



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
November 16, 2020**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Municipal Chambers - Public Remote Live streamed on Village of Belledune YouTube
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran
Absent: Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Staff Present: CAO, Landon Lee
Staff Absent: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called meeting to order.

Adopt Agenda

M 2020/11/16-152

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes; Councillor Carmichael- add item on Veterans meal by Events Committee, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest Nil

Adoption of Minutes

M 2020/11/16-153

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meeting October 5, 2020 and of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020 be adopted as presented, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Nick Duivenvoorden addressed a letter received concerning speed limits being reduced in Belledune, would like it entered under Business Arising. CAO Lee updated Council on the letter received from DTI which appears to give municipalities more authority over speed limits on Provincial roads located in their communities. CAO, Lee will connect with DTI on the process for executing on these changes.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Statements by Member of Council

Councillor, Arseneault

- Family Rate for Birthday Parties, etc.- Belledune Veteran's Memorial Centre Arena

M 2020/11/16-154

Paul Arseneault moved that Council agree to amend the arena rates, for birthday parties and similar rentals, to show that the current rate of \$65 across the board, will now read \$40 for locals' rentals, and \$65 for those from outside the Village,

Councillor, Killoran indicated that his preference is not to reduce rates. He believes that about 50% of ice rentals come from inside the community, 50% comes from outside. Councillor, Killoran feels the motion should be amended to not differentiate between locals and people outside the municipality.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden feels rates are already low, and feels the rate of \$65 is fine.

Councillor, Arseneault indicated he would be happy to amend the motion so that the rate is reduced to \$40 for everyone.

CAO, Lee indicated that in communication with Darrell Culligan, Darrell has seen a decrease in bookings for this type of event since the rate was increased.

Councillor, Carmichael indicated she is fine with decreasing the rate.

M 2020/10/19-154B

Paul Arseneault moved that Council agree to amend the arena rates, for birthday parties and similar rentals, to show that the current rate of \$65 across the board, will now read \$40 across the board, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, Carmichael

- Veteran's Meal by the Events Committee

Councillor, Carmichael indicated the meal could not be held at the Legion this year. 57 meals were made and delivered to Veterans in the community. Councillor, Carmichael wanted to thank the Events Committee and all the volunteers for doing this for Veterans.

Mayor, Noel also wanted to thank Bobby Dempsey and Raymond Shannon for building the list of Veterans in the area for this event. Mayor Noel asked that if any Veterans were missed during this event, that they contact him to be added to the list for future years.

Councillor, Arseneault asked to thank the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for their services in a trying year.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden

- Firefighter Recognition Update

Councillor, Duivenvoorden has had an initial meeting with the Fire Chief. He expects three plaques to be developed for each firefighter that has 10 years of service or greater. One plaque to be hung in each fire station, and one for the municipal building. Councillor, Duivenvoorden will continue to update Council as they progress.

- General Statement (No action required)

Councillor, Duivenvoorden hoped to reiterate his satisfaction with operations throughout the COVID pandemic, as well as the process during budget deliberations. Still lots of work to be done, but he feels progress has been made over the last 4+ years.

Administration Reports

CAO, Lee

- Grant Report and Recommendation

M 2020/11/16-155

that the Social and Environmental CAO Grant Report of November 2020 be accepted as presented and the following recommendations approved; that Council donate \$250 to the Belledune Volunteer Fire Department for Clovis Murphy, and \$250 to the Belledune Volunteer Fire Department for Nicholas Lapointe and that a Grant of \$1,000 be submitted to Sentier Verte Chaleur Green Trails to be distributed to Arnold Guitard for Trail Maintenance on Chaleur Drive.

Councillor, Carmichael asked if grants can be awarded to residents outside of Belledune.

CAO, Lee mentioned that per the CAO Grant Report, one request did come from a Belledune resident that would be applied to a recipient outside of Belledune. CAO Lee also indicated there are many requests coming in recently that would normally fall under the municipal Undue Hardship Clause.

Councillor, Arseneault indicated he is happy with the grant amount to Arnold Guitard, however would like to revisit the amounts going to others in poor financial situations, he feels \$250 is not enough. He would like to see amounts increased to \$400, which he feels would cover a medical trip to Moncton if needed. He would like to amend the motion to have Timmy Pitre, Clovis Murphy and Nicolas Lapointe contributions increased from \$250 to \$400.

Mayor, Noel indicated that in order to increase the amounts for all requests, the policy would need to be amended.

CAO, Lee clarified that increases to the donations could be done by motion of Council, however if Council desired to have all Undue Hardship requests increased to \$400, the policy would need to be amended.

Councillor, Arseneault would like to amend the motion, and asked that Council consider adding to the contribution for Timmy Pitre, which was done at a previous meeting.

Councillor, Killoran did suggest that the policy was developed for a reason, and Council should be trying to adhere to the policy. However, with COVID circumstances, providing the Rec Center in-kind for fundraising is not a viable option for residents right now, therefore he would be in favour of increasing the allocations.

Mayor, Noel suggested that this approach makes sense, he suggests breaking this into two separate motions.

M 2020/11/16-155B

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the motioned be amended so two motions be created, the first that a Grant of \$1,000 be submitted to Sentier Verte Chaleur Green Trails to be distributed to Arnold Guitard for Trail Maintenance on Chaleur Drive, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

M 2020/11/16-155C

Paul Arseneault moved that the Council donate \$400 to the Belledune Volunteer Fire Department for Clovis Murphy, and \$400 to the Belledune Volunteer Fire Department for Nicholas Lapointe, seconded by Sandenn Killoran. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Capital Investment Plan**

In working with DELG on our current Capital Investment Plan, their project coordinator has asked that we modify the wording used for Project #4 on our previous plan, which was the Heat Pump Acquisition and Installation for the Belledune Recreation & Cultural Centre. This project name needs to be adjusted to "Replacement of HVAC System". As well, the description will need to be modified to read "Upgrade of existing HVAC units to more cost efficient, energy effective units". DELG requires a motion of Council to have the plan modified on their side.

M 2020/11/16-156

Sandenn Killoran moved that we modify the wording used for project #4 on our previous plan, which was the Heat Pump Acquisition and Installation for the Belledune Recreation & Cultural Centre. This project name needs to be adjusted to "Replacement of HVAC System". As well, modify the description to read "Upgrade of existing HVAC units to more cost efficient, energy effective units.", seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- There is one application that was received this month - Sonja Catherin Lee - \$1405.50

M 2020/11/16-157

Sandenn Killoran moved that in accordance with the Village of Belledune Economic Development By-law #ED-01-2019 and the Residential Grant Policy, Council accepts CAO, Lee's recommendation and approve the following grant: Sonja Catherine Lee in the amount of \$1,402.50, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Financial Reports**

Councillor, Killoran suggesting reviewing issuing checks, and perhaps start moving towards all electronic transactions.

M 2020/11/16-158

Sandenn Killoran moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented and the Accounts Payable be paid, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) 2021**

Councillor, Duivenvoorden asked about the program, if this is only for Belledune, or if it is a wider-spread program.

Mayor, Noel confirmed many communities provide the program Canada-wide.

Councillor, Killoran indicated that a private entity in the municipality was concerned that this program cut into the businesses offered in the community. He would like to see if it's possible that we can direct some of this business to local business.

Mayor, Noel indicated the program is free for low income citizens.

Councillor, Killoran indicated that the local entrepreneur has informed him that they could provide the service for free as well, but could receive compensation from the Government for the work done.

Councillor, Arseneault indicated there was more than one business in the community that could this service, however with COVID being prevalent, he would like to see the program remain for this year's as to not add stress to the seniors that depend on the program, and are used to coming to the municipality for the service.

M 2020/11/16-159

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Village of Belledune agree to be a Participating Community Organization for the 2021 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) filing season, seconded by Nick Duivenvoorden. MOTION CARRIED.

Against: Sandenn Killoran

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Nick Duivenvoorden	x		
Paul Arseneault	x		
Sandenn Killoran		x	
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By-laws and Policies

- Culvert Policy

CAO, Lee attached a draft of a Culvert Policy that can be adopted by Council. As discussed at the October COW Meeting, this policy has a section in it that would allow for residents to receive a municipal contribution if they desired to modify the ditch or driveway in front of their property, however the Policy still gives the Municipality full control over approving the work and approving the contributions. Public Work Manager, Cameron MacLellan has mentioned there are some modifications that might be required, specifically around culverts that are fully contained on private property. However, the framework of the policy is here.

Councillor, Arseneault asks that when a situation comes up that is not captured in the policy, would we need to continually amend policies. Mayor, Noel indicated that all policies should be reviewed on a minimum of a 2-year basis.

M 2020/11/16-160

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that Council adopt the Culvert Policy, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Motions and Resolutions Nil

General Correspondence

- Correspondence In:
 - Restigouche SPCA Monthly Report - October 2020
 - Atlantic Railway Maintenance Inspection - October 2020
 - Minister of Dept. of Environment & Local Government - Safe Restart Funding

- Correspondence Out:
 - Minister Flemming - Dept. of Public Safety - Belledune Policing Services

Closed Session Nil

Councillor, Arseneault

- Councillor, Arseneault asked Mayor, Noel if he could address the donation made to Tim Pitre from last month, considering a motion had been made for Clovis Murphy and Nicolas Lapointe.

Mayor, Noel indicated Councillor, Arseneault could put a motion on the table to address this.

M 2020/11/16-162

Paul Arseneault moved that the grant made to Tim Pitre be increased from \$250 to \$400, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

M 2020/11/16-161

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:01 P.M., seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer