

**Village of Belledune
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2016**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Municipal Chambers
Present: Mayor, Ronald Bourque
Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Heather Frenette
Councillor, Mario Lapointe
Councillor, Gary Mazerolle
Absent: Councillor, Jerry Guitard
CAO. David Hughes (**Absent**)
Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Mayor, Bourque called the meeting to order and welcome public.

Mayor, Bourque requested a moment of silence in memory of Brenda Carrier, former Librarian (Belledune library), cousin of Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan and Martina Carrier of Lorne and Donald Bernard formerly of Benjamin

Mayor, Bourque acknowledged Mark Guitard with 5 Year Service certificate and a token gift of appreciation.

Council reaffirmed their Oath of Office.

Agenda

M 2016/01/18-002

Mario Lapointe moved that the Agenda be adopted as Amended, with deletion of Motion # M 2016/01/18-011, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

GBCC & Election NB – Lunch & Learn – Public awareness was cancelled.

Statements of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Minutes:

M 2016/01/18-003

Gary Mazerolle moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole meeting December 14, 2015, Regular meeting of December 23, 2015, be adopted as presented, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Presentations / Petitions/ Delegations: Nil

Council Statements:

Mayor, Bourque

Mayor's Report

M 2016/01/18-004

Gary Mazerolle moved that the Mayor's Report be accepted and approved for posting to Belledune website, seconded by Tracy Culligan. Motion carried.

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Councillor, Frenette asked Mayor Bourque why he is referring in his report to the RCMP Musical Ride being hosted by Belledune. Yet, when she asked about who made the decision on where the money was to be distributed to (Legion & Crime Stoppers) she was told it was not the municipality hosting.

Mayor, Bourque advised that what he means in his report about Belledune hosting he is referring to the use of Belledune facilities, Arena and Recreation Centre.

Mayor's Message to Belledune Residents – Copy of file

Recent events on a personal matter within my family have had a negative effect on our community. As your elected Mayor, I never intended my remark to become in any way a reflection on Belledune. In hindsight, I do believe I should not have stated I was the “Mayor of Belledune” however none of my remarks were said with any intentions of any kind. I have represented our community with pride and professionalism and I do believe that the biggest error is the one that goes uncorrected. I will consider this matter closed and I do appreciate your consideration on moving forward.

Proclamation – Heritage Week 2016

Mayor, Bourque proclaimed February 8-15, 2016 as Heritage Week and February 15, 2016 as Heritage Day in Belledune.

Deputy Mayor, Culligan reported on meetings attended. She received a few call regarding winter maintenance on Route #134 and how awful it was. She also noted the arena canteen is open again and urged everyone to support Marilyn and her daughter; the food is great. A copy of her report is on file.

Councillor, Frenette reported on meetings attended and missed. She noted the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be underway again this season. She, Brenda and Nicole will be doing again. A flyer will be going out advertising the clinic dates.

Councillor, Lapointe reported on meetings attended in December and January including the Chaleur Regional Service Commission – Recreation Development Committee. A study is being developed between now and the end of March on regional recreation infrastructure, both public and private.

Councillor, Mazerolle reported on meeting attended and missed from November 16 to now. A copy of his report is on file.

Administration Reports

Acting CAO, Clerk Treasurer, Cormier

Financial Report – General Funds and Utility Funds

M 2016/01/18-005

Heather Frenette moved that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented and the Accounts Payable be paid, seconded by Tracy Culligan. Motion carried.

Ultra-Alarm Services – Annual Preventative Maintenance Agreement

M 2016/01/18-006

Gary Mazerolle moved that the Ultra Alarm Preventive Maintenance Agreement for Fire Alarm System for the amount of \$1,080 (plus HST) for the term from April 8, 2016 to April 7, 2017 be accepted and endorsed as presented, seconded by Mario Lapointe. Motion carried.

Club Allaooleg Baie des Chaleur Inc. – Membership 2016

M 2016/01/18-007

Mario Lapointe moved that Council approve 2016 membership for Club Allaooleg Baie des Chaleur Inc. for the 2016 membership fee of \$500, seconded by Gary Mazerolle. Motion carried.

#3442 Main Street Drainage Update & Contractor expense for supplies purchased

The drainage work will not be done until the spring of 2016 due to the fact that the homeowner could not do field tile work around their basement because of the time of year. However, due to no fault of his own; Mr. Woodcox of Woodcox Trucking the company given the work and go ahead some time ago; purchased the necessary piping and other supplies for the job. He has now incurred an expense for the job that will not see any revenue until completed.

The question is: Can the Village reimburse now for the cost of the supplies purchase and the balance of the payment for installation after the job is completed in the spring?

You may also wonder if something happens that the job is not completed and we pay for the supplies, the supplies would then become the property of the Village of Belledune and could be stored here for a future job somewhere else.

Councillor, Lapointe noted he was asked by Mr. Dempsey if the Village would consider doing their scope of work now because he is having issues now with drainage, his sump pump is running continually and there is no place for the water to go. He has all his material to do the drain tile in the spring but does not want to install now because of weather condition and fears of basement collapsing.

Council determined that doing the work this time of year would not be possible as the elevations would be difficult to determine, etc. and as noted by Clerk/Treasurer Cormier the cost for installation may be affected because of winter conditions and the contractor would have to be asked about these costs. Council decision is to remain with the initial decision to do the Village scope of work after the homeowner install the drain tile around basement.

M 2016/01/8-016

Mario Lapointe moved that Woodcox Trucking be reimbursed for material purchased for the drainage job at #3442 Main Street with the balance of the tender being paid after completion of the installation in the spring and with the understanding that if for some reason the work does not proceed, the material will be owned by the Village of Belledune, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

By-laws and Policies:

By-Law # 2000 -09, Garbage Collection & Waste Disposal in the Village of Belledune

- Amendment 2016-01, First & Second Reading

M 2016/01/18-008

Tracy Culligan moved that by law # 2016-01 a By-law to amend By-law #2000-09, A By-law regulating Garbage Collection & Solid Waste Disposal in the Village of Belledune be read a first time in its entirety and a second time by title, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions:

Northern Light and l'Etoile Chaleur – Advertisement Bathurst 50th Anniversary

M 2016/01/18-009

Heather Frenette moved that as discussed at Committee of Whole meeting on January 11, 2016 and agreed to by consensus of Council, Belledune will place 2x3 congratulatory message in the Northern Light and l'Etoile Chaleur for Bathurst 50th Anniversary at the cost of \$130, seconded by Mario Lapointe. Motion carried.

GBCC & Election NB – Lunch & Learn – Public awareness

M 2016/01/18-010

Culligan moved that as discussed at the Committee of Whole meeting on January 11, 2016 and agreed to by consensus of Council, Belledune send a flyer in the community with The Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce and Election NB – Lunch and Learn, seconded by Gary Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Super Village Trail Blazer Snow Mobile Club (ACOA Funding) – Council's Letter of Support

M 2016/01/18-012

Heather Frenette moved that as discussed at the Committee of Whole meeting on January 11, 2016 Belledune Council submit a letter of support to the Super Village Trail Blazer Snow Mobile Club (ACOA Funding Application), seconded by Gary Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Jacques Ouellette, Development Coordinator NBATVF

- Letter of support –Trail Access Application

M 2016/01/18-013

Tracy Culligan moved that Belledune Council issue a letter of support to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure for the ATV Association's ATV Trail Access application, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

DTI – Municipal Designated Highway Program

M 2016/01/18-014

Tracy Culligan moved that as discussed at the Committee of Whole meeting on January 11, 2016 Belledune Council submit letter, as presented, to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding the Municipal Designated Highway Program – Five Year Program Update, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

Councillor, Frenette is wondering if the best plan is to start work at the west end of the Village and move east.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier noted that the letter is not comparable to what DTI is asking for in the request for Municipal Designated Highway Program and it is more than likely that Belledune will not see any work in 2016. As noted in the discussion at the Committee of Whole meeting on January 11, 2016 – the Village has not really been provided with enough information from DTI to really be able to formulate a five year plan that will address the priority needs on this highway and to prepare the financial commitments from the Village. More information is being sought. However, it is best to send something in to acknowledge receipt of the request and to not ignore by not responding. There will be more time to prepare a proper plan during 2016, with the assistance of DTI, to commence in 2017.

Correspondence In:

Restigouche Regional Museum - Board of Directors
SCT Industrial Track Inspection Report
Promotional Coupon book 2016- Consumer Shows

Donations /Advertisements:

M 2016/01/8-015

Tracy Culligan moved that the following donation be made; \$500 to Chaleur Regional Hospital Foundation “ Northern Star Campaign” and \$200 to MS Canada and following advertisements be approved; ½ page ad in the ESN Yearbook for the cost of \$120, seconded by Heather Frenette. Motion carried.

Correspondence Continued:

Restigouche SPCA Reports - December 2015
Library Monthly Report - December 2015
CRSC, Planning Monthly Report – December 2015
Municipal Designated Highway Program
NB Liquor - pilot project/privatization of liquor sales
Village of Point Verte to TIANB President- Hotel/Motel tax
GBCC - New Program
Restigouche Kids Activities Facebook Page

Correspondence Out:

Chaleur Bay Watershed Group - Letter of support
Mark Arseneault - Re: Ice Time Rental
Super Village Trailblazers - Letter of Support

Public Comment / Question Period:

Laurie Hickey questioned and criticized Mayor Bourque on his use of Mayor’s position and position on Crime Stopper while attending court with his son, as an attempt to get special treatment and ask to have a mandatory sentence altered. He would think that during the time leading up to attending court with his son he would have had time to plan his thoughts and at the same time be aware of his oath of office. What would have been the purpose of saying you are Mayor?

Mayor, Bourque thanked Mr. Hickey for his comments and bringing the issue to the table. He has issued his apology and in hindsight acknowledges that this was an error on his part and he should not have said that.

Laure Hickey questioned Councillor, Frenette on the rules for the development of the Belledune Calendar and the fact that there is not supposed to be more than one photo per person chosen, however he sees that there are some in this year’s calendar that have two. He wonders why the rules are not being applied. He sees it as her responsible to see the rules are applied. He would like to see all the pictures that were submitted.

Councillor, Frenette noted that the committee chooses and she is but one on the committee. Mr. Hickey is more than welcome to join the committee and the pictures are available if he wishes to view them.

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Diana and Sandra Noel both noted they find the calendar is a good one.

Closed Session: Personnel

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M on a motion by Heather Frenette and seconded by Gary Mazerolle.
Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor