



Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
Budget Session #5
November 15, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Present: Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Staff Present: Clerk - Treasurer, Brenda Cormier

Call to Order & Welcome

Mayor called meeting to order
Acknowledgement of “Treaties of Peace and Friendship”
Reaffirmation of Oath of Office

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

Statements of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Business

- 2022 General Operating Budget Preparation
- Council discussed in general terms:
Transportation
- Review of Public Works List
 - Not include in Budget, normally goes through CAO, if not passed now, could find later
 - Signs have been included in Budget – 2 under Transportation the other is under Municipal Building – General Government Section
 - Road work related to flooding – after engineering come back where does the Budget money come from.
 - If not in the Budget could use Capital Fund.
 - There will likely be additional money this year to go in the Capital Fund
 - General discussion on use of Capital Funds for projects that Council want to do. If not in the Operating Fund, then can use the Capital Fund.

Other Project for discussion

- Jacquet River Campground – Beach Access – Add money for engineering and design. This will be needed to go after additional Funds – Say \$15,000 to \$20,000. Not for a lookout, but for an actual access to the beach
- Expand on the Roherty Point beach area, expand on that – again engineer and design – say \$20,000 and then look at Capital funds to do the work.
- Also funding for housing is needed – set money aside for that.
 - Clarification on Housing – maybe subdivision, maybe funding to help with renovations
 - Have to look at the legality of money for renovations. Have CAO look into the legal possibilities
 - Possibility of Grant money

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier clarified that Capital Reserve funds for Capital Project is for municipal owned assets cannot be used for private owned.

Funds were allocated as follow to Balance the Budget:

Environmental Services

- Community Development
 - Roherty Point Development \$25,000
 - Jacquet River Campground Beach Access \$36,978

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised Council that there is a difference between an Operation Budget and a Capital Budget. Most municipalities have a Capital Budget that spans over 4-5 years. Belledune has never had a Capital Plan. This is where the Capital Asset Management Plan comes in and Council can see the assets they have, when they need to be replaced or repaired or if they want to expand on the current assets with new projects.

This is where Council can use funding from different sources, Capital Reserves, Operating Budgets, Borrowing and perhaps Grants. The Capital Plan is a live document that allow the municipality to manage the assets they do have and to plan for others.

Mayor, Arseneault noted that the community has been inquiring about why the Village does not have a public works truck. Other municipalities have their own truck with the logo on it. This is the way Belledune needs to go. Truck in here parked – started in the morning and left at night.

Councillor, Carmichael noted that we do have a one-ton truck coming in. The numbers will need to be discussed and see where we should go with that.

Deputy Mayor, Bourque inquired could that be a Capital Expenditure.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier confirmed that purchase would qualify – other costs would be Operational.

Other discussion was regarding the possible surplus from this years Operating Budget.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier advised that for the last few years, she has been able to get the projection done for Regular Meeting in December where Council can then make a motion, if need be, to transfer to the Capital Reserve.

- 2022 Utility Operating Budget Preparation

No changes to the Utility Budget from previous meetings.

Mayor, Arseneault said he check with Ryan Donaghy about being late with submitting Budget. We are not alone and either way they understand. He will call again tomorrow and we will go from there to determine the date for adoption of the Budget.

Adjournment

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer