



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
February 17, 2026**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Present: Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Councillor, Dawn Hickey
Absent:
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
- Moment of Reflection

Adopt Agenda

M 2026/02/17-16

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

Against: Cynthia Robinson

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson		x	
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque	x		

Dawn Hickey	x		
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Statements of Conflict of Interest

Adoption of Minutes

M 2026/02/17-17

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2026 be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Brenda Cormier - Presentation

Brenda Cormier addressed Council as a follow up to the Committee of Whole Meeting from February 2, 2026 and Mayor, Arseneault's agenda item 2021 Financial Statement Auditor Management Letter. A copy of the full presentation is available at the municipal office.

- Mayor, Arseneault called a recess to the meeting at 7:25pm. The meeting resumed at 7:29pm.

- Rural Plan Amendment - Andre Frenette

Mr. Andre Frenette, the planner from the Chaleur Regional Service Commission, presented an amendment to the Rural Plan.

Statements by Member of Council

Mayor, Arseneault

- Proceedings of Council By-Law Amendment Discussion

Mayor, Arseneault has concerns about the Question and Answer period of Council Meetings and would like to amend the current Proceedings of Council By-Law. He expects to call a Special Meeting shortly to vote on an Amended Proceedings of Council By-Law. He has identified three problematic areas with the current by-law, as he sees it:

- There is no set vetting system
- The Presentations, Petitions and Delegations section
- The post-meeting Q&A session

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Carmichael

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

Councillor, Hickey

Councillor, Robinson

- Discussion Regarding Reasons Against a Forensic Audit of Municipal Building Renovations - TABLED

Administration Reports

Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee

- Social and Environmental Grants

2026/02/17-18

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Social and Environmental report for February 2026 be accepted as presented and recommendations approved; \$250 to the Saint John the Evangelist CWL Council for a get-together supper, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle

- Financial Reports

2026/02/17-19

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

By-laws and Policies

- Rural Plan Amendment

M 2026/02/17-20

Lilliane Carmichael moved that BY-LAW NO. 17-02-2025, A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE RURAL PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLEDUNE, BEING BY-LAW 17-01-2008 be read a first and second time, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Motions and Resolutions

- Forensic Audit of Municipal Building

M 2026/02/17-21

That Council will direct CAO, Lee to hire a forensic auditor to complete a forensic audit on the refurbishment of the municipal building - MOTION TABLED.

- AJN Land Recovery

M 2026/02/17-22

Lilliane Carmichael moved WHEREAS the Village of Belledune sold the property identified as PID 20697017 and required the purchaser to develop their business and that this did not happen as expected,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to exercise the repurchasing option available to the Village of Belledune in the restrictive covenants attached to PID 20697017 before the Court of King's Bench and appropriate government entities.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this be done under the name of the Village of Belledune, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

General Correspondence

- Correspondence List & Documents

Closed Session

Adjournment

M 2026/02/17-23

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:01pm, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer