



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
April 6, 2021**

Electronic Live streamed on Belledune YouTube

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Absent: 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 2021/04/06-37

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes: Delete under Business - Councillor, Duivenvoorden's items and bring forward to Regular Meeting and add under Councillor, Arseneault - Jacquet River Wharf, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Councillor, Duivenvoorden declared a Conflict of Interest under the 2021 Student Subsidy Program - Application Status, as he has an application submitted.

Mayor, Noel advised Councillor, Duivenvoorden to fill in the Form and give to the Clerk.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Business

Council

Mayor, Noel

- NB Tissue & Organ Program - Proclamations

Mayor, Noel requested Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier to read each Proclamation.

Mayor, Noel Proclaimed April 7, 2021 as Green Shirt Day in Belledune.

Mayor, Noel Proclaimed April 18-24, 2021 as National Organ & Tissue Donation Week in Belledune.

Councillor, Arseneault

- Jacquet River Wharf

Councillor, Arseneault referenced discussion Council had at a previous meeting regarding wharves in Belledune where there seems to be support to try and promote and support both the Jacquet River and Armstrong wharves. There were talks about possibly setting up a committee to start talks about what we could do. He has since reached out to people who he thought would be interested. He noted that Paul Guitard has some history and he agreed to do some of the ground work to see if some of the issues were still there.

In 2016, when Council initially discussed this, there were a lot of issues, particularly at the Jacquet River wharf, property issue, land lock, etc. Paul Guitard got back in touch with Councillor, Arseneault with some updated information. In speaking with the agents, he was advised that both issues have been resolved, according to DFO agent he spoke with. That is what he understood, the issues that were there were resolved and no longer exist.

DFO has been in the process of reaching out to potential buyers. First the federal government will be approached and if they have no interest then they will approach the provincial government and if they have no interest, the municipal and First Nations will be next.

He noted that if the new Council coming in has an interest in looking at, the potential is there for a possible partnership with First Nations. That would give access to their contacts as well as expeditious financial resources. Maybe this is something the next Council would want to look at.

That is where it stands now; he wanted the public and Council to know.

Councillor, Carmichael thanked Councillor, Arseneault for looking into this. She noted her previous visit to Caraquet and taking photos of their wharf; she believed there is a file open on this. She doesn't mind going back again, if necessary. This is quite interesting and thanked Councillor, Arseneault for the information.

Councillor, Carmichael

- 2021 High School Banners

Councillor, Carmichael advised the graduation banners will be done again this year. She advised any graduates to contact Gina Card, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell or Kayla Hickey as they will need their names and photos.

Councillor, Killoran

- Legacy Grant - Finalization for Motion at Regular meeting

Mayor, Noel noted that Councillor, Killoran is absent this evening to speak on the Legacy Grant.

He instructed Council members to get in touch with CAO, Lee if they have questions or suggested changes.

Councillor, Carmichael said the policy needs to be brought forward. It will depend on the Council of the day if the money goes out. She will talk a bit more about it in two weeks before it is adopted.

CAO, Lee

- Executive Summary, CRSC Economic Development Strategic Plan

CAO, Lee discussed the plan and he advised he was involved in the initial meeting. A consultant was hired and the document has been shared with Council. He is now looking for feedback from Council on things they would like. CAO, Lee advised he would be very heavily involved, so if Council has comments, etc. please forward to him.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan asked if there was any type of road map on how this will work.

CAO, Lee responded No. If Council would like information from Consultant, they can do that. The meeting was very high-level discussion with the report focused on regional approach. Any conversation was very preliminary.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan inquired if there was any indication that smaller municipalities would be swallowed up by large ones.

CAO, Lee said he has seen the opposite of that. He referenced the provincial Green Paper from Local Government and Government Reform, seems to be trying to eliminate lot of entities they have in place. They are looking for communities that have services to expand.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted with no commitment or involvement it worries him that this would be another plan on paper that will not see the light of day. He hopes there is a strong determination to bring something into fruition.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Jacquet River School Grants - Status

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier provided the report on the Financial status of the Jacquet River School's grants from 2020. As per the financial breakdown from the School the \$10,000 grant, as of March 2021, had a balance of \$1,731.86 and the Breakfast Fund grant of \$2,500 had a balance of \$45.44.

A Copy of the Clerk/Treasurer's Report is on file.

Mayor, Noel advised to bring forward to the Regular meeting the Jacquet River School Grants for 2021.

- 2021 Student Subsidy Program - Applications Status

Councillor, Duivenvoorden vacated meeting at 7:28 P.M. - Conflict of Interest.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier presented a Report on the status of the 2021 Student Subsidy Program Applications.

The written report submitted for the agenda indicated 4 application, but an additional one was received today.

Based on the five (5) applications received, if each receive approval for one (1) student that will leave enough in the approved budget for one (1) more student position under the program.

In January 2021 there were 25 application sent out to businesses and as well there were notices in each of the monthly newsletters regarding the program. At this point, some employers are looking to hire in May so will need their approvals soon. She recommended approving the current applicants and publishing

once again in the newsletter with a deadline for applications. This would allow for a business that requested two (2) students to be considered for the additional student.

A Copy the Clerk/Treasurer's Report is on file

Council indicated that the program should proceed as presented.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden returned to meeting at 7:32 P.M.

- 2020 Annual Report - Draft

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier provided the 2nd Draft of the Annual Report and set a deadline for April 30, 2021 for Council to provide feedback. The report will be on the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May for adoption.

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

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Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer

NOTE: Due to technical issues the meeting only recorded approximately 6 minutes of the meeting.

Meeting streaming on Village of Belledune You Tube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUtyqqkD3kz2txKF0HYKAFw>