



**Village of Belledune
Special Council Meeting
March 12, 2021**

Electronic Live streamed on Belledune YouTube

Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Joe Noel
Councillor, Paul Arseneault
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Deputy Mayor, Tracy Culligan
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran
Staff Present: CAO, Landon Lee
Staff Absent: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called meeting to Order.

Adopt Agenda

2021/03/12-24

**Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Tracy Culligan.
MOTION CARRIED.**

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

BUSINESS

CAO, Lee

- Belledune Broadband - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Rock Network Inc. & Village of Belledune

CAO Lee provided a brief overview of the revised MOU. In discussions with Andre Daigle, municipal lawyer, the original MOU had been drafted to ensure ROCK Networks be named the Network Operator, should the project be successful in securing funding, and the Council of the day choose to move the project forward. Andre has suggested that this designation could be contradictory to the Provincial regulations around procurement, and recommended that the MOU not read that ROCK Networks be guaranteed this service. As a compromise, ROCK Networks requested that the MOU specify that the data they have collected and business case studies they have compiled for the application package for the Universal Broadband Fund be considered their intellectual property. In Andre's opinion, with the information he has on this MOU, he feels it does not commit this Council or subsequent councils to the project.

M 2021/03/12-25

Tracy Culligan moved that Belledune Council accept, as presented, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Rock Networks Inc. and the Village of Belledune regarding Belledune Broadband and the Mayor and Clerk sign said MOU, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED. Against: Paul Arseneault

For

Against

Paul Arseneault		x
Lilliane Carmichael	x	
Tracy Culligan	x	
Nick Duivenvoorden	x	
Sandenn Killoran	x	
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In discussion, Paul Arseneault noted that he felt residents deserve to have access to high-speed internet. However, the financials of the project have not been disclosed to the public. Sandenn Killoran noted that the decision in front of council was not to approve the project, the decision to be made by Council is to approve an application for funding. Paul Arseneault added that the contribution of the municipality is not known. Mayor Noel indicate the municipal contribution is currently unknown because the amount of funding by the Federal program is not known.

Paul Arseneault put a motion on the floor to table this motion indefinitely. No Councillor would second the motion.

Sandenn Killoran moved to put the original motion back on the floor, seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED. Against: Paul Arseneault

	For	Against
Paul Arseneault		x
Lilliane Carmichael	x	
Tracy Culligan	x	
Nick Duivenvoorden	x	
Sandenn Killoran	x	
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M 2021/03/12-26

Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 P.M., seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Acting Clerk

Clerk