



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
July 24, 2026**

Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Deputy Mayor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Present: Councillor, James Carrier
Mayor, Mario LaPointe
Councillor, Brenda Cormier
Absent: Councillor, Dawn Hickey
Late:
Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee
Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle
Staff Absent:
Staff Late:

Call to Order & Welcome

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

Adopt Agenda

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**Brenda Cormier moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Cynthia Robinson.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

Business

- Policy and By-Law Review
- Two by-laws are being discussed and reviewed:

1 - Remuneration By-Law

Councillor, Cormier stated that because this by-law has been amended so many times, she feels that it's time to repeal it and create a new one. CAO, Lee replied that we could go through the whole thing and once Council is comfortable with what has been put together, when they pass the new one it will include a clause stating that the former one is repealed.

CAO, Lee said that the first section needs to be changed to reference the Local Governance Act.

No changes to the section entitled "Short Title".

No changes to the section entitled "Composition".

Changes to the section entitled "Remuneration":

- Replace the line "The salary of the Mayor from \$13,500 per year to \$18,900 per year" with "The salary of the Mayor is \$18,900 per year"
- Replace the line "The salary of the Deputy Mayor from \$9,180 per year to \$12,852 per year" with "The salary of the Deputy Mayor is \$12,582 per year"
- Replace the line "The salary of each Council from \$8,100 per year to \$11,340 per year" with "The salary of each Councillor is \$11,340 per year"

Changes to the section entitled "Per Diem":

- Change the existing per diem rate from \$300/full day and \$150/half day to \$100/full day and \$50/half day
- Add language to say that Council has the option to choose to claim the per diem or submit receipts for meal expenses

Changes to the section entitled "Related Expenses":

- Change the mileage section to no longer calculate mileage at a flat rate of \$0.45/km and instead use the provincial rate and also to state that mileage applies to any trip in excess of 30km outside the boundary of the community, but the mileage claimed would be from the point where the Council member is leaving from (ie their home)
- Combine sections 7 & 8 as they are similar except one pertains to local expenses and the other pertains to out of village expenses
- Change the verbiage in the lodging section to "accommodations" from "hotel-motel"
- In the rented vehicles section add language to state that the booking of vehicles will be done through Administration. Also remove the paragraph that starts with "The Village recognized that a vehicle may have to be left behind for family purposes..."
- A section is to be added to state that Council expenses will be posted on the Village website monthly

A revised draft of the Remuneration By-Law will be included in the agenda packages for the Committee of Whole meeting in August.

2 - By-Law Regulating the Proceedings of Council

Change to include a section entitled "Title".

Changes to the section entitled "Definitions":

- Add definitions for Act, Administration, Assistant Clerk, CAO, Closed Meeting, Committee of Whole, Conflict of Interest, and other additional definitions
- Change the Clerk definition to the Local Governance Act

Changes to the section entitled "Application":

- Change section 1 (b) to say "the rules may not be suspended by unanimous consent by the members present of Council"
- Add new sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 regarding who it applies to
- Change the reference to Robert's Rules of Order from 21st Century to most current version of Robert's Rules of Order

Changes to the section entitled "Roles & Duties":

- Clarification is required on what to do in the absence or inability of the Mayor to act, in terms of whether or not the presiding officer is able to vote. If they are allowed to vote, then it will be written into the by-law that they are able to vote
- Change the language in the process for electing a Deputy Mayor to include Councillors submitting their name or being nominated. If someone is nominated who is not interested, they can reject the nomination
- Administration to look at the process for voting for the Deputy Mayor position in other municipalities

CAO, Lee will look at different options for days of the week for meetings and will forward to Council.

The next Committee of Whole meeting will be on August 4, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Council

Mayor, LaPointe

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Carrier

Councillor, Cormier

Councillor, Hickey

Deputy Mayor, Robinson

Administration

Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee

Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Buckle

Closed Session

Adjournment

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James Carrier moved that the meeting adjourned at 11:05am, seconded by Ron Bourque.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer