



**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
October 4, 2021**

**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Belledune Council Chambers via Electronic Live streamed on Belledune YouTube  
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  
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.

**Adopt Agenda**

**M 2021/10/04-151**

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes: under Business - Mayor, Arseneault remove Make Work Projects and defer Snow plow Money for Contractors to Deputy Mayor, Bourque and add Crosswalk, - add Deputy Mayor, Bourque – Rezoning Main St., Dangerous premises and Streetlight end of Mitchell Road, - Councillor, Carrier remove Spending Limits, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Statements of Conflict-of-Interest** Nil

**Presentations / Petitions / Delegations** Nil

**Business**

**Council**

**Mayor, Arseneault**

Mayor, Arseneault said he will be working at shortening the meetings, stream lining the discussions by being brief and to the point. Need to run more effective meetings.

- Mitchell Road/Lawlor Road Intersection - Discussion

Mayor, Arseneault said he has nothing to add to the discussion – there will be more discussion later. Everyone has traveled that road and he will leave it at that.

- Crosswalk

Mayor, Arseneault said the crosswalk at Jacquet River School area has been installed. There is inquire as to whether lights will be put there. So far it is going well with 30km speed limit and crosswalk signs. CAO, Ferguson was asked to look into this. This is about public safety issue and the age of the clients has to be considered.

CAO, Ferguson said he is in the process of looking into this. He knows these lights are a big expense and he referenced the ones at the K.C. Irving in Bathurst. It warrants taking a look into and he will take a report back to Council.

**Deputy Mayor, Bourque**

- Street Snow Plowing Project - Update

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he provided a report and is looking for some guidance on issues such as when do the contractors get called out, are they paid by Km or by the hour, etc. He hopes to have feedback by the next public meeting, but if not, the tentative date is November. He is hoping to have more information for the next Committee of Whole meeting.

Council comments and questions included:

- Wind being a major factor
- Is Jacquet River Dr. to Mitchell included
- How were local contractors hired before by Village?

- Verbal Report on month

Deputy Mayor, Bourque spoke about at the last meeting Council voted not to have the written reports on the Village website. He does believe the public should have this information. He will personally make sure public is aware of what he is doing.

He has participated in the following: First Nation Flag Ceremony, NB Power Liaison Committee, First Nation Presentation on small modular reactors and two (2) Budget Meetings.

Mayor, Arseneault said he would contact Bob Scott to see if the NB Power Liaison Committee can be expanded to include all Council members who wish to attend.

- Rezone Main Street

Deputy Mayor, Bourque noted that Main Street is designated a Mixed Zone, meaning almost anything can go within this zone. He has an issue with what can be put there. He would like to have discussion

on this and would like see some changes to say no farms along portions of Main Street. He would like to limit what can go in a Mixed Zone. He would like to bring CRSC Planning in to explain. A directive was given to CAO, Ferguson to contact CRSC Planning for an explanation on this.

Council comments and questions included:

- Is the focus just from Jacquet River Church to Superette
- Does the Mixed Zone not already have a 200-foot distance from neighbours for farming?
- Horses versus cows

Deputy Mayor, Bourque noted there is already an example of this. We need to have the CRSC Planning come in and identify the areas and what the options are.

CAO, Ferguson said he been dealing with that issue. There is meeting on Wednesday afternoon to discuss review of By-laws, can look at this one as well. Any changes that Council would make to the Zoning By-law would however not affect the current situation, they would be grand-fathered.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque noted that the one in question may be grandfathered, but Board of Health could regulate.

### **Councillor, Carrier**

- Reports Outlining Meetings & Functions

Councillor, Carrier inquired about the NB Power Liaison Committee meetings, already had two (2) and where these meeting not hosted by NB Power and they did the inviting. She noted it is odd the Health and Wellness Co-ordinator was invited to on the Committee, CAO Ferguson already there, why not other staff members. She also mentioned the Port of Belledune Golf Tournament where only males were invited to go. No female Council member or staff besides the Health and Wellness Co-ordinator.

Mayor, Arseneault noted this was an oversight on our part. He can't promise that all meeting will have everyone invited, but as he said before he will ask to have it open up a bit more to consider all of Council. The next one will be hosted by Dalhousie. He noted we can do better to open up more. The staff member was simply to fill a spot during the day and is more able to attend.

Councillor, Carrier said she would appreciate that.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque referenced that Bob Scott noted Belledune is the only municipality in Belledune taking calls for power outages, etc. This has developed a very strong relationship with Bob Scott who holds a very influential position.

Councillor, Carrier note more information is needed and she is a firm believer that reports are a good way to carry and pass on information. Reports should be part of all Council to keep everyone informed. Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said reports would be wonderful. She would like information before it goes out to the public.

Mayor, Arseneault said this should apply to all Council.

**Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell**

- Code of Conduct By-law

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she will be meeting with CAO, Ferguson, Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier and Councillor, Carmichael to review and finalize this By-law and have ready for the meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor, Arseneault said perhaps it should be sent to legal as well and he reference the Charter of Rights and Freedom to be considered.

- 2022 Calendar

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said she is working with Rec and Wellness Co-ordinator and she has some numbers to present. Council will need to reallocate some of the money used by the Community Events Committee for this. The cost for 1,000, including mailing of \$6,208.17. There will be 873 mailed out and some left over for resale.

Council comments and questions included:

- Who decided on photos?
- Suggestion put on Facebook and have residents' vote
- If a lot of photos, save some for next year

- Welcome Wagon Packages for our New Residents.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell this is another project that we are working together with Rec and Wellness and the Events Committee to have a package prepared to distributed. A package can be put together which include information on businesses, schools, doctors, etc. Maybe go back to 2020 to current for those many new families who moved here.

Councillor, Carmichael said maybe only go back to three (3) months, as most who moved here in 2020 already know this information. Maybe could add it to the Messenger.

**Councillor, Adams Robinson**

- Request for training for all Members of Council

Councillor, Robinson said she would like additional training on the following:

Procurement and Tendering

- I don't believe there is a good understanding of how this procedure works or what our rights, duties and obligations are. I would like to secure a full day workshop facilitated either by the relevant provincial department or by an independent consultant.

Conflict of Interest

I would like to have comprehensive training regarding conflict of interest. The training by Andre Daigle, legal counsel, was a general overview but I feel we could benefit from a more specific and targeted discussion.

CAO, Ferguson said we can work on setting up for Council.

- Work Operating System

Councillor, Robinson referenced the presentation from Councillor, Carrier and it was tabled in order to get more information on how the system works and how it could be used effectively. She feels it is an important system to implement and will bring a motion forward to Regular Meeting to proceed with.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said it looks like a wonderful program but she has concern with how it will be used. She would rather wait until the new CAO is in place and they implement it at that time.

Councillor, Carmichael said she finds it a bit costly, but it seems like a very interesting system.

### CAO, Ferguson

- Oil-Jacketed Melting Kettle for asphalt crack filling & DTI Summer Maintenance - Update

CAO, Ferguson said he was in touch with Daniel LeBlanc of DTI to inquire about cancellation of summer maintenance and keeping winter maintenance. He will check into it and respond.

- Roherty Road - Update

CAO, Ferguson got estimate of \$80,000 to asphalt. The cost of chip seal is cheaper and it will not last. Chip seal roads need to have a lot of traffic to compact it, while cheaper is will not be as effective as asphalt.

- Noel Road - PID 50214907 Property Drainage -Update

CAO, Ferguson said the Roy Consultant's evaluation of the job concluded the problem at this location is not caused by the Village, but by other things. Roy's have been requested to look at other options and then this Council can decide whether they want to fix.

- River Road Gazebo - Update

CAO, Ferguson said the gazebo is in good shape, but the entry way was never good and there needs to be some trimming done. This is a job that could not be done by our crew, would take professional cutter to do. A WAWA permit is needed. Ducks Unlimited owns the property, they are o.k. with the work being done. We are now still waiting for the approval from Environment and once we have this, a price to get the work done will be brought back to Council.

- Subdivision Possibility - Update

CAO, Ferguson said he and Councillor, Carrier were working on speaking with a developer. In relation to this AJN is going well and they are talking subdivision. We could possibly work with them as they are talking about building homes for those people moving in.

- Campground Beach Road - Public Access

CAO, Ferguson said he went with engineer to see what could be done. This will be a big endeavor because of Environmental and Safety requirement, it will be very expensive. They will come back with two plans – a safe walking option and fix the road for driving. It will cost about \$10,000 to get study done.

- AJN - Update

CAO, Ferguson there was a Zoom call with them last Wednesday. As for funding partners, they are very positive the provincial and federal are still on board. They have a December 4<sup>th</sup> training for initial workers – 20 people trained to lead and train workers. They are planning a job fair in Belledune for November. There will be a request to come meet with Council. They are two (2) months behind, but there will be a deadline where they will have to start. There is no construction started yet. Engineering has done all the work; they are into that for thousands of dollars.

- Decoding Dyslexia New Brunswick

Information was provided in Council packages – wearing something red.

- Restigouche Street Extension - Update

CAO, Ferguson said the work will be starting tomorrow morning – RH Frenette, budget is 1/3-1/3-1/3. Chaleur Sawmill will be putting in their spur line at the same time and work will need to be co-ordinated at the same time. Road will be completed in about three (3) weeks. Hopefully this will open up the for the other property of land for sale.

**Closed Session** Nil

**Adjournment**

**2021/10/04-152**

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Clerk/Treasurer

Meeting streaming on Village of Belledune You Tube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUtyqqkD3kz2txKF0HYKAFw>