



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
April 17, 2023**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Lilliane Carmichael
Present: Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Councillor, Ron Bourque
CAO, Landon Lee
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

- Moment of Reflection

Deputy Mayor, Bourque called for a moment of silence in memory of: Lorraine Daigle, Edward Degrechie, Andrew Gauthier of Belledune, Adelia Pepin formerly of Belledune and Shelly Carrier & Berthold Lavigne of Lorne

Adopt Agenda

M 2023/04/17-80

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

Statements of Conflict of Interest - Nil

Adoption of Minutes

M 2023/04/17-81

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meeting of March 6, 2023, the Special Meetings of March 6 & 14, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023, be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes - This section missed by the Mayor

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Remi Boudreau, Allen, Paquet & Arseneau LLP- 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements

Mr. Boudreau presented the 2022 Financial Statements and noted there were no errors detected during the Audit. He also pointed out the management letter and explained that the Auditors give an opinion on the financial and their opinion for 2022 is favourable and there were no mistakes on the statement. He reviewed the Consolidated Statement of Operations according to the PSAB accounting; there was a deficit of \$95,000 for year 2022. For Budgeting purposes and Fund accounting he stated the General Operating Fund has a surplus of \$33,060 and the Utility Operating Fund has a surplus of \$4,079.

He inquired is there were any questions. Council did not have any.

He continued with the review of the Statement of Financial Position (accumulated surplus over the years)

Council had no questions.

Mayor, Arseneault thanked Mr. Boudreau for presentation.

- Kassia Régnier, Food Cycle Science Corp. (Attending Remotely)

Ms. Régnier due to technical difficulties could not get the presentation on screen, however she was made aware that Council members had the copy of presentation. (A copy of her presentation is on file) She briefed Council on who the Food Cycle Science Corp. are (based in Ottawa), what they do and why. They are about solving food waste problems. There have a number of municipal partners and receive funding to share with municipalities who are partners and wanting to participate in pilot project. They distribute machines to the municipality and they in turn would distribute to a # of citizens who would be willing to participate and document the necessary information. The machines used will create a beneficial by-product which can be reused such as fertilizer, etc. This would require the municipality to subsidize a portion of the program to \$100 per household. So, for Belledune, 50 units would be logical and this would mean an investment of \$5,000 by the municipality if they want to partner and be a part of the program.

Council had no questions.

Mayor, Arseneault say that Council may look at getting in touch down the road if they wish to look at this further.

Statements by Member of Council

Councillor, Bourque

- RCMP Activity in Belledune - Report

Councillor, Bourque read his report. A copy of the Report is on file.

- Port of Belledune - Report

Councillor, Bourque read his report. A copy of the Report is on file.

Deputy Mayor, Carmichael inquired if Councillor, Bourque know if Council would be invited to the events with Eel River First Nations.

Councillor, Bourque said he would check.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

- Youth Focus Program gathering on April 19, 2023 @ 6:30

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell advised there would be a gathering on Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at the Belledune Recreation Centre. The purpose is to encourage to design their own meeting space and make it a safe environment. She is asking residents if they have anything they can donate such as paint and paint supplies, etc. please contact herself or Darrell Culligan.

- Recognition on the success of the Gentleman's Hockey Tournament

Councillor, Guitard wish to recognize the Gentlemen's Hockey Tournament and acknowledge Mark Arseneault. It was stellar and it was nice to see life at the arena and in the village. It was a wonderful event and he works so hard at it. She believes it was the 30th Anniversary of the event.

Deputy Mayor, Carmichael noted it was a good tournament and it brings a lot of people together.

Councillor, Bourque noted he has been actively involved in this tournament for a long time. It is well done and supported by the community. He would like to extend a personal congratulation to Mark Arseneault on a job well done.

Mayor, Arseneault stated he knows Mark would be appreciative of this.

Councillor, Carrier noted that let's not forget the taxpayers of Belledune who help fund it.

Administration Reports

CAO, Landon Lee

- ATAPAQQ MOU

CAO, Lee noted that he had already explained to Council and as well noted he had checked with the other municipalities and they are choosing not to participate. He also reached out to legal counsel, but due to deadline for meeting tonight he could not get back with information. He is suggesting that Council could table the decision for tonight. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is attached to Council's agenda and there are two- (2) motions depending on how Council want to go.

Councillor, Robinson inquired about the deadline date.

CAO, Lee noted it is April 28, 2023 and if Council push to May, then the deadline to enter his expression of interest would lapse.

Councillor, Robinson inquired if we could not call a Special Meeting.

CAO, Lee confirmed, yes, and he would reach out to legal counsel to review and get an opinion back.

M 2023/04/17-82A

Cynthia Robinson moved that the decision for MOU with Atapaqq Energie Inc. be tabled to get legal opinion, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier

- Financial Reports

M 2023/04/17-83

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

- 2022 Financial Statements

M 2023/04/17-84

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements prepared and presented by Allen, Paquet & Arseneau be accepted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

- Appointment of 2023 Auditors

M 2023/04/17-85

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Allen, Paquet & Arseneau be appointed as Belledune Financial Auditor for the year 2023, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

By-laws and Policies Nil

Motions and Resolutions

- Chaleur Bay Watershed Group - Citizen Representative
 - This was advertised in the April newsletter with a deadline of April 13, 2023 for submissions. We received 2 – Ronald Theodore Bujold & Linda Vienneau

M 2023/04/17-86

Cynthia Robinson moved that Council appoint Ronald Bujold to the Chaleur Bay Watershed Group as Belledune's second representative, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, Carmichael inquired how long does the person stay on the group.

Councillor, Robinson noted until they resign.

General Correspondence In:

Restigouche SPCA Report March 2023
Atlantic Railway Track Inspection Report March 2023
CRSC - Planning - March Reports
Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA)

- Congratulations to Brenda Cormier - 30 years of service

Hon. Jill Green - Service NB - Canoe Procurement Group
Regional Assessment Office - Municipal Review Statistics Report

General Correspondence In:

Eymard Savoie, President Quad NB - Letter of Support
Rod Harquail Fund - Grant

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

M 2023/04/17-87

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:52 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer