



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
September 5, 2023**

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

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

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

Business

Council

Mayor, Arseneault

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

- Discussion on purchasing Acadie-Bathurst Titan season tickets

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell raised the issue of purchasing season tickets to the Acadie-Bathurst Titan as a way to support the local team. Councillor Bourque supported the idea, provided tickets do not go unused. Councillor Robinson asked if the Titan organization had reached out with a sponsorship package, similar to the Bathurst Bears. CAO Lee indicated we have not received a sponsorship package but would reach out to the Titan organization for more details. CAO Lee also indicated the Bathurst Bears tickets did generate some traction through social media engagement, which is a good way of distributing tickets to the community. CAO Lee received a directive to reach out to the Titan organization for ticket information and to work with the Rec and Wellness Coordinator to come up with a program for distributing tickets.

- Fire Fighter Awards Banquet on October 14, 2023

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell noted the recognition dinner for the Fire Department was scheduled for October 14, 2023. Marilyn noted this was an awards banquet where 25 and 30 year service awards would be presented by the Provincial Fire Marshall. Marilyn will work with the events committee to organize the dinner, the costs should come from the municipality. Councillor Bourque did confirm previous dinner's have been funded by council.

- Options for the filling of the Belledune Port Board Member

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell indicated the position on the board has been vacant for around a year and half and would like to take steps to fill the vacancy. Councillor Carrier asked if it was the municipalities responsibility to fill the position, the BPA had already rejected the municipal appointee, so was it possible to have the BPA choose their own board member. CAO Lee indicated he would do some research however he believes it is written in the BPA's Letters Patent that the municipality does need to appoint a board member. CAO Lee also suggested having a BPA representative come in to explain the roles and responsibilities of the appointment. Councillor Robinson indicated previous appointees have provided presentations to council, and that the position was previously filled with mailouts and flyers gauging community interest. Councillor Bourque reiterated that some information received by the appointee could be confidential. Deputy Mayor Carmichael suggested we could make a recommendation on an appointee once received, Councillor Robinson informed council the municipality needs to appoint the person, the BPA can not choose who they prefer.

- Discussion on the planning for the Nepisquit Challenge that is ending its run in Belledune on October 7-8, 2023

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell asked for an update on the Nepisquit Challenge, scheduled to be held partly in Belledune in October. CAO Lee provided a summary from Recreation & Wellness Coordinator Darrell Culligan. The event spans over the weekend, and includes 140-150km over two days, with teams trekking, paddling, biking and orienteering through the Jacquet River Gorge area. There is an expected 150 participants and 25 coordinators. The Jacquet River Campground will be used for participants, the Belledune component of the race is expected to end at the Trailblazers lodge. Darrell is looking for direction from council on meal allocations, as the Trailblazers will be providing dinner. Darrell has recommended \$3500 for the dinner budget. CAO Lee to provide council will further budget details.

Councillor, Carmichael

Councillor, Carrier

Councillor, Robinson

Administration

CAO, Landon Lee

Closed Session

- Closed Session

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Ron Bourque moved BE IT RESOLVED to close the meeting to the public to discuss the following:

68(1)(f) information concerning legal opinions or advice provided to the local government by its solicitor and client in a matter of local government business, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

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Kristie Carrier moved that the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor

Acting Clerk/Treasurer