



**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
January 8, 2024**

**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Belledune Council Chambers  
**Present:** Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael  
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson  
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell  
Councillor, Ron Bourque  
**Absent:** Mayor, Paul Arseneault  
Councillor, Kristie Carrier  
**Late:**  
**Staff Present:** CAO, Landon Lee  
**Staff Absent:**  
**Staff Late:**

**Call to Order & Welcome**

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

**Adopt Agenda**

- Addition- Conversation on how council is paid- Councillor Ron Bourque,

**M 2024/01/08-1**

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

**Statements of Conflict of Interest**

**Presentations / Petitions / Delegations**

**Business**

- Circular Materials Discussion

CAO Lee informed council of the Circular Materials program and provided a brief background on the non-profit. CM is taking over the residential recycling for New Brunswick in 2024. There are two

options being provided to municipalities; and Opt-In option or an Opt-Out agreement. For Opting In, municipalities would continue operations as they are, and Circular Materials would compensate the municipality with a set dollar amount per household. In this scenario, there is a very low threshold for contamination (3%) which is well below the Chaleur Region contamination estimation (50%). For contaminated deliveries, municipalities would be billed a penalty for each contaminated load. In the Opt-Out option, the municipality no longer provides recycling pickup, the service is taking over by Circular Materials, and they will oversee the contractor and program. Surrounding municipalities have decided to Opt-Out due to the inability to control the contamination rate. In evaluating Belledune's schedule and maintenance costs with Public Works, the preferred option for Belledune would be to Opt-Out. Circular Materials will begin residential recycling pickup in November 2024.

- **Power Club Lease Update**

CAO Lee provided any update to council on the remaining room in the municipal hall, which now has the floor installed and is a usable space. The Belledune Power Club has approached council and Administration requesting use of the room. In speaking with legal, they have suggested building out a separate lease for use of the single room. Administration will work on the lease and move it over to council for review.

- **Events Committee Appointment Update**

CAO Lee informed council that there was a resignation for the Events Committee, as well as some appointments of council that have either lapsed or are about to lapse. Administration will build out a flyer for the vacant positions. Councillor Ron Bourque suggested that council consider moving the Events Committee in-house and postpone posting the positions. Directive was issued to the CAO to postpone posting the positions until more options can be considered.

- **Rentable Space Discussion**

CAO Lee informed council that Administration had built a flyer for the rentable space available at 2471 Main St and that Admin would begin marketing the available space. Admin will provide a copy of the mailout to council for feedback, specifically if there was any suggestions on the pricing for the space, which is set at \$1000 per month.

## **Council**

- **Conversation on how Council is Paid- Ron Bourque**

Councillor Ron Bourque informed council that he would like to bring a resolution to council that if a member of council is not at a public meeting, they are deducted salary. Councillor Robinson reminded council there is a policy that governs council's attendance at meetings, so changes to attendance mandates should be addressed through the bylaw.

## **Administration**

## **Closed Session**

## **Adjournment**

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**Ron Bourque moved that the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Deputy Mayor

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Acting Clerk/Treasurer