



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
January 9, 2023**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers, 2471 Main St.
Present: Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Lillian Carmichael
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Absent: Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer – Brenda Cormier
Assistant Clerk – Nicole Carrier

Mayor, Arseneault called the meeting to order.

Mayor Arseneault read the Acknowledgement of “Treaties of Peace and Friendship”.

Council reaffirmed the Oath of Office.

ADOPT AGENDA

M 2023/01/09-01

Lillian Carmichael moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil

PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

BUSINESS:

COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR, CARMICHAEL

Establishing a Youth Program

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell wants to establish a Youth Program for the Village of Belledune, she is working with the Recreation and Wellness Coordinator, Darrell Culligan to seek out information and possible provincial funding for creating a much-needed environment for our youth. She would like to get involvement of the residents, families, and youth in the area, to evaluate what they would like to happen in the area. There will be a public meeting in February for everyone to attend. She mentioned that because the Fire Department, Station #2, only use their place once a week, that would be a good place for the youth centre.

Councillor, Carrier said that this was worth exploring, she will attend the public meeting.

Councillor, Carmichael said she will attend the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said that the program that would be established should also include when the youth are out of school, summer time, after 4:00 P.M., etc.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said that there would need to be more discussion as they move forward. She said that this will be one of her priorities in 2023.

Councillor, Carrier said that there is a need for addition services in this area, maybe they could get someone once a week, they would need volunteers; they need to get people to these facilities, if they do not have transportation.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said there is an Addiction Services Program in Campbellton; there are so many issues in our village with our youth.

Councillor, Carrier said she has a business card to give Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque asked what age group would they be targeting for this program.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said between 12 – 17 years of age.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he has no issue with discussing a youth program, he mentioned that at the last election there were less than 100 people under the voting age. They should get some concrete numbers in regards to how many youths there is between 12-17.

The Process that Council will be using to hire a permanent, full time CAO

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said that Council has to move on this issue right away. They must get a strategic plan in place. Therefore, hiring a CAO is #1 on her agenda.

Councillor, Carrier said that Clerk/Treasure, Cormier and Assistant Clerk, Carrier have access to various places where they can advertise for the CAO position.

Councillor, Carmichael said that Council has to move forward and get a permanent CAO in place, put them on a 6-month trial basis. We need to get the right fit for the job.

Councillor, Carrier said that they must review the CAO job description and By-law. They need to meet and review these as soon as possible.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said that she is sending a clear message that for 2023 they need to hire a full time CAO, and put a strategic plan in place. We need move in the right direction.

ADMINISTRATION

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

Request from J. & M. McInnis – Drainage problem at #33 Curry Drive

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier provided Council the letter of request from the property owner, and also provided additional information as to work that was previously done by the Village in that area in 2005.

Councillor, Carrier said she went down to have a look at the pipe that is on the road, she said the pipe is coming out through the pavement.

Councillor, Carmichael said there was leakage to the bay around this area. Not sure what the problem is.

Councillor, Carrier said that the pipe is raising up along the road.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he would like to shed a little light on this issue. Council at the time, did some work to help the resident next to this house with some flooding issues. There is no individual in the village that will be able to afford to repair any flooding issues they have. It is simple, Council will have to deal with each situation one at a time. Council is here to help people with drainage issue, they have to evaluate the site. He did go have a look at the site; there is a pipe protruding from the ground. He feels someone could get hurt, or the plow could break it. Flooding is not fun; they have to deal with these issues one at a time; this one needs to be dealt with right away.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier asked what directive Deputy Mayor, Bourque was giving.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he has no problem adding this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier asked he wanted to get engineering to look into the issue.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said that should be the first step.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier asked which engineering firm? Roy Consultants had done the previous work in 2005.

Councillor, Carmichael said there is nothing in the budget to do this work.

Councillor, Carrier said that the pipe is on our property, if Roy Consultants had done the previous work, then they should come back and address this issue.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier explained that the job that Roy Consultants did was at Mrs. Guitard's place; this is not the same issue.

Councillor, Carrier said that our ditch water is flowing from the opposite side of the road, it must not be flowing properly and causing the pipe to protrude through the pavement.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque mentioned that the Sawmill had clear cut all the trees, this increased the waterflow in that area. There is no vegetation left.

Councillor, Carrier said that there should be trees planted on the stripe of land that the village owns down.

Proposal regarding Letter of Notice of Contravention, Unsightly premises, PID #50357839

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier asked Council what their decision was; if they agreed to what the owner asked for in the letter.

Councillor, Carrier had no issue with it.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she was glad to see their commitment in getting this done.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said this home owner should be commented for getting this resolved in the spring.

Councillor Carrier mentioned that maybe not all the home owners are in the same financial situation, and cannot afford to fix up their house.

Councillor, McDonnell-Guitard asked what is the next step; what will happen in the spring.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier said that the CRSC – Planning Division will walk them through the process. She will check with them to see what the next step will be.

Councillor, Carmichael said it's safe to say nothing will be touched before May.

Recreation & Wellness – Darrell Culligan

Yearly Report

Mr. Culligan read his report that was provided to Council.

Councillor, Carrier asked what the status was on the salmon to be placed on the road.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell asked if they needed permission to put the salmon on the road.

Councillor, Carrier said that Chris Kingston was supposed to have looked into it.

Mr. Culligan said that Chris told him that there was no problem for them to paint the salmon on the road.

Councillor, Carmichael thanked Mr. Culligan for the great report.

Councillor, Carrier mentioned that in Dalhousie there is an activity where they are drumming on an exercise ball. Mr. Culligan asked her to get some information.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque asked what was the thing about the salmon on the road.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell mentioned that they got a stencil on a salmon made to paint on the road.

Councillor, Carrier said that she wanted to paint a salmon on the road from both the Point Verte border and Nash Creek border to the salmon barrier, to direct people to the salmon barrier.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque asked who was paying for this.

Councillor, Carrier said she went through CAO Kingston.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque brought up about the return of Mark Arseneault's gentlemen's hockey tournament and the tremendous asset it is to the community. It's a very positive thing for the community and brings in many people through out the week. This year the date is March 27 to April 2. He is glad it is back.

Councillor, Carrier said she was at a hockey game in Dalhousie, they had an open bar, they were selling popcorn, etc. She would like to see that type of thing happen here at our arena. If there was an open bar maybe more people would attend games and put in events.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque mentioned that he and his wife have been doing the bar during Mark's tournament for many years. They get the proper licensing, and volunteer the whole week during the tournament. They donate the profit to local charities.

Councillor, Carrier said that the proceeds in Dalhousie goes back into the arena. This could set us apart from other arenas, if we advertise a bar and the rental hours, maybe more people would come and hang out.

CLOSED SESSION

6:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Legal

ADJOURNMENT

M 2023/01/09-02

Liliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor

Assistant Clerk