



Village of Belledune

Agenda

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Belledune Council Chambers

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Municipal Chambers
Present: Mayor, Paul Arseneault – on the telephone
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Lillian Carmichael
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Staff Present: Assistant Clerk – Nicole Carrier
Absent: Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Deputy Mayor, Bourque.

- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"
Deputy Mayor, Bourque read the Treaties of Peace and Friendship.
- Reaffirm Oath of Office
Council reaffirmed their Oath of Office.
- Moment of Reflection
 - Debbie Carrier, Edward Russell & Edward Degrechie of Belledune, Wendel Anderson (formally of Becketville) and Alphonse Hickey of Lorne.

ADOPT AGENDA

M2023/02/21-28

Lillian Carmichael moved that the Agenda be Adopted with additions, under Deputy Mayor, Bourque – request for Per Diem for attending meeting and Insurance for Mark Arseneault Hockey Tournament Insurance, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST

Councillor Carrier filed a conflict regarding 9.5, McDougall Auctions Ltd. – offer to sell office furniture.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M2023/02/21-29

**Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meetings of January 9 & 23, 2023, the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023 and Special Meeting of January 30, 2023 be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell.
MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DELEGATIONS Nil

STATEMENTS BY MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Bourque

• **MEETING MOST BEAUTIFUL BAYS IN THE WORLD**

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he was asked to go to a meeting, as Mayor Arseneault could not make it, for the Most Beautiful Bays in the World. There was 6 Mayors of the region and the president, Louis Thibeaux, from France. Discussion was in regards to what can be done to promote the Bay of Chaleur, how and where. The organization represents 44 bays in the world. Deputy Mayor, Bourque is asking for his mileage to be paid and for ½ day per diem, looking for a motion of Council to approve his expense.

Councillor, Carmichael asked where the meeting was held.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said it was held in Charlo.

Councillor, Carmichael said she attended many meetings before and never submitted a per diem. She thought if it was in the area there was no per diem given.

Councillor, Carrier said she thought she seen where it was so many kms out of the area. However, she was not sure, she asked Assistant Clerk, Carrier is she knew.

Assistant Clerk, Carrier said that she was not certain, however nobody had asked for a per diem in the past when it was in the region. She would have to check to be certain.

Councillor, Carrier suggested that this gets tabled, and have all the information before a decision is made.

Deputy Mayor Bourque said that there is a motion on the floor, he asked for a seconder - Cynthia Robinson. **MOTION CARRIED. (Note: there was no motion moved by anyone, so no motion exists)**

• **INSURANCE FOR MARK ARSENEAULT'S TOURNAMENT**

(Mayor, Arseneault said he stepped out)

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he had received some information in regards to the insurance coverage for Mark Arseneault's hockey tournament. He said the form was about 7 or 8 pages long, he filled it out and received a quote back of \$732. That amount does not cover the cost of the insurance for the canteen. He is still waiting for the amount.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell asked if this was ever an issue before that he needed insurance.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said no and he does not know why or how this came about.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell asked where the money to pay the insurance will come from.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque went on to say it would have to come out of the budget, but not sure where, he went on to explain about the year end amounts being transferred, etc. He mentioned that if there was a CAO in place, they would be able to approve it, and it would just be taken out of the budget. However, without a CAO in place Council has to approve for the payment to be made.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque went on to explain all the expenses that Mr. Arseneault has. He does get a break on the ice rental, and \$395 for the program paid for by the Village. This year the cost of the program has doubled and is \$800, due to inflation and of course parts of the program is in color. There are a lot more cost involved, such as buses, music every night, magic show on Saturday, etc. He said that in the 16 years he has been involved that insurance was never an issue.

Councillor, Carmichael mentioned that if the insurance is not covered Mr. Arseneault will probably not have the tournament.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he couldn't speak for Mr. Arseneault. But he feels the issue is that this tournament is well organized and is very popular. He also feels that there has to be canteen services. He said that this was in the hands of the Council.

Councillor, Carrier asked when the tournament was, its March 20, to April 2. She would like to have more information before a decision is made.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque said he would pass on the request and would forward the information that he received in regards to the insurance.

Councillor, Carrier asked if this would be considered a village event since we are giving out money and paying insurance cost.

Assistant Clerk, Carrier explained for it to be a village event, any monies made would have to come back to the village. She also mentioned that the insurance was never an issue because there was never a request for the village to cover the cost. She explained that figure skating and minor hockey groups all have their own insurance, in other areas even the old timers' leagues, for example, have to carry their own insurance. This was something that came up in previous years, however nothing was done about it. So, when our insurance company was sent the request to have insurance for the canteen during an individual's hockey tournament, the insurance company said what was required and that the village's insurance could not cover the cost as it is not a village event. The canteen is a private business and Mr. Arseneault is an individual putting

on a tournament on his own. That is how this all came about. The village's insurance company is there to protect the village.

Councillor, Carrier said she would like to see what the expenses and sponsors are for the tournament before deciding.

The directive was given to Assistant Clerk, Carrier to ask Mr. Arseneault for this information.

Councillor, Carrier said maybe he could cut cost by not printing the program in color.

Councillor Carmichael

- **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AWARD – CONGRATULATIONS**

Councillor, Carmichael mentioned that Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque had received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award and would like to congratulate him on this award. She asked if Deputy Mayor, Bourque could explain what this award is all about.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque explained what the award about. He received this award along with 36 other people in Northern New Brunswick. It was for his contribution to the community. He would also like to congratulate Cheryl Joncas of Nash Creek and Wade Lapointe of Lorne, as they also received this award.

Statement

Deputy Mayor, Bourque he said ran for Council because he wanted to bring expertise to Council, he feels he is an elder, he was elected to the Deputy Mayor position, of which he was honoured to have been chosen. He feels that this position should have a level of respect; of which he feels has not been given to him by this Council. Therefore, at the end of this month he will be resigning as Deputy Mayor. He finds it difficult to represent this Council, he no longer wants to be their spokesperson. February 28 will be his last day as Deputy Mayor, he is very proud of everything that he has achieved on Council, and if people want a list, he can give one. There are too many questions being asked of him by the public and he no longer wishes to be Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Carmichael

- **PROCESS FOR HIRING – CAO**

Councillor, Carmichael mentioned that interviews will be starting shortly, which all of Council will be involved in.

Noted - Call ended with Mayor, Arseneault

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell

- **UPDATE ON YOUTH PROGRAM**

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said that Mr. Culligan was looking into funding through Canada Post. She is asking Council for the space at the Recreation & Cultural Centre, the rooms downstairs. She is asking the community for any donations of furniture, games, etc. She will be

bringing this in next month for a motion of Council. She is moving forward with this as this community needs something for our youth.

- **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Assistant Clerk, Carrier said that the reports are all included for Council’s review. Clerk/Treasurer is out this evening; therefore, if you have any questions or comments, Council can do so when she gets back.

M 2023/02/21-30

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

- **Social & Environmental Grants**

Council went through each one separately.

M 2023/02/21-31

Kristie Carrier moved that \$250 be given to the DRHS girls varsity volleyball team, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Kristie Carrier moved that \$150 be given to East Coast Ice for Kayden Carrier, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Kristie Carrier moved that \$150 be given to the Elementary Literacy Program, seconded by Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED.

Cynthia Robinson moved that the Village of Belledune become a bronze sponsor, \$500, for the Bathurst Bears Community Sponsorship program, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED. Vote: 3 – For, 2 – Against

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael		x	
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	3	2	0

Lilliane Carmichael moved that a yearly grant of \$250 be given to the Kidney Foundation, the IWK, and the M.S. Society, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

REC. & WELLNESS COORDINATOR, REPORT

- **Power Gym Youth Program & Youth Program**

M 2023/02/21-32

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Recreation & Wellness Coordinator make application to the Canada Post Community Foundation for funding for the Youth Program, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

By-Law #10-2004-10, an Amendment to By-law Regulating the Proceedings of the Council of the Village of Belledune, Being By-law #10-2004

- Third reading in its Entirety and Enactment

M 2023/02/21-33

Lilliane Carmichael moved that By-law #10-2004-10, an Amendment to By-law Regulating the Proceedings of the Council of the Village of Belledune being By-law #10-2004 be read a third time in its entirety and enacted, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED. Vote: 4 – For, 1- Against

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	4	1	0

- Village of Belledune, Building By-law No. 2023-BB-01
 - First & Second Readings by Title

M 2023/02/21-34

Kristie Carrier moved that the Village of Belledune Building By-law No. 2023-BB-01 be read a first time and second time by title, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

Village of Belledune Building By-law No 2023-BB-01 - Instead Reading of By-law in its entirety (third reading)

M 2023/02/21-35

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that in accordance with the Local Governance Act Section 15(3) and Section 70, the Council agree to follow those sections of the Act for Belledune Building By-law No. 2023-BB-01, instead of the by-law being read in its entirety at the next Regular meeting, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Smearer Road - Expropriation

M 2023/02/21-36

Kristie Carrier moved that the following Resolution regarding expropriation of Smearer Road be accepted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED. Vote 4 – For, 1 – Against.

Resolution

WHEREAS Council commenced the expropriation of Smearer Road West with the filing of “Form A-2 Notice of Intention to Expropriate” with the Expropriations Advisory Officer on November 8, 2019 and the Officer provided her report on February 6, 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1. Council receives the report of the Expropriation Advisory Officer, Sophie Caissie Cormier, dated February 6, 2023.**

- 2. Council confirms its notice of intention to expropriate Smearer Road West (1.201 ha) as shown on the Expropriation Plan entitled “Expropriation plan showing portion of Smearer Road West to be Expropriated in favour of the Village of Belledune” registered as numbers 39742391 and 39742334 that accompanied form A-8 Notice registered in the Gloucester County Registry Office on 2019-12-20 as number 39742557.**

- 3. Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign and affix the corporate seal to any and all documentation related hereto.**

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	4	1	0

• Montana Group - Hiring

M 2023/02/21-37

Kristie Carrier moved that be it resolved that Council authorize the hiring of the Montana Group as per the directives provided at the closed meeting of Council on February 21, 2023, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED. Vote: 4 – For, 1 – Against.

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	4	1	0

• Chaleur Drive - Walking/Snowshoe/Skiing Trail

M 2023/01/23-14 Tabled

that Belledune give a contribution of \$1,200 to Super Village Trail Blazer Snow Mobile Club for grooming of the Chaleur Dr. walking/snowshoe/skiing trail, for the year 2023

As there was no additional information regarding who actually owns the land, it was tabled again until such information is acquired.

M 2023/02/21-38

Kristie Carrier moved that Motion M 203-01/23-14 be tabled until next month's Regular meeting, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

**• Animal Control Contract between the Restigouche SPCA and the Village of Belledune
M 2023/02/21-39**

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune accepts the Animal Control Contract between the Restigouche County SPCA and the Village of Belledune, as presented and the Mayor and Clerk sign, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell

On the question:

Councillor, Carrier asked if the village was legally required to have a by-law. She wanted to know what was done for the money is cost. She said that they never come and pick up animals when people call. It's a large sum of money every month for very little service. She said that it is very rare to see anything on the reports.

Councillor, Carmichael said that she thinks the money goes towards helping to feed the animals at the shelter. She also said that a few times people called and the animals were not picked up.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell asked if the fee is monthly.

Councillor, Carmichael said she would be interested to know what the communities do in the region.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque asked what the direction of Council was.

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell said to reach out to the SPCA and get more information.

Kristie Carrier moved to table the motion (M2023/02/21-39) until next month, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED.

• McDougall Auctioneers Ltd. - Offer to sell Office Furnishings

Councillor, Carrier had previously declared a Conflict of Interest and left the room at 8:09 P.M., returned at 8:11 P.M.

M2023/02/21-43

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Village of Belledune pay the invoice of \$7,475 to purchase the furnishings from McDougall Auctioneers Ltd., for future use, seconded Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED. Vote: 4 – For, 1, Against

For Against COI

Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	4	1	0

On the question – Councillor, Carmichael asked why the amount was \$7,475, she thought it was \$6,500 – it was clarified that the \$7,475 was \$6,500 plus tax.

• **Local Government and Local Governance Reform - In Person Orientation, Fredericton March 31, 2023**

M 2023/02/21-40

Lilliane Carrier moved that any member of Council and Staff who wishes to attend the Local Government & Local Governance Reform, in person Orientation session in Fredericton on March 31, 2023 may do so, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell.

MOTION CARRIED.

• **Settlements**

M 2023/02/21-41

Kristie Carrier moved that the following Resolution regarding settlement of files be accepted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vote: 3 – For, 2 – Against

Resolution

WHEREAS Council discussed the settlement of files at its closed meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to conclude the settlements as directed in closed session for a total of \$13,255.89 and authorizes the disbursement of related monies and its officers to sign and execute the related agreements or releases.

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael		x	
Cynthia Robinson	x		
Kristie Carrier	x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x		
Ron Bourque		x	
	3	2	0

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

Restigouche SPCA – January 2023

Atlantic Railway - Track Inspection Report – January 2023

Belledune Library Reports – November & December 2022 & January 2023

CRSC - Building Permit Report – January 2023

Department of Social Development - Age Friendly Communities

UMNB - President, Andrew Black
Heart & Stroke Foundation of NB - Door to door canvassing
Vitalite - Various Press Releases - (2) sent to Council by email

Correspondence Out

Mr. Normand Losier
Minister Jill Green, SNB
Dept. of Public Safety

CLOSED SESSION

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M

Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) (f) Legal & Section 68 (1) (j) Personnel

ADJOURNMENT

M 2023/02/21-42

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 P.M., seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor

Assistant Clerk