



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
October 5, 2020
Municipal Chambers**

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Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Municipal 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
Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor, Noel called the meeting to Order and welcome everyone.

Adopt Agenda

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Tracy Culligan moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Statements of Conflict of Interest Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations Nil

Business

Council

Deputy Mayor, Culligan

- Speed and Dangers of the Curry Drive & 134 exits

Deputy Mayor, Culligan referenced the letter received regarding Curry Drive and Route 134 exits and dangerous situation and the request to have the speed reduced to 50 km. She presumes all Council received the letter. There is poor visibility and a hidden driveway. She noted the issue with school bus and truck not slowing down and only seeing the bus the last minute. She wants to know if there is anything we can do.

Mayor, Noel noted a letter has already been issued in the past. Maybe with new Minister another letter can be send asking them to review once again. CAO, Lee was given a directive to follow up.

Council members weighed in with their opinions on the safety of that area, the request for a no trucking route and the escalated problems with winter conditions.

Councillor, Killoran on a point of order advise that the meeting is not streaming live.

Meeting recessed at 7:07 P.M., while CAO, Lee tried to resolve the issue. This could not be fixed at this time. CAO, Lee said he would post on line afterwards, but it will not be live streamed now.

Meeting reconvened at 7:23 P.M.

Councillor, Arseneault

- Animal Control By-Law - Discussion

Councillor, Arseneault inquired about the Animal Control By-law. He brings this up because of an incident that occurred a few week ago when an individual was trying to get information on the process to follow up. A person walking near their home had incidents on two different occasions by the same dog; the first time it jumped on them, leaving bruising and marks the second incident they were bit. They contacted the Village and then the SPCA. An SPCA person visited and said they was not much they could do.

CAO, Lee advised he spoke to individual as well as the SPCA, response was not satisfactory from SPCA. He noted we do have a By-law - he is not aware of it not having content. He will need to check with SPCA on what they would need in the By-law.

Councillor, Arseneault noted that he was unable to find the By-law on the new website. If we have one it should be put online for public access.

Councillor, Killoran noted he has a bit of experience with this and dogs with behavioral issues having experienced this while living in Edmonton. The liability and responsibility lies with the person owning the dog, not the municipality. Most by-laws deal with regulating and the municipality does not enforce behavior of dogs. The RCMP can be called and possibly charges and law suits can result.

Mayor, Noel instructed that a Copy of the By-law be sent to all Council and it should be reviewed for upgrade.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden feels is it not right that the onus should be on the victim to do something about it. This can cause bad relations between neighbours.

Councillor, Carmichael

- Max (New Greenhouse in Madran)

Councillor, Carmichael advised that she attended a Green House presentation in Madran last week. A Company has taken some old buildings and turned them into a green house for vegetables and herbs. It

is quit an operation and a very interesting project. They are going to promote organic and sell to stores in the area. They hope to be in operation by next year. There will be vegetables year around. Jacques Ouellette is in charge of the project.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden inquired is it private or co-operative project.

Councillor, Carmichael said it was a company out of here, but there was a guy face timing which she thought was maybe from British Columbia. There is still a lot to do, but it is well on its way.

- ATV Trail - Meeting with Jacques Ouellette

Councillor, Carmichael would like to see a meeting with Jacques Ouellette by video or some other way to discuss the status of Belledune ATV Trail. Maybe a good time would be next meeting 6:00 P.M. or another date, if that is not doable.

CAO, Lee said he would reach out to see if Mr. Ouellette could do in person or by virtual attendance.

CAO, Lee

- Culvert Policy

CAO, Lee said a draft culvert policy, that was put together a few years back but was never adopted by Council, was attached to the agenda. In his three (3) years here, this is one thing he is always asked about by residents. He would like to flesh it out a bit more, maybe incorporate an incentive with the Village providing a bit of financial contribution.

At this time when public make request, the response is No. This is not the fault of Public Works, they are just working with the policies in place.

But there would need to be other factors to consider, the fact that the ditch is there to take water of the road and filling of the ditches or extensions of the culverts would need to be done correctly or they would need to be removed.

However, for discussion purposes, if there is any input from Council on items you might like to see incorporated into this policy, the directive can be given to staff.

Mayor, Noel noted that he received many calls over the years about culverts. We need something, bring policy up to date and use the budgeted money.

- Rec Center HVAC Replacement

CAO, Lee advised a proposal from Roy Consultants to oversee the replacement of the HVAC units at the Rec Center is enclosed for Council. Roy Consultants had been engaged back in 2016 to do this design work. The HVAC replacement was part of our previous CIP Plan but not executed. To be eligible it needs to demonstrate it adds to cost efficiency.

He has been working with the province on a new plan, but the old plan has to be done.

A second project, replacement of windows at former Municipal building will also need to demonstrate an increase in energy efficiency. This could be done by replacing the old ones with more energy efficient ones.

CAO, Lee will have ready for the next meeting.

Councillor, Killoran said this is not a question on particular project but questioning the utilization of engineering on small jobs. This has been an idea discussed for some time. Maybe the idea of a Junior Engineer could be done on a Regional basis, where everyone kicks in to the cost of the position. He is leaving that with the CRSC Chair, Mayor Noel, to bring up at their next meeting.

Mayor, Noel said there has been some discussion, however there are so many different types of engineering - i.e. structure, electrical - the gamet is so broad. The discussion is what can we do as a group to save some people money.

Councillor, Arseneault noted he brought this up last February or March. Someone local could do that for \$60,000- \$65,000. Someone would be here looking at what we do. We should have a serious look at that. Setting up an office in this building. Maybe not what Council prefers, but we should consider it as well.

Councillor, Killoran noted maybe a civil tech would be \$60,000 to \$65,000 but it would still require a licensed professional engineer to sign off. The objective of having civil work to do a lot of the drawings for putting a culvert in, but they could not do the extension of a road. Roy Consultants are always willing to mentor a technician. These are all good ideas.

Councillor, Duivenvoorden said he like the idea of hiring more people, it means we are experiencing growth. Some day having 50 people on staff, that would be great. However, engineer just for Belledune he is not sure they could be kept busy.

- Garbage Truck Tender

Attached is tender package created by Chris Kingston for a replacement garbage truck. Chris has prepared several tenders for the Village. On this one he discussed with the guys to see what the needs are. If Council have any feedback please submit.

- Route 134 issue

Councillor, Duivenvoorden wish to go back to the discussion regarding Route 134 and the heavy truck traffic. He still does not understand the use of that road by trucks going to sawmill. The measures of the sawmill to address that only worked for a while. They were going to inform those that if then did not use Highway 11 to Turgeon they would probably not be doing business with the mill. The weigh restriction on the Armstrong brook crossover, only worked for a while. There is such a simple solution, the no truck route.

Councillor, Arseneault referred to the public meeting last winter regarding trucking traffic. There was talk about sending out a letter to the Minister. Has anything arisen from that?

Mayor, Noel said a letter was sent. They were looking at what could be done. Then COVID-19 hit, then the Election and now a new Minister. Mayor said he and CAO, Lee should go meet with the Minister. There is a simple solution - No truck zone from sawmill to upper end of the Village. When he received complaints from residents, he asked them to send letter to the Minister as well. When Reggie Lapointe came to see him, he did send Council as well as the Minister a letter.

- Halloween

CAO, Lee advised on the issue of Halloween under the Covid-19 rules, the municipalities are waiting on the province to provide with information. We need to proceed with caution. A flyer will go out and the website will be updated.

Mayor, Noel said that trick or treat will go on in Belledune. There is some confusion with the event that the Community Events Committee is putting on. This does not replace the door to door trick o treat. But there are some parents that do not want their kids to go and some adults do not want trick or treat at their door. The Events Committee event is an alternative to that.

Closed Session Nil

Adjournment

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Nick Duivenvoorden moved that the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M., seconded by Tracy Culligan. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer

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