



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
March 6, 2023**

Time: 7:15 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Present: Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Staff Present: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier
Administrative Assistant, Nicole Carrier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor Arseneault called meeting to order and welcomed public.

- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"

Mayor, Arseneault read the Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship".

- Reaffirm Oath of Office

Council reaffirmed the Oath of Office

Adopt Agenda

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

Statements of Conflict-of-Interest Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Alan Madden - Jacquet River Salmon Barrier - Digging a shallow well

Mr. Madden gave a history of who he is in relation to his former employment and his current interest in the Jacquet River Salmon Barrier. He gave a history on the various similar projects throughout the province and his experience with working on the Jacquet river. He referenced global warming and the evidence on the river, lower water levels and warmer waters. Jacquet River Salmon Barrier **is** the only one privately funded one in the province. His request to Council is to look at the feasibility of digging a

well to provide some cold water to the operation, which is necessary to maintain a cooler water temperature for the salmon.

Councillor, Bourque discussed his experience on the river and how it has changed over the years in depth. He noted the funds that the Village provided to keep this operating each – probably around \$2.5 to \$3 million spent. He noted Mr. Madden’s concerns are justified and this request should be looked at.

Business

Council

Councillor, Carmichael

- Fire/EMO Meeting - Reschedule to 3rd week in April

Councillor, Carmichael asked to have the Fire/EMO rescheduled because she will be away.

- Deputy Mayor selection - Change By-law (Section C. 2. 2.)

Councillor, Carmichael suggested that who ever on Council is interested in serving as Deputy Mayor can put their name forward and then the balance of this term in office would be divided equally.

- Per Diem - Discussion (Section 5 - PER DIEM)

Councillor, Carmichael normally per diem is not paid for in the area. She has no issue staying that way. It was brought up as a request to get per diem even if attending meeting is surrounding Villages.

Councillor, Bourque referenced his attending the meeting Most Beautiful Bays in the World in Charlo. The meeting was from 6:00 to 10:00. He understands about attending meetings within the Village not being paid but in this case he is very comfortable submitting the request for per diem. If this was a meeting in Miramichi for instance, there would probably be no problem paying per diem. He is asking Council to clarify – pay or not pay.

Councillor, Robinson said she does not remember Council getting a request for this meeting. In September 2022 Council did not support the Most Beautiful Bays in the World. You did not have permission of Council to do so and so your time your dime.

Councillor, Carrier thought it was based on mileage over 30 km outside the Village.

Councillor, Carmichael said she feels it is an important meeting and has no issue with paying per diem. Where does this fall what do we get and don’t get for per diem.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell noted she attended meeting in Beresford on her own because she takes pride in her positions. She is not looking for a dime. If there are request locally, Council should not be looking for per diem for that.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

- Recreation Centre for Youth Program

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell she is looking for input on the youth program and the use of the lower part of the Recreation Centre – 2 rooms to set up for youth. Darrell Culligan applied for funding to get

the program up and running. We are looking for interested youth and adults to help. We need to engage the youth.

Councillor, Carmichael said she has no problem with the use of the facility. She asked about a counsellor and salaries. People would not want to come for free. Where would payment for counselor come from.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she is looking to get youth engaged in something in the Village. Doing things like cooking, gathering, crafts, etc. She is just looking at getting something started.

Councillor, Carrier inquired if any other users were using the rooms and how many youths?

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said the target age group is 12-17 and she want to work around what they are interested are. She wants to involve them in the planning. She will be looking to the community to donate furniture, etc., any thing to help them get set up.

Councillor, Carrier recommended to get some guidance and input through the school.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said the school – students would be a good connection. She will have a motion for the next meeting to use the bottom part of the Recreation Centre for program.

Councillor, Carrier said she cannot see if a motion is required.

Councillor, Bourque agrees it don't need a motion but he suggests having one as it solidifies that Council agrees to move forward with the project.

- Setting up EMO Committee -How to move forward with it

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell referenced the meeting with Scott Poupart where it was noted we should have committee in place a.s.a.p. and include the companies in the planning process. She asked Assistant Clerk, Carrier how to go about this.

Nicole Carrier said she was on the committee when it first formed and afterward. She said this is something the new CAO should look into and set up. There needs to be a plan and the committee cannot just be open; it needs to have everyone on the committee trained. She advised that it is Council initiative to get the plan going but it is not for them to prepare the plan.

Councillor, Robinson noted that Mayor Arseneault and Councillor Carmichael were appointed to EMO Standing Committee in October 2021. The Standing Committee is still in place and this is stuff they should be working on.

Mayor, Arseneault noted that Nicole Carrier has a good idea regarding the CAO.

Councillor, Robinson noted there is a Standing Committee in place, either people are stepping down or we are appointing a new committee. How do you plan on following through on that.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she feels we have not followed through with anything on this committee. We need something in place because none of us are aware on any plans. Whether we have a new committee or something else we need to move on it.

Councillor, Carrier noted that after being voted in we had no Orientation. We had other sessions, but not an Orientation. Maybe now that CAO, Lee is coming back he could provide Council with this.

- Update the plan for Salmon Barrier & Jacquet River Park

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said Darrell Culligan, Councillor Carmichael, Jo-Anne Hache and herself met to discuss improvement to the Barrier and Park. The vending machines for the Barrier was mention and Darrell Culligan will check with the vending company that supplies the ones at the arena. The discussion regarding a wooden sculpture of a salmon for the Barrier was also discussed. It was talked about in the past and the cost roughly \$500, has now doubled. They discussed getting a sponsor, such as Glencore. There was discussion regarding expanding the souvenirs for sale at the Barrier and Park that is more evident of the Village of Belledune. The Barrier pamphlets were reviewed and are very old. The Park discussion was again the issue of fire pits for each site. Bringing back the music and setting it up at the Park -Bandstand/Gazebo was another topic of discussion. We need to boost tourism.

Councillor, Carmichael said with the ATVers there will be a lot more people. WE need to do something. Move forward. Make our Village known.

Administration

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Glencore Donation -Equipment for Fire Dept.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised that Council received the information and the list of equipment before by e-mail. She has checked with other municipalities to see how they receive donation of this type and as well there is a report from Deputy Chief, Guitard regarding what they would be using the equipment for and the anticipated cost associated with accepting these items. If Council is acceptable, it would be added to the March 20, 2023 meeting for acceptance by Motion, which is the way most municipalities accept donations of this sort.

Directive: Add to the March 20, 2023 meeting for Motion.

- Defi Nepisiquit Challenge 2023- Ryan Wilbur
 - Request for Point of Contact for the municipality

Landon Lee, CAO would be the point of contact, but Darrell Culligan can fill that until the CAO arrives.

Rec. & Wellness Coordinator, Culligan

- East Coast Ice - Arena Request

Council consensus was that to deny the request. The arena is not able to handle operation in the warmer weather, it is too hard on the equipment.

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

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Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer