

**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
July 11, 2016**

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Belledune Municipal Chambers  
**Present:** Mayor, Joe Noel  
Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault  
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael  
Councillor, Tracy Culligan  
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran  
**Absent:** Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden  
CAO, David Hughes  
Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Mayor Noel called meeting to order and welcomed public.

Agenda:

**Sandenn Killoran moved that the agenda be adopted as presented, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. Motion carried.**

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Business:

**Presentations/ Petitions/ Delegations**

Super Village Trail Blazers Inc. (Groomer Committee) – David Devereaux, Lorie Pethic, Poly Parent, Dale Pettigrew & Brad Mann from Federation

- Request for Funding Commitment - \$20,000 for seven (7) years

Mr. Pettigrew introduced the executive and committee members present. He gave a brief background history and membership numbers. There are 125 km of trails connecting to #19 which is province; they are part of the Super Trail connection. There groomer is a 1998 (18 years old) and they have put over \$70,000 in repairs in the last four (4) years. The purpose for coming to Council is to get some financial assistance for operations. They need to purchase a new groomer and have secured \$100,000 from ACOA and a \$150,000 loan from CBDC. They will need to use some of their operating money to pay the loan. They cannot ask for money for the groomer, because part of the ACOA conditions is there can be no other funding contribution from other sources. Therefore using their operating money to pay the loan will leave them short for operations.

Brad Mann talked about where the Club stands in the province. This is the first time the federation has had federal money granted in seventeen (17) years. Snowmobiling is a 32 million dollars business for tourism in N.B. N.B. is classed as 4<sup>th</sup> in the world for snowmobiling. They received \$550,000 from ACOA for N.B., which \$100,000 is being given to this Super Village Trail Blazer Club for groomer. As one of the better Clubs, they are receiving the maximum allowed. There are a lot of inquiries about the Club by snowmobilers; they are very interested in the Gorge.

Council members made inquiries about the 7 year versus 5 year for grant from Village, warranty time on new groomer, stats on visitors, # trail passes, 5 Year Plan, other Capital Investment Plans, etc.

The club did quite a few renovation and purchases over the last few years, with the assistance of the Village. They are asking about the assistance for operation cost to give them a bit of breathing room.

Restigouche Crime Stoppers, President, Lucien Perron & Ron Bourque

Mr. Perron explained that Crime Stoppers committee's purpose is to help police to solve crimes. He explained how Crime Stoppers started and how the call in system works for Tips. It is anonyms, no names required a number is given to the caller. Membership consists of police officers, DNR representatives and community members. The group receives information and they vote for the amount of money for solved crime. He presented some stats since 1985 until October 2015 on amount of money distributed and number of cases solved.

Ron Bourque noted that a Council seat became a committee of Council appointment. Members are solely responsible to raise money for paying tipsters. The membership plaque program (which Belledune participates in) raises some money and other fundraiser initiatives are necessary. Membership also needs to be addressed and the approach with Belledune to make a municipal appointment is a pilot project which will then be brought to the rest of the municipalities. He understands Belledune has a policy for appointing Non-Council Member appointments and understands if they need to exercise that. He has served for 13 years with the group and he fully intends to submit his name if Council advertise the position. If this pilot project is successful in getting municipalities to appoint a person, it has the potential for 13 members.

Council members inquired about Restigouche and Chaleur boundaries and representation from cities, towns and villages.

Mr. Bourque noted that there is no intention to join Restigouche and Chaleur and there is no representation appointed at this time from cities, towns or villages. There are 21 chapters in N.B, and other chapters muddling financially. This chapter is very active and has done some substantial fundraising.

Councillor, Killoran noted that in Alberta – Crime Stoppers – is a part of Council. It was pusher hard to have this happen, so this approach would not be breaking new ground; it already exists.

Mayor, Noel asked about crimes solved in Belledune.

Ron Bourque responded many, more than our share.

Councillor, Killoran inquired about if Council buys into the program proposal, what effect would there be for more visibility in the community.

Ron Bourque advises he personally did three (3) presentations at the Jacquet River School, had about 50 people come out and ask questions. Reports could be issued quarterly or at least annually.

Council was asked to seriously consider the request.

**Mayor, Joe Noel**

- Piping Ditch – Between #382 - #386 Jacquet River Dr.
- Drainage Tender East & West of Jacquet River Bridge - Route #134 (Main Street)

Mayor, Noel advised the above two jobs will be combined and tendered with local contractors.

- Replacement of Refrigerator – Rec. Centre Bar Room

The replacement of the refrigeration is an operation decision and just need to be done. The directive from Council was to proceed.

**Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault**

- Proposed Summer Music Program – Gazebo (Jacquet River)

Councillor, Arseneault said a program was proposed to the previous Council and he would like to see it proceed. He spoke with Glen Godin and he is willing to coordinate the musician and will start after Belledune Days. It is being proposed to do on Sundays rather than Thursdays. It would only be 4-5 weeks this year because of late start. A \$2,500 budget should do. There is also a request of portable toilet and repairs to Gazebo.

There was discussion on the previous proposal from the last Council and the issue was coordination. The remuneration was established at \$200 per week for a 12 week program for a total of \$2,400 for the season.

The item will be added to the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2016 for motion.

- Power Club (Gym) – Liability Insurance

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault had discussion with Danny Harvey over the issue of Liability Insurance. In speaking with Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier it is a bit more complicate. He asked Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier to elaborate on what had been looked at so far.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised this was an issue that has been ongoing for some time, as it shows in the e-mail correspondences with Insurance Broker, which is included in Council packages. The Power Club has been in existence prior to her being employed in Belledune. It is not a municipal program; it was started by individuals and may have had some funding provided by the municipality at that time. Combined with the fact that it is an incorporated entity and is a non-supervised gym makes is difficult to get coverage. In checking with Village Broker it cannot be covered under the Belledune policy. However, after further discussion, an application was supplied for the overseers to fill in and submit to see if they could get coverage on their own. That application was not filled. This was back in 2012.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault feels something has to be done. It is an excellent run gym. Why can it not be run like the one at the Recreaplex in Dalhousie. We should look at how this can become part of the Village and have coverage under the Village. Perhaps even be supervised.

Mayor, Noel asked Deputy Mayor, Arseneault to make some inquires with Dalhousie about the set up for the one at the Recreaplex.

**Councillor, Lillian Carmichael** put the following items on the table as issues she would like to see some discussion on and some information on.

- Townsite (Chaleur Drive) Water Filtration System- Status
- Paving Archibald Rd (Sunnyside) to Lodge / Gorge Entrance
- Opening Via Rail Building – Train Arrival and Departure
- Night Shift at the Campground(Safety)
- Cable and Internet Access back Mitchell Road
- Trucks on Route #134 (Main Street)
- List of Committees and Representation (Council and Non-Council members, number of meeting, locations, etc.)

CAO, Hughes asked what information was being requested for the Water system for Townsite.

Councillor, Lillian Carmichael inquired about the yellow water and a system to clear it up. She understood a system was discussed before and the cost was an issue. She wondered if there was anything else that could be done

CAO, Hughes gave the background history about the proposed Pre-chlorination system, the change in cost from the Budgeting process to the actual: \$6,000 budgeted and price \$9,000 plus tax. The past Council put it on hold. Black and MacDonald were asked for price of work, to date. The fee was never in danger of going up.

Mayor, Noel feels the majority of the community should be upgraded with a storm sewer system. It would be more expensive and would require a long term plan. Engineers would be required to give a review of the Village in order to do a good plan. Open ditches get filled with snow in the winter, freeze and do not drain in the spring causing water rising and not draining properly. Open ditches need to be ditched and brush cut occasionally. This Council needs to take a serious look at this, prepare a long term plan. Do it once and do it right.

CAO, Hughes explained the driveway culvert standards.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault inquired about criterion for determining priority. It would help if there was a priority standard.

#### **Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier**

- Policy – Filling of Residential Swimming Pools

This document was reviewed with Council and Firefighters and will be added to the Agenda of the July 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of formal motion.

Councillor Killoran wished to speak on the lack of cable and internet access on the section of Mitchell Road after the Route #11 overpass. He has contacted CRTC and was advised that this would have to be addressed with the providers.

Mayor, Noel asked if he would like to dig into this further.

#### **Public Comments & Question:**

R. Bourque noted that Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier may recall there was a survey in 2007 on storm sewer systems and the cost at that time was \$1,000 per meter.

A. Carrier complemented Council of work done with students.

B. Noel inquired about getting the work done on Wharf Rd. – grading, brush cutting and ditches.

D. Gallen advised Council of the Chaleur Dr. Homeowners Committee, the rapport with previous Council and the wish to continue that communication with this Council.

G. Loane advised of the Survey conducted on Chaleur Dr. regarding the proposed pre-chlorination system and the results indicating the majority of the homeowners did not want it installed. He feels the issue is closed because the previous Council made the decision on this issue.

Mr. Loane also asked about the status of the application for municipal historical site designation for St. Luke's Church.

Mayor, Noel spoke to the issues of both Mr. Gallen and Mr. Loane regarding the Water system on Chaleur Dr. Council is always open to communication, not only with Chaleur Dr., but all citizens. But Council has the responsibility to make decision. They need more information on what are the liabilities if we do or do not do the pre-chlorination system.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier spoke on the issue of municipal historical building/sites designation. It is not simply making a decision to designate. There are criterion and process to follow. This is new to the Village of Belledune. A provincial representative made a presentation to the previous Council, which Councillor, Culligan was part of and got that information. If need be the representative could be asked to brief this Council as well.

Councillor, Culligan said she will follow up with Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier and Mr. Bourque (the provincial representative) to get the information.

A. Carrier made a statement and inquiry of Councillor, Killoran regarding him making a comment to Danny Harvey, during the election campaign that he should charge seniors for going to the Gym.

**Closed Session:**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on a motion by Tracy Culligan and seconded by Sandenn Killoran. Motion carried.

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor