

**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
December 12, 2016**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Municipal Chambers
Present: Mayor, Joe Noel Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier
Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran

Mayor Noel called meeting to order and welcomed public

Agenda:

Tracy Culligan moved that the agenda be adopted with addition under Deputy Mayor, Arseneault – Gym Resignation, seconded by Lillian Carmichael. Motion carried.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Presentation, Petition, Delegation - Absent

James Mallory, Chaleur Transportation Cooperative

Business:
Council

- Councillor, Carmichael

CN Building (Via Rail)

A request was made to Nancy McKay to see if she could check into the opening of the VIA station for passengers to use getting on or off.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden inquired about the status of the station. Are they willing or offering to sell.

Mayor, Noel advised the building is done.

Councillor, Carmichael noted that even if there was a small shelter. Senior's inquired about this when she was campaigning.

DTI – Snow Removal

The services are not satisfactory. Some roads are only being opened late in the day.

Councillor, Carmichael congratulated Councillor, Culligan on the good job with the Christmas in the Village.

- Deputy Mayor, Arseneault

Gym Resignation

Danny Harvey advised that he has resigned from the operations of the Gym.

Mayor, Noel advised Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier to have the legal counsel remove his name from the Incorporation application.

- Councillor, Killoran

Wellness Activities – Cost Structure Proposal

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier prepared user statistic report to date.

Councillor, Killoran reported on the participation which is averaging from mid 20's to low 30's. He is starting to look at formulas for continuing to offer the programs; scenarios such as maybe being part of gym membership – one part gym one part fitness. We have to start looking at cost structure to at least supplement a generous amount of the costs; say 50%.

A couple of formulas will be brought forward.

Economic Development Task Force – Criteria for Open Applications

We need to gather everyone's ideas and kick around. Suggestion to have three (3) spots by application. A criterion has to be established. A mail out for January newsletter would be the ideal thing.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden noted the templated supplies by Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier from other municipalities. It could be tweaked a bit to suit Belledune's need. Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier was asked if she could prepare something for Council for adoption on at the meeting of December 19th.

Administration

- Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

CRSC Regional Tourism Office – Municipal Representative

The request was brought forward for Council consideration. It is open to appointment from member of the public, staff or public. Council will invite public to submit interest. A flyer will be prepared for Council approval on December 19th.

Council Remuneration By-law Amendments – Data on other Municipalities

Data from other municipalities for salary and per diem was presented. Decision was to forgo changes to salaries (all Councillors and Mayor agreeing) and do the adjustment to By-law for Per Diem (\$300 per day & \$150 per ½ day) in lieu of Lost Salary. Not all Council members were in agreement on the Per Diem amount; they wanted lower, more in line with other municipalities at \$150 per day. The conditions for claiming Per Diem were discussed and clarified. As well covering the cost of banquet meal for spouses will be added.

By-law Amendment will be drafted of the December 19, 2016 meeting for first and second readings.

Budget Meeting – Scheduled - December 21, 2016.

Council e-mails, Activation Support

E-mails have been established for Council, members will have to advise Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier if they need technical support to set up. She will arrange for this once she gets the information from each Council member.

Chaleur Regional Hospital Foundation, Fundraising Campaign, Request

Reminder that there is a request put forward for commitment of \$10,000 per year for 5 years; total \$50,000. Council will need to consider this and budget if they are going to approve.

All Council is in agreement about participating financially, but want to look at other purposes for the contribution, such as the Clinic. This will be discussed further.

Mayor, Noel talked about the need to have another doctor there as there is only one a couple of days a week. A letter should be submitted to Vitalite asking about this.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised that the previous Council has submitted a letter and this will be provide to the Mayor for information.

Council recessed at 8:00 P.M.

Public vacated meeting

Council reconvened at 8:09 P.M.

Closed Session: Personnel, Legal & Personal

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M on a motion by Tracy Culligan, seconded by Sandenn Killoran. Motion carried.

Clerk

Mayor