



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
December 20, 2021**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Present: Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Absent: Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Staff Present: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier
Administrative Assistant, Nicole Carrier
Staff Absent: Interim, CAO, Scott Ferguson

Call to Order & Welcome

- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"

Mayor, Arseneault called the meeting to Order and commenced the meeting with the Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"

- Reaffirm Oath of Office

Council reaffirmed their Oath of Office.

- Moment of Reflection

Mayor, Arseneault called for a moment of silence in memory of: Gordon Russell, Jessie Devereaux & Sheila Hickey of Belledune, John (Jack) Fraser formerly of Belledune and a former Village of Jacquet River Council Member and Adelard Godin of Lorne and Eugene Moore and Hazel Moore of New Mills

Adopt Agenda

M 2021/12/20-219

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque inquired with the CAO absent, who will bring forward his agenda items and recommendations.

It was clarified that any member of Council can bring these forward.

Statements of Conflict-of-Interest Nil

Adoption of Minutes

M 2021/12/20-220

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meeting November 1, 2021, November 9, 2021, November 15, 2021, the Special Meeting of November 19, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2021 be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Robinson inquired why the Antique Plus item is not on the agenda. As per the November 22, 2021 meeting there was a meeting scheduled for December 21st to adopt those amendments. What is the status of that application?

Mayor, Arseneault he will ask CAO Ferguson to send out an e-mail to all of Council to let them know what has happened since November 22, 2021.

Councillor, Robinson said she does not know why it is not on the agenda and Mr. Surette is waiting for the meeting of December 21, 2021.

Mayor, Arseneault said he spoke with CAO, Ferguson and he explained why it was not on the agenda, but he would prefer to have CAO, Ferguson state this.

Councillor, Robinson stated there is no other option.

Councillor, Carmichael asked if it was possible to do the second reading this evening?

Mayor, Arseneault inquired if there were any objections to doing second reading.

Councillor, Robinson said she is o.k. with that.

Councillor, Carmichael said Councillor, Robinson could add it to her agenda items.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque inquired about the motion to send letter to Restigouche SPCA. He does not see it in the correspondence.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Statements by Member of Council

Deputy Mayor, Bourque

Monthly Council Information Report

M 2021/12/20-221

Ron Bourque moved that Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque prepare a monthly information report for the messenger on the direction of Council activities, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, Adams Robinson

Engineering Consultants or Firm- Fees/Fee Structures

Councillor, Robinson said she has spoke about this several times to find other firms other than relying on Roy Consultants exclusively.

M 2021/12/20-222

Cynthia Robinson moved that Council request staff to contact engineers in the province to request their fee/fee structures, seconded by Ron Bourque. MOTION CARRIED.

Antiques Plus

Councillor, Robinson referred to the resolution of November 22, 2021 meeting and request of CRSC Planning. We are still looking for a report from them and there is no report. We are waiting to do first and second reading.

Mayor, Arseneault said that without getting CAO, Ferguson's input on this, he does not want to go ahead and then have to go back. He will ask CAO, Ferguson tomorrow to expediate this. This is the best he can he and Council can do. He inquired if Council had anything else to add and he asked Councillor, Robinson if she sees any other options.

Councillor, Robinson said she does not know where it is without CAO, Ferguson here. This is going no where fast.

Mayor, Arseneault said he will get an e-mail out to see there CAO, Ferguson wants to go with this.

Administration Reports

CAO, Ferguson

Social & Environmental Grant Report and Recommendation

M 2021/12/20-223

Ron Bourque moved that the Social and Environmental CAO Grant Report of December 2021 be accepted as presented and the following recommendations approved: purchase a TV from Walmart for the amount of \$556.60 for the Bell View Seniors Home and \$1,250 for Arnold Guitard for grooming trails, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Economic Development Residential Grant

M 2021/12/20-224

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that in accordance with the Village of Belledune Economic Development By-law # ED-01-2019 and the Residential Grant Policy, Council approves the following grants: \$2,262.50 to David Watson and \$1,470.00 to Christopher Rose, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said applications were received on November 29th and 30th, under the deadline for the abolishment of the Policy on December 1, 2021. These grants went over budget this year. The good news is that money will be transferred to our Budget for Capital expenditures. The policy has served its purpose and it is time to move on.

Request from Circle of Friends - Chair Lift

M 2021/12/20-225

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that Belledune Council approve a budget of up to \$18,000 for the installation of a Chair Lift at #3963 Main St., west end stairwell, as a renovation to the building, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael.

Councillor, Carmichael said she was concerned about the building needing a lot of work. She thinks the lift chair is a great idea and supports it, but she does not know if this is the best place to put it. Would there be a better place for them?

Councillor, Robinson said she agrees the Recreation Centre is under utilized and completely accessible. Does it require a specific space? Perhaps CAO, Ferguson could touch base to see what their needs are, just tables and chairs or other things.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she has spoke with Niki, and they did look at other buildings, including the Recreation Centre. They are not interested in being put in a basement. They do pay rent now. They have a setup that is magnificent. It is a bonus for our community. She was not sure if we were going to put money forward or help with fundraising. She does support this.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said the building is getting older. Council needs to make a decision; repairs or what does the future hold for this building. In past discussion, there were talks about one building for the Fire Dept. The general concerns were some vehicles are here and some are up there. Council needs to make up their mind, repair this building or not. He agrees with Councillor, Guitard- McDonnell support for the group.

Mayor, Arseneault said he will step down from the chair. He did take a look at the Recreation Centre.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she is not in favour. They are in a prime location and service is needed. Is there any other building?

Mayor, Arseneault said they can still vote on the motion. He can ask CAO, Ferguson to look at and see if there is another space. He will have CAO, Ferguson speak with them and advise them of costly renovation and inquire if there would be any other building that would meet their needs.

Councillor, Robinson suggested tabling the motion.

M 2021/12/20-225B

Lilliane Carmichael moved that motion # M 2021/12/20-225 be tabled to next month pending CAO, Ferguson discussion with Circle of Friends, seconded by Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor, Arseneault noted the service is a good one.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said the location is central; if moved this way it could be a deterrent

Splash Pad – CAO Note on Agenda

Explanation: As per our discussion with Hon. Serge Cormier, a \$40,000 commitment for a \$210,000 project does not put us in the loop to get the Federal Community grant. It must be increased to one-third of the cost and this still does not guarantee us the funding, yet would give us a better chance.

M 2021/12/20-226

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Belledune Council commit a 1/3 share for Splash Pad up to the amount of \$75,000 pending approval of funding of 1/3 from ACOA and 1/3 from RDC, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

Financial Reports

M 2021/12/20-227

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented and the Accounts Payable be paid, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque inquired about the Acct. Receivable for AJN for rental and how many months not paid.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised about five months.

Municipal Capital Borrowing Board - Outstanding Authorization to Borrow \$300,000

M 2021/12/20-228

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Council authorize the removal of the outstanding borrowing authority of \$300,000 for MO 17-0051 and the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board be instructed that it be Voided, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

2021 Financial Year-End Projections

M 2021/12/20-229

Lilliane Carmichael moved that \$385,000 be transferred from 2021 General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

M 2021/12/20-230

Lilliane Carmichael moved that \$23,000 be transferred from the 2021 Utility Operating Fund to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Ron Bourque. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque noted that calculating these transfer amounts are hard to come by and takes a lot of work by the Clerk/Treasurer. He appreciates the work done and as well the time frame it was completed in. Thank you for the time and efficiency.

By-laws and Policies

Amendment to the zoning provisions of the rural plan for:

- the property bearing PID 50227966 on Culligan Road
- the property bearing PID 20445805 on Dempsey Road

M 2021/12/20-231

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Council approve the following Resolution regarding zoning provisions for the Rural Plan for the property bearing PID 50227966 on Culligan Road and the property bearing PID 2044805 on Dempsey Road, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTON

WHEREAS the council has received a request to modify the rural plan from Mr. and Mrs. Legacy and that the request is intended to allow the development of a recreational vehicle and an accessory building within a residential type 2 zone;

WHEREAS the council has received a request to modify the rural plan from T. S Hachey and Sons Ltd. and that the request is to allow the operation of a new quarry;

WHEREAS subsection 111(1) of the said act prescribes the publication of public notices relating to the adoption of such an amendment to the by-law;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) The municipal clerk, in the name of the council, shall give public notice in accordance with the requirements of subsections 111(4) of the Community Planning Act and within the time prescribe in subsection 111(1).**
- b) Consideration of objections to the by-law will be scheduled on January 17, 2022 in the townhall chamber of Belledune, NB at 7:00 PM**
- c) Objections to the proposed by-law may be submitted to the council within fourteen (14) days of the date of the public hearing by forwarding them to the office of the municipal clerk.**

Motions and Resolutions

Toromont Cat - Engine Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement

M 2021/12/20-232

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Belledune Council accepts the Industrial/E.P.G. Engine Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement (1 Year) with Toromont Cat for the Generator, at #2330 Main St., for the amount of \$2,525(plus HST), and the Mayor and Clerk sign, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

General Correspondence

- Restigouche SPCA - Report November 2021

Deputy Mayor, Bourque noted he looked at the report and it shows all zeros, no calls. He knows for a fact that there were calls. The report is not coinciding with the complaints. This is all the more reason to have the letter sent. This report just adds fuel to the fire.

Mayor, Arseneault noted that last term Council received a few complaints. The SPCA has a difficult job to do. He stated that a member of the SPCA said the Village By-law has not been updated since 1997. He will have the CAO reach out, mention the concerns and to see if their reports are in sync with reports received. We need to bridge the gap. This is an important service we pay for and we should get the service we pay for. He will have discussion with CAO, Ferguson.

Atlantic Railway - Track Inspection Report - November 2021

Belledune Library Reports - November 2021

CRSC - Building Permit Report - November 2021

CRSC, Solid Waste Management - Tipping Fees

Ron Bourque, Crime Stoppers Report

Min. Holder - Minimum Wage Increase

Closed Session Nil

Mayor, Arseneault, Councillor, Carmichael and Deputy Mayor, Bourque took the opportunity to extend Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to citizens, Council members, staff and administration.

Adjournment

M 2021/12/20-233

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:49 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer