



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
January 21, 2025**

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 Culligan
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 2025/01/21-3

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

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Mayor, Arseneault file a Statement of Conflict of Interest with Clerk Treasurer, Culligan regarding agenda item 6.2.1 Gentlemen's Hockey Tournament. Mayor, Arseneault left the meeting at 7:20 pm and returned at 7:26 pm.

Adoption of Minutes

M 2025/01/21-4

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meeting of December 2, 2024, the Special Meeting of December 6, 2024, the Special Meeting of December 10, 2024 and the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024 be adopted as presented, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor, Robinson inquired about where we are with Strategix and hiring a strategic planning company. CAO, Lee said that progress is being made with Strategix and some policies should be going in front of Council soon for feedback. CAO, Lee also said that the strategic planning is going well, we have a list of sources and have five or six different options. Options could be available by the end of this week.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Swearing in of Dawn Hickey
- Crime Stoppers Presentation - Ron Bourque

Statements by Member of Council

Mayor, Arseneault

- Welcome Dawn Hickey

Members of Council welcomed Dawn Hickey

- Townhall Meeting

Mayor, Arseneault felt that a lot of new information came out of the Town Hall session from the guest speakers. He felt that the best commentary of the evening was from Jim Richardson of Papineau First Nations regarding social responsibility and inclusion. He feels that the people are frustrated with the process that has been used up until now, and he feels that a large part of that was due to lack of public consultation. If we acquire First Nation's consultation, we will have a better opportunity to make the right decision for everyone in the community. Mayor, Arseneault would like to see a hold put on the work until we have received First Nation's consultation or begin the process of obtaining First Nation's consultation while we're gathering the information to make a proper decision moving forward.

Councillor, Bourque commented that Mayor, Arseneault is not able to make motions, so he put the motion forward.

M 2025/01/21-A

Ron Bourque moved that all work on Smearer Road West cease immediately for 30 days, seconded by Dawn Hickey. MOTION CARRIED.

Against: Cynthia Robinson

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		

Cynthia Robinson			x	
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell			x	
Ron Bourque	x			
Dawn Hickey	x			
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- Upcoming Meeting with Ministers

Mayor, Arseneault said that the Chaleur Regional Service Commission had a meeting with Minister Kennedy of Environment and Local Government, of which the Village of Belledune was involved in that discussion. It was about how the communities, post amalgamation, can work together to be a stronger entity. Chief Richardson has been working to help the Village of Belledune to get meetings with Ministers. We have a clear path to Ministers that we didn't have in the past, in large part to the work of Chief Richardson and Marco LeBlanc.

- CRSC Update

Mayor, Aresneault wants the public to know that the Service Commission is an important entity and you should become more familiar with it. As more substantial things come up he will relay them.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day and National Literacy Day

Mayor, Arseneault said that Martin Luther King Jr. Day and National Literacy Day are important at Jacquet River School, which is why he's bringing them forward. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a reminder of why it's important to put all of our differences aside as much as we can. Mayor, Arseneault commented on National Literacy Day saying that economic development and literacy go hand in hand. If you are struggling with literacy and want to become more literate, there are opportunities available.

Councillor, Bourque

- Gentlemen's Hockey Tournament

Councillor, Bourque wants the public to know that although the Gentlemen's Hockey Tournament may turn a profit, it likely isn't as much as people think because there are many expenses that are incurred to run a tournament like this one.

Councillor, Robinson commented that no one is disputing the expenses that are incurred for the tournament, however this event falls outside of the Village of Belledune's donation policy. She said that the Village of Belledune already makes a huge contribution as we subsidize ice time and the printing of the programs for the event, and to pay for the insurance and other expenses is outside of the donation policy.

Councillor, Carmichael

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

Councillor, Robinson

Administration Reports

CAO, Landon Lee

- Social and Environmental Grant Report

2025/01/21-5

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that that CAO Grant Report for January 2025 be accepted as presented and recommendations approved for the following grants; \$800 to the Belledune Power Club as contribution towards their insurance, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

2025/01/21-6

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that council approve a \$500.00 contribution to the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association in support of their 80th Anniversary event for veterans of the Battle of Hong Kong , seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Culligan

- Financial Reports

2025/01/21-7

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

By-laws and Policies

Motions and Resolutions

- Request for Extension of Arena Season

M 2025/01/21-8

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the closing date for the 2024-2025 season at the Veteran's Memorial Arena be extended from May 2, 2025 to May 11, 2025, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, Bourque asked to have a financial report prepared to see what it is costing the Village of Belledune to put on the hockey school, as well as what it costs to run the arena on a monthly basis.

- CCBF Agreement 2024-2033

M 2025/01/21-9

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune accepts the Canada Community Building Fund Agreement (2024-2033) between the Government of New Brunswick and the Village of Belledune, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the agreement, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

- PMHP Preliminary and Detailed Design Approval

M 2025/01/21-10

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune accept the proposal from Roy's Consultants for Engineering Services for Phase II of the Main Street Upgrade at a cost of \$75,000 plus HST, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

General Correspondence

- Correspondence List & Documents

Closed Session

Adjournment

M 2025/01/21-11

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:04pm, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer