



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
May 2, 2022**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Present: Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Lillian Carmichael
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Staff Present: Assistant Clerk – Nicole Carrier

Mayor, Arseneault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Arseneault read the Acknowledgement of “Treaties of Peace Friendship”.

Council read the Oath of Office.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

M 2022/02/15-23

Councillor Carmichael moved to adopt the agenda with deletions, Councillor Guitard-McDonnell removed her 3rd item Rec. Centre Weekend Rentals, seconded by Councillor Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION -CARRIED.

3. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil

4. PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

5. BUSINESS:

DEPUTY MAYOR BOURQUE

Update of RCMP Presentation & Discussion

Deputy Mayor Bourque was recently at a meeting with the RCMP and he wanted to update the public on a few points:

- RCMP employs 1,254 people in NB
- 856 Regular members, 398 non-uniformed employees - 91% are bilingual, 37% are female employees, 4.2% racial diversity employees
- \$157 Million spent by the NB RCMP in Fiscal year 2019-2020 – money is invested back into NB communities by: Employees who pay taxes, own properties, purchase goods and services and donate to local charities, RCMP purchases of equipment and supplies
- 3 Districts, Belledune in the Northeast District

- Provincial Police Service Agreement, Province establishes in consultation with the RCMP – level of service, budget, policing priorities
- RCMP delivers on policing priorities within the established budget.
- Various policing advantages to contracts, help from other RCMP resources for assistance
- Not short-staffed, there are always enough RCMP police officers to respond to urgent priority calls and to ensure officer safety
- They could always use more members, however more members cost more.
- RCMP officers conduct investigations, carry out operations, make arrests, lay charges, patrol and enforce traffic law. They also attend to other situations; they respond to most urgent situations first.
- Other items - Training program, specialized policing services, district structure, engaging with communities, District/RSC planning cycle, Accountability & Transparency, Online Crime Reporting
- 2022 Provincial Priorities – Protecting our most vulnerable citizens, combatting serious and organized crime, enhancing highway safety, financial planning and accountability, collaboration and information sharing

Deputy Mayor Bourque said that the RCMP asked what the three top concerns were for our community. Deputy Mayor Bourque listed these that he felt were the top three concerns:

- Drug pushers
- Speeding
- Road Safety and Traffic Enforcement

Deputy Mayor Bourque said that while we do pay a lot for policing, as per the Provincial formula, we do have a lot of services to the Village of Belledune and generally Belledune is a good and safe community.

The Road to the Gazebo on River Road – what action will Council take to address this area

Deputy Mayor Bourque received a phone call from the bird watchers; on Sunday afternoon he went to look at the gazebo on River Road. He said that it was not as steep as he thought, however there is no work that can be done 30 meters from the river. Therefore, the bird watches won't be able to see much from that spot. A ramp would have to be made going down from the road, and would have to be wheel chair accessible, however there is not much room for parking on that road. They discussed moving the gazebo to the Jacquet River Ball field, which overlooks the Bay of Chaleur.

He would like to bring forth to the regular meeting in 2 weeks' time, a cost to build a ramp to the existing gazebo or a cost to move the building. In the absence of a CAO - Deputy Mayor Bourque is asking council's permission to get prices from contractors.

Councillor Carmichael mentioned that with the cost of wood, etc. should we be looking at building a small gazebo in the Jacquet River Area.

Councillor Carrier said that the last interim CAO was working on this, where is that at?

Deputy Mayor Bourque said he would ask the contractors for 3 options:

- Build a new gazebo
- Move the existing one to the ballfield
- Build a ramp where the existing gazebo is

Councillor Carrier asked if this was on Ducks Unlimited land.

Councillor Robinson said that it would have to wait until all the snow was gone. She mentioned that this project starting with BREA and it was a part of a larger tourism program. She suggested the gazebo on Fenderson would be easier to move.

Roadside Clean-up

Deputy Mayor Bourque spoke with Darrell Culligan in regards to the roadside clean-up. At the last Legion monthly meeting the members talked about cleaning up McAlister St, Mack St. and Carr St., some of the members live in that area and would like to see the garbage cleanup. They are willing to do this as an extra area and receive an extra \$400. He will be bringing that forward for a motion at the Regular meeting.

COUNCILLOR, CARMICHAEL

Strategic Planning Meeting – Discuss Date

Councillor Carmichael wanted to wait until the June Committee of Whole Meeting to discuss a date for the Strategic Planning Session or at least until there is an Interim CAO in place.

COUNCILLOR, GUITARD-MCDONNELL

Roadside Clean-up

Council should be visible through-out the day of the roadside clean-up, if you are not on a team or volunteering, then maybe show up at the Rec. Centre during lunch, just to show your appreciation.

Events Committee Meeting

The next Events Committee Meeting is May 9, 2022. We are still looking for Volunteers to help out with Belledune Days. Looking for someone to do the Mackerel Fishing Event. Although they are not sure what is going to take place with this, with the new rules for mackerel fishing. However there still will be something planned for that evening in regards to the Phantom Ship Story.

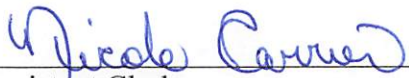
CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session at 6:00pm – Section 68 (1) (j)


ADJOURNMENT

M 2022/05/02-70

Councillor Carrier moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm, seconded by Councillor Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.



Assistant Clerk



Mayor