



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
November 2, 2020**

Time: 6:45 PM
Place: REMOTE – Electronic Live streamed on Village of Belledune YouTube
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran
Staff Present: CAO, Landon Lee
Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called meeting to Order.

Adopt Agenda

M 2020/12/02-150

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes; Add Mayor, Noel- Jacquet River Clinic and Health Testing COVID-19 and Add under Councillor, Carmichael - Event Committee -Thanksgiving, Grab & Go, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest -Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations - Nil

Business

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Mayor, Noel

- Jacquet River Clinic

Mayor, Noel wish to clarify the information circulation on Facebook and in Bulletin. There will be two (2) doctors starting at the Clinic. One starting October 21, will be there two (2) days per week. This doctor will not be taking patients but will be seeing those patients without a family doctor or nurse practitioner. The other doctor, not sure on start date yet, will be there three (3) days per week and will be taking patients from the 811 list. Mayor, Noel wish to thank all those involved in making this happen, Vitalite and recruiter Judy Butler. Once both are in place there will be more doctor time at the clinic than there was before. Everyone at the clinic is happy as well as the community. (A copy of his statement is on file)

Councillor, Arseneault said he received calls after this announcement about how the 811 system works. People who had registered on the 811 list, last year, were wondering if they were still on the list and how they could find that out. They called after the announcement but could not get verification if their name was there. They called clinic and were given a 211 number to call. That does not work.

Mayor, Noel advised that when you call 811 it gives you direction to go to online at MyHealth.NB and from there you enter all your information to register. Anyone on that list will stay on the list until they get a doctor or nurse practitioner.

- **Health Testing Covid-19**

Mayor, Noel wish to explain how the COVID-19 testing for Belledune came about. After the 22nd announcement that we could go to orange phase on the 23rd, the Health Minister called to say Dr. Russell and her team wanted to meet with the Mayors of this region (orange phase). He asked for her to meet with all of Council for Belledune. The meeting was held in Council chambers and was about two (2) hours. It was during this time that Council asked for a testing site to be set up in Belledune. On the 27th, Deputy Minister Richard advised there would be a testing site set up at the Jacquet River Clinic. One- and one-half hours later, Vitalite advised the Clinic was not a suitable set up and asked what the Village could offer.

First thought was for the gymnasium at the municipal building, and on the 28th he and CAO, Lee met with four (4) employees from Vitalite and it was determined that this space was not suitable so the testing site was going to the Recreation Centre.

On Thursday the Vitalite personnel and Village staff worked on preparing the Recreation Centre for the testing.

On testing day (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) there were 259 people tested and no positive tests results.

We should be going back to yellow phase soon. Mayor, Noel wish to thank the Village and Vitalite staff for a lot of hard work to get this done. (A copy of his statement is on file)

Councillor, Duivenvoorden commended for the efforts for sure. There is a lot of negatives circulating on Facebook. He wondered about the announcement of no positive results, yet some people had not received their test result at that point.

Mayor, Noel advised that unless information is coming from Vitalite or the government website, don't believe what is on Facebook, not everything there is accurate. The best information source is the government website. These testing are a huge task and people have to remain patient.

Councillor, Carmichael

- **Event Committee -Thanksgiving, Grab and Go**

Councillor, Carmichael reported there were 91 tickets sold for the meal and she wish to thank the committee and volunteers for an amazing job.

- **Gazebo at River Drive.**

Councillor, Carmichael has been approached by people who are using it, asking that the access be widened a bit by clearing some of the bushes. She wants to have this noted for work for next spring.

CAO, Lee noted for Council that this is on Ducks Unlimited property and the rule of 30-metre buffer zone. Ducks Unlimited are not opposed to the clearing of brush, but no trees. The municipality would also have to deal with Dept. of Environment regarding working within the 30-metre buffer.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden

• Firefighter Recognition:

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted that at the last EMO/Fire Committee meeting, recognition of Firefighters was discussed. He wishes to advise Council that he will work with Chief Legacy to get this done. The thought is for five (5) or ten (10) year increment. There is probably enough money in the budget to do. It is going to take some time as it will include Jacquet River Dept., Belledune Department pre-amalgamation and the post-amalgamation. The idea is for plaques to be displayed. He also noted that plaques at the old municipal facility should be relocated here. He will keep Council updated as it makes progress.

Closed Session - Nil

Adjournment

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Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer