, in his opinion, we need to make sure all seasonal workers are receiving money – enough money. They qualify, there is money in the budget. We need to make sure our employees are taken care of.

Council comments and questions included inquiry about not working and getting paid, how and who qualifies for the CERB program, how will they qualify for weeks they will need for EI if not seasonal work and they use the CERB program, etc.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier explained the CERB program and recommended a letter be drafted and sent to each employee, to keep them informed, advising them of what the municipality is doing and as well provide them the information on the Covid-19 programs available.

- State of Summer Student Program going forward

CAO, Lee said that he and Brenda have been back and forth on this discussion. The discussion of due diligence in terms of safety of the employees need to be considered. The prudent thing to do is prepare for program as if it is something we can put in place.

Deputy Mayor, Killoran discussed the federal government program for employers to hire students. This information should be shared with our local business in the event the Student Subsidy Program cannot go.

Councillor, Arseneault said that administration reaching out to other communities to what they are doing, is a smart thing to do. As well parents will need to know, so that alternate plans can be made if the Student Subsidy Program cannot be offered this year. Finally, if there are no student application yet, they need to be advised to get their resumes in as quickly as possible, in the event the student programs go.

Mayor, Noel noted, as he has in the past, that the students need the summer jobs as they need the funding for their education. We need to do everything we can for all the employees of the Village including the students.

Councillor, Culligan said in the event the student programs cannot work, maybe the money allocated in the budget for student employment could be set up into a Bursary Program. Students could apply based upon a number of things. Maybe something like that could be looked at.

Mayor, Noel said we could keep that idea in the background, not right away. We really need to be aware of federal and provincial programs and that we do not set students up to not qualify for these programs.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden commented that Councillor, Culligan has a very intriguing idea. All the rules that applied three (3) months ago no longer apply. Is it nice to know that there could be a second option.

Administration Reports

CAO, Lee

- Residential Grant Report

M 2020/04/20-53

Nick Duivenvoorden moved

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 grant: Wanita Janet Hickey in the amount of \$1,515, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

- Lease Agreement – Labour Force Adjustment Committee – Brunswick Smelting

M 2020/04/20-54

Tracy Culligan moved

that the Council of the Village of Belledune, accepts the facility Lease Agreement between the Village of Belledune and the Labour Force Adjustment Committee - Brunswick Smelting, as presented, and the Mayor and Clerk sign the Agreement, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden.

MOTION CARRIED.

- GEMTEC Proposal

CAO, Lee circled back to GEMTEC to receive an update on the Mitchell Rd/Lawlor Rd intersection. The previous pricing that we had received was for construction costs only. Any civil engineering, we have had done in the past always came with the engineering fees included in the proposal. GEMTEC manages this process differently, so they have provided a separate document with their fees, \$5,500 plus HST. He inquired if the previous motion covered.

Council directed to proceed with project.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Financial Reports

M 2020/04/20-55

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

By-laws and Policies Nil

Motions and Resolutions

- 2020 Belledune Days - Committee Recommendation for Cancellation

M 2020/04/20-56

Sandenn Killoran moved that the Council of Belledune accepts the Recommendation of the Community Events Committee and in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic will cancel the 2020 Belledune Days Festival, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

- Lease Agreement -Quinn's Point Communication

Deputy Mayor, Killoran stepped out of meeting due to Conflict of Interest.

Mayor, Noel asked if CAO, Lee wanted to speak on this.

CAO, Lee stated he was not sure what Mayor, Noel wanted him to say on it. The intent was to have a public presentation, formally. In last communication with Sandenn Killoran he was retracting. So, he can't speak to a whole lot.

M 2020/04/20-57

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune, accepts the facility Lease Agreement between the Village of Belledune and the Quinn's Point Communications Ltd, as presented, and the Mayor and Clerk sign the Agreement, seconded by Tracy Culligan.

Councillor, Culligan stated she feels we are no further ahead than last week when the motion was tabled. She has issues, the process has to be much more clear, equal, fair and transparent. This is not just questions to Councillor, Killoran, but other questions in an open forum.

M 2020/04/20-57A

Tracy Culligan moved that the motion be tabled until the State of Emergency is over and a formal public presentation is made, seconded by Paul Arseneault. MOTION CARRIED.

Against: Nick Duivenvoorden COI: Sandenn Killoran

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault	x		
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Tracy Culligan	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden		x	
Sandenn Killoran			x
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Deputy Mayor, Killoran returned to meeting at 7:58 P.M.

General Correspondence

- Correspondence In:
 - NB Development Officers Assoc. – Event Invitation & Sponsorship Opportunity
 - Healthy Forest Partnership - PDI 50078583
 - DTI – Surplus Property - PID 50076959
 - Directive advise no interest in the property
 - Belledune Library Report – March 2020
 - Restigouche SPCA Reports – February & March 2020
 - Atlantic Railway Track Inspection Report – February & March 2020
 - Restigouche Crime Stoppers Report - March 2020
 - RDC Integrated Bilateral Agreement
 - DTI, Five-Year Plan – No Funding for Belledune

- Correspondence Out:
 - Dept. of Public Safety – Special Event License

Closed Session: Nil

Adjournment

M 2020/04/20-58

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that meeting adjourn at 8:02 P.M., seconded by Sandenn Killoran. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk