



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
December 7, 2020**

Time: 6:39 PM
Place: Immediately Following the Special Meeting @6:30 PM Council Chamber - Public Access on Village of Belledune Youtube
Present: Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran
Absent: Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Staff Present: CAO, Landon Lee
Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called meeting to order and welcome everyone.

Adopt Agenda

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Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes: Delete Councillor, Arseneault's items., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Business

Council

Mayor, Noel

- Health-Care System - Consultation

Mayor, Noel advised that letter was received from the Minister regarding consultation of Healthcare System in New Brunswick and responses have to be received by December 31, 2020. If Council has anything they would like to add to the response, he would ask for that prior to December 15, 2020.

Mayor, Noel said he would also be reaching out to the Jacquet River Medical Centre to get their input as well.

- New One-Ton Truck Purchase - Public Works

Mayor, Noel noted that the current Two-Ton used by public works may not pass inspection and if that is the case, the employees will be without a truck and without that they cannot do their work. He said the tendering of a new One-Ton will be on the agenda for the next Regular Meeting.

CAO, Lee advised that he is working on the Asset Management Plan for the vehicles, it will not include the Fire department vehicles, but will be for the public works. He should have some sort of comprehensive plan for the Council for the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan

- Arena Safety Protocols

Deputy Mayor, Culligan inquired about safety protocols for the arena, given the incident last month, which was quite an issue. Other arenas have requirement for helmets, but not here. There are not signs posted, etc. She would really like to see better safety measures brought in.

CAO, Lee noted that he thinks before the next meeting he will be implementing some safety measures including a comprehensive incident report. He will be meeting with the arena staff, to make sure everyone is aligned and policies being implemented. Council should see something in about one-two weeks.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted that he thinks implementing helmet policy is something very necessary.

Councillor, Killoran noted that some years ago there were a list of rules on the wall at the arena, which included helmet requirement. But that is no longer there.

Councillor, Carmichael

- 2021 Budget - Set Date for Public Presentation and Determine Presentation Format

Councillor, Carmichael was thinking the meeting for Budget Presentation could be just before the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2020 - say 6:30 P.M. The presentation could be the same as before, each Council member present a section of the Budget.

Councillor, Dvivenvoorden wondered if 1/2 hours would be enough.

Councillor, Carmichael said it may run a bit into the Regular meeting. She then recommended doing it prior to the January 2021 Regular meeting and start at 6:00 P.M.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan noted if we start at 6:00 P.M., we could go right into the Regular Meeting when the presentation is complete.

- Belledune Community Events Committee

Councillor, Carmichael said she was asked to request funds at the Regular Meeting for the Community Events Committee to have some events - \$1,000 for the Christmas Senior's Baking and Contest and \$2,500 for events they want to host from January - March 2021.

Mayor, Noel said he would like to see a way that the Committee does not have to keep coming back to Council for approval for event and funds. The problem is their events do not always line up with Council meetings.

Councillor, Killoran noted the By-law was drafted and appointments made and he said they should not have to have permission to spend money, but they do have follow up with reporting.

Councillor, Carmichael stated that with the Covid-19, the events have changed. What use to be done cannot be done now, so the Committee is coming up with different events.

Councillor, Killoran said we do have the infrastructure in place for the Committee to proceed, if at the end of the year Council is not happy, then replace.

Mayor, Noel said the Committee can go through Clerk/Treasurer and CAO and they should not have to come back to Council all the time. Even though the events have changed, if they want to do things the money is there and they need to work with Clerk/Treasurer and CAO. If they run into problems, they can fix it at that time.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted there are events scheduled for December, but to make a decision after the event has already happened, is just going on record and saying yes.

Mayor, Noel noted that is the point. He has attended most of the Event Committee's meeting and that question comes up often. Money was put in the Budget to spend that way and they just need to set up with Clerk/Treasurer and CAO. Everyone in agreement with that.

Councillor, Carmichael said she will let Gina know to get in touch with CAO, Lee.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden

- Request for an Update, Unsightly Premises

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted that some of the unsightly premises have survived another year. He would like to have an update where our actions with respect to some of the targeted items are.

CAO, Lee said he will be in contact with the Planning Commission to have a follow-up. He would like to have a written report every month, which would include what actions have been taken and the dates.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden said a few has been cleaned up and a few have been lingering on. It's an ugly thing and it impacts neighbours. He made reference to other communities who seem to get these things resolved much faster. Why can't Belledune?

- Revamping of Housing Subsidy Program

Councillor, Duivenvoorden reference the Budget discussion where there was a proposal to try to include in the policy a way to entice families with younger members. Perhaps our Clerk/Treasurer and CAO could bring forward a concept for consideration and adoption in the near future.

Mayor, Noel noted everyone has a copy of the policy and if you have anything to add, please advise CAO, Lee.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted a few weeks ago a political panel on CBC put a plug in for the City of Bathurst regarding their policy. He would like to note that maybe the City got their idea from Belledune, who were a little bit ahead of them on this.

Councillor, Killoran

- Reduction of Speed Limit on 134

Councillor, Killoran noted the correspondence received from province which will give the municipality much more autonomy over Route #134. There have been a number of issues over the years, complaints from concerned citizens. He intends to have a motion on the table early winter, possibly in January.

Mayor, Noel advised the meeting scheduled for he and Landon, today, was cancelled. The intention is to have the speed along Route #134 as follows, lower Belledune to Smelter change to 60 km per hour, from Smelter to Sawmill remain at 80 km per hour, and from Sawmill to west village limits change to 60 km per hour (exception of school zone), as well have Jacquet River Dr. changed to 60 km per hour. As well, the request for crosswalk at Jacquet River school. The document notes that the municipality need to advise DTI on some of these changes, we need to find out what that exactly means.

Mayor, Noel also noted the glitch in snow removal this morning, particularly in the settlement. There was none on the main road. These things will be discussed with DTI as well.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan noted the dangerous and slippery conditions back the Turgeon Road (gravel section where residents live) and as well there is an area washed out there already.

CAO, Lee said he connected with the resident.

CAO, Lee noted he is still not familiar with how the process with DTI will go regarding Route #134, he will need to find out the process. In the correspondence there is nothing about the line marking (broken or solid lines); he will have to check into this as well.

Mayor, Noel said it is worthwhile trying, particularly around the sawmill area.

Mayor, Noel perceives that the reduced speed limits (60 km per hour) will solve some of the problems.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan noted that if and when it is implemented, we will need to have police force here to enforce it.

Mayor, Noel noted the RCMP are very good to enforce, they have been very active since the school zone changes. He has seen them there a number of times and he know some people said they got tickets. If they move into the office they will be here more, that will even be a deterrent in itself.

CAO, Lee

- RCMP - Memorandum of Understanding

CAO, Lee advised RCMP has provided a MOU, specific to use of the Police Services room. We have forwarded the document to legal counsel (Andre Daigle) for legal review. He will provide feedback and a Rental Agreement for the space, in conjunction with the MOU. If there are suggestions from Council on what they would like to see in this agreement, please provide a.s.a.p. so it can be provided to Mr. Daigle.

Councillor, Killoran expressed concern that a custom renovation was done without having any written commitment in place from RCMP.

Mayor, Noel said the renovation was done for the intention of having a contract police service from Bathurst or a regional police force, if that happened. However, Belledune has to get approval from the Minister to stop the service with RCMP and go with a different one. That has not been received yet. That is the reason the room was part of renovations.

Councillor, Killoran said there was a lot of risk taken on this one, he did not realize there was no agreement.

- **Hubs of Swipe Access**

CAO, Lee noted that there was a holdback from Phase 1 of the renovation project, because the one component, internet hubs, were still not completed. The software is finally available and the hardware will cost about \$5,300 to install. This will be very helpful to have this operational particular with Covid-19 for closing off accesses, when necessary. He will bring this forward to the Regular Meeting. If Council need additional information, just reach out to him.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- **Committee of Whole Meeting, January 4, 2020 - Cancel or Reschedule**

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier noted that due to holiday break it would not be possible to prepare for this meeting. Council can either cancel this meeting or reschedule. A motion would be required at the December 21, 2020 to do either one.

The directive is the meeting will be cancelled.

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

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**Tracy Culligan moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:14 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer