



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
August 17, 2020**

Attendees:

Joe Noel, Nick Duivenvoorden, Tracy Culligan, Paul Arseneault.

Absent:

Sandenn Killoran, Lilliane Carmichael.

Staff: Landon Lee

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

ADOPT AGENDA

M 2020/08/17-110

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes; Deputy Mayor Tracy Culligan- add item on behalf of Lilliane Carmichael, establishing dates to start the budget process. Councillor Paul Arseneault- add items: 1) Petit-Rocher Arena Closure, 2) Update on the proposed Dog Park in Jacquet River, 3) Discussion around what the temporary work happening at Glencore could mean for tax revenue, 4) Acknowledgement for teachers and students heading back to school, 5) Acknowledgement for Acadian Day, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

Moment of Reflection Nil

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M 2020/08/17-111

Tracy Culligan moved that the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

Did not receive the minutes of the Committee of Whole Meeting July 13, 2020 prior to the Agenda being prepared.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Nick Duivenvoorden requested a follow up on a report specific to the Maritime Iron project, and its potential challenges. Mayor Noel indicated there was a report created and had been sent to the province, Mayor Noel had spoken to Denis Caron who indicated they had not heard back from the Province on the report. Deputy Mayor Culligan requested a follow up on work being done by Donald Arseneault, who was previously hired as a consultant by the municipality. CAO Lee indicated a follow up report was requested, but there had been no reply to date. CAO Lee to circle back to Mr. Arseneault.

PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DELEGATIONS Nil

STATEMENTS BY MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Addition: COUNCILLOR, ARSENAULT

- Petit-Rocher Arena Closure

Paul Arseneault indicated that the Petit-Rocher arena is closing due to renovations. Paul indicated this could be an opportunity for the arena in Belledune to capitalize on rentals. CAO Lee indicated the municipality has already begun the process of reaching out to both minor hockey associations and gentleman's leagues currently renting in Petit-Rocher. Currently there is one recurring weekly rental from Petit-Rocher that will use the Belledune facility for 2020-2021. Paul Arseneault also suggested that Belledune consider a reduced rate with some renters to encourage them to stay. Nick Duivenvoorden asked about COVID measures taking place at the arena, specific to social distancing in changerooms, etc. CAO Lee indicated the arena would require an Operational Plan to be in place before opening to the public, and all social distancing perimeters would be detailed in the Operational Plan.

- Update on proposed Dog Park in Jacquet River

Paul Arseneault wanted to provide an update on a proposal he had brought to Council previously, around building a dog park in the community. Paul had reached out Marina Guitard, who helped organize the dog park in Darlington. Paul would like to put a committee together, similar to Dalhousie, to work on a proposal for Council on building a dog park. Paul is encouraging residents to reach out to him if they would like to be included on this committee.

- Discussion around what the temporary work happening at Glencore could mean for tax revenue
Paul Arseneault would like discussion on what financial implications there could be with Glencore potentially re-starting their operations in a temporary capacity. Mayor Noel indicated that this would need to be researched further, however he would expect that the Province would assess accordingly.

- Acknowledgement for teachers and students heading back to school

Paul Arseneault wanted to acknowledge the summer students working in the municipality. He also wanted to acknowledge all the students heading back to school this year, and indicated that the return to school in September would be an interesting process. As such, he has reached out to Jacquet River school principal Trevor Glazier and encouraged him to reach out to the municipality if there was anything the school felt they might require help with.

- Acknowledgement for Acadian Day.

Paul Arseneault wanted to acknowledge the history and tradition of the Acadian population. There is a strong Acadian contingent in Belledune, and Paul wanted to wish them a happy Acadian Day.

Addition: DEPUTY MAYOR, CULLIGAN

- Establishing dates to start the budget process

On behalf of Lilliane Carmichael who is travelling out of the Province, Deputy Mayor Culligan would like to establish the starting dates for the annual budget process. Lilliane is suggesting a video session on September 8, and an in-person meeting on September 15. Nick Duivenvoorden indicated that there has been some previous conversation about what format of budget would be used this year. Paul Arseneault asked how the budget would be determined if we did not know how much impact there would be with business closures before that time. Mayor Noel indicated that there are still some

components of the budget that could be worked on regardless of how much revenue would be lost, however his reports are suggesting a shortfall of \$308,000 for the next budget cycle. Nick Duivenvoorden indicated a September 8 meeting would be a scheduling conflict with the Committee of Whole meeting. Deputy Mayor Culligan suggested the budget meeting could take place immediately following the COW.

M 2020/08/20-117

Tracy Culligan moved that a video-conferencing budget meeting take place Tuesday, September 8, 2020, immediately following the schedule Committee of Whole Meeting. A second, in-person meeting, take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

CAO, Lee

- Grant Report and Recommendation Copy of Grant Status August 2020
Residential Grant Application - 2 grant applications

M 2020/08/20-112

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's recommendation and approve the following grants: Pauline O'Brien in the amount of \$1,087.50 and Emilie Legacy in the amount of \$1,415.00, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

- Council Chamber A/V Upgrade

Attached is a quote from Ivan's A/V for upgrades to Council chambers. This would allow for the required components and programming to add remote attendance to Council chambers. We can then be able to integrate any PC based video conferencing application (using the existing PC in the rack) to allow Councillors to remotely attend a meeting. Persons in the Council chambers will be able to hear and see remote attendees and vice versa.

CAO Lee indicated during that during the design of the current municipal building, the Municipalities Act did not allow for members of Council to be able to access Council meetings remotely. In the subsequent Act, this remote access was permissible. As such, the Council chamber A/V design would need to be retrofitted to allow for remote access.

M 2020/08/20-113

Tracy Culligan moved that Belledune Council approve the cost of upgrades to the Council chambers for the required components and programming to add remote attendance to the Council chambers as per the quote from Ivan's A/V for the cost of \$10,932.50, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED. (2 yeas, Councillors, Culligan & Duivenvoorden, 1 nay Councillor, Arseneault)

Deputy Mayor Culligan asked for a summary of what the system fit up would provide. CAO Lee indicated the system would allow for Councillors who could not attend meetings to either video-conference in, or to dial in. CAO Lee referenced the description provided by Ivan's A/V. Nick Duivenvoorden suggest that from time to time, Councillors may miss meetings, for good reasons. Mayor Noel indicated that his understanding was that the option for a Councillor to access a meeting

remotely needed to be accommodated by the municipality. CAO Lee indicated Ivan's A/V was the designer of the current system, however other service providers could be engaged for pricing. Tracy Culligan indicated she would be in favour of asking other companies for pricing.

- SG190409-2 Belledune Audio and Video Conferencing Add-On in Council Chambers rev 2 (003) Phase 2 CCO - The attached CCO is the final CCO for Phase 2. The total amount of the CCO is \$940.30. Outside of this payment, we will only have the Phase 2 holdback, which is \$8,550.00 but was included in the original pricing. The holdback is not an additional cost.

CAO Lee reiterated this is the last CCO for Phase 2 construction, and there is an industry holdback that is not an additional cost, but will also need to be released. There is another invoice concerning A/V equipment installation that would be billed separately, specific to work done in the café.

M 2020/08/20-114

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Belledune Council approve payment to GeniBuild for the final CCO for Phase 2 in the total of \$940.30 CCO Door Stops Sloped Floor Modified Door Prix (003), seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED. (2 yeas, Councillors, Culligan & Duivenvoorden, 1 nay Councillor, Arseneault)

Paul Arseneault stated that he would like to see an independent audit done on the complete building construction finances, and as such he would not vote for this payment, although he does recognize the necessity in paying it out. Nick Duivenvoorden indicated that the bills need to be paid, and felt comfortable in the CAO reports that recommend payments be made. Paul Arseneault agreed, and suggest Phase 2 construction works have developed well, however his concern is with the building construction in its entirety.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Financial Reports

The July & August, 2020 Reports will be combined and presented at September 2020 Regular Meeting

BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

Nil

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Request - Community Events Committee

M 2020/08/17-115

Tracy Culligan moved that Council approve a budget of \$2,000 for two events for the community and shirts for the committee, August 23, 2020 Community Bar-b-q and music behind the Recreation Centre and September 6, 2020 Drive through Breakfast at the Recreation Centre, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Chaleur Regional Service Commission – Mandate Renewal Representing the RPAC
 - Resignation of Elizabeth Lanteigne
- Restigouche SPCA Monthly Report – July 2020
- DTI, Municipal Designated Highway Program 2021-2025

CLOSED SESSION Nil

ADJOURNMENT

M 2020/08/17-116

**Tracy Culligan moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:49 P.M., seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor

Acting Clerk

Clerk/Treasurer

