



**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
August 8, 2023**

**Time:** 7:00 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  
**Absent:**  
**Late:**  
**Staff Present:** CAO, Landon Lee  
**Staff Absent:**  
**Staff Late:**

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"
- Reaffirm Oath of Office

**Adopt Agenda**

**2023/08/08-106**

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED**

**Councillor Bourque added a general item on Belledune Days events. Councillor Bourque removed item 8.1 in Closed Session.**

**Statements of Conflict of Interest**

**Presentations / Petitions / Delegations**

## Business

### Council

#### Mayor, Arseneault

- Update on meeting with Marco LeBlanc.

Mayor Arseneault met with MLA Marco LeBlanc. Paul brought up the condition of roads in Belledune. Marco indicated he would support Belledune in getting repair work done and would arrange a meeting with CAO Lee. Marco informed Paul funding for the tennis court resurfacing was approved. Marco mentioned there is sometimes funding available that Belledune does not apply for, and that he would be willing to come speak with council. Councillor Bourque suggested that funding also be sourced out to support the Salmon Barrier operation. Councillor Carrier also suggested sourcing Tourism funding for the Salmon Barrier.

#### Councillor, Bourque

- A discussion on the Vetta Faulds request for assistance on funding.

Councillor Bourque will bring a motion at the next Regular Meeting to grant \$5000 to Vetta Faulds. Councillor Carmichael suggested purchasing some books to help support Ms. Faulds. Councillor Robinson asked CAO Lee if an application has been submitted for a grant request, CAO Lee verified that one has not been, however administration could help facilitate this. CAO Lee noted that the grant can't be made directly to an individual, Ms. Faulds will need to associate herself with a separate organization. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell suggested purchasing books and reselling them at tourist locations, such as campground and Salmon Barrier.

- A discussion on what to do about our Belledune Port Authority representative.

Councillor Bourque requested that CAO Lee reach out to legal counsel for advice on how to proceed with the municipal appointment to the Port of Belledune. CAO Lee reminded council that legal advice was already received, an opinion was provided by solicitor Andre Daigle, and that he would re-distribute the opinion to council. Councillor Robinson voiced an opinion that the representative that council recommended to the BPA met all criteria for the position and feels it is inappropriate that the representative was not appointed. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell had understood that if there was no movement on this appointment within 6 months, there was an opportunity to rescind the appointment which she would be in favour of. Councillor Carrier indicated she has not been provided with information as to why the appointed representative would not be capable of sitting on the BPA board, so she does not feel that rescinding the motion is the correct answer.

- General Comment on Belledune Days

Councillor Bourque wanted to thank and congratulate the Events Committee for their efforts on Belledune Days. Councillor Carmichael wanted to thank the committee by name, Gina Card, Darrell Culligan, Susan Furlotte, Councillor Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell, and Shirley Hickey. Lilliane also reminded citizens that the Events Committee meetings are the second Monday of each month, in case anyone had further suggestions on future events. Councillor Carrier asked about the Horse Haul event not being included in Belledune Days this year. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell notes there were some concerns from citizens on the wellness of the animals during this event, so for that reason, the committee

decided to omit the event for 2023. Councillor Carrier suggested that if there are concerns over animal abuse, the municipality could engage the SPCA to determine this, and would like for the Horse Haul event to return next year. Councillor Robinson noted that she has received concerns from residents over fireworks, Marilyn noted the committee is looking into various options. Councillor Carrier suggested replacing fireworks with a drone show. Mayor Arseneault also thanked the committee for their efforts, and noted that every event he attended, there was a committee member present.

#### Councillor, Carmichael

- Discussion on substitute member of the board for CRSC.

Councillor Carmichael noted that she had spoken to Bathurst Mayor Kim Chamberlain who had mentioned that Bathurst also had a substitute member for CRSC board meetings, and feels it is a good idea to have a third person designated so that Belledune always has 2 members present at the table.

- Discussion on revising the meeting times for Committee of the Whole, Regular Council Meetings and Special Meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

Councillor Carmichael suggested revising meeting times from 7pm to either 6pm or 6:30pm, especially during winter months when the days are shorter. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell indicated 6pm may be too early, but she could perhaps accommodate 6:30pm. Councillor Robinson would not be available for 6pm, and other obligations might make 6:30pm difficult for her. Councillor Carrier felt 6pm would be too early, 6:30pm could be possible. Councillor Bourque was open to any time. Councillor Carmichael suggested that due to tight schedules, she would be fine leaving the meeting times for 7pm. CAO Lee noted that meeting times are captured in the Procedural By-law, so if a permanent change was made, the by-law would need to be amended.

#### Councillor, Carrier

#### Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

#### Councillor, Robinson

### **Administration**

#### CAO, Landon Lee

- Lorne Fire Department Discussion.

CAO Lee provided a summary to council on talks with Local Government about the Belledune Fire Dept taking on the Lorne Fire Dept as a substation. Local Government has recently provided budgeting numbers that they would be willing to transfer to Belledune to take on the additional station. Councillor Bourque noted that financial component is the largest risk, so the financial contribution from the Province will be the most important piece for him. Councillor Robinson suggested that if the Fire Chief and Deputy's are of the opinion that we can take on the added responsibility, she would be in support of their opinion. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell asked about the Lorne Fire Dept, how it currently operates, and what other areas they service. CAO Lee provided a brief overview, and mentioned that Belledune does currently have a mutual aid agreement in place to service Lorne, Gravel Hill, Nash Creek, etc.

CAO Lee also suggested that the Lorne Regional Manager, Gail Dube, would be willing to meet with council to provide further details.

- By-law and Policy Update.

CAO Lee advised council that there was a minor change in the engagement of the consultant for our Policy and By-law review process, and that the municipality would need to have the agreement in place with the consultant directly. The Dept of Local Government will reimburse that municipality as progress on the project moves along. CAO Lee will provide the contract to council once received.

**Adjournment**

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**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk/Treasurer