

Village of Belledune Special Council Meeting December 6, 2022

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

# Call to Order & Welcome

Deputy Mayor, Bourque called meeting to order and welcomed public.

Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" Deputy Mayor, Bourque read the Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship".

Reaffirm Oath of Office Council reaffirmed the Oath of Office.

# Adopt Agenda

M 2022/12/06-179 Lilliane Carmichael moved that the agenda be Adopted as Presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

# Statements of Conflict-of-Interest Nil

# **Business**

Council

• Resignation of CAO, Acceptance

# M 2022/12/06-180

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune accept the Resignation of Interim CAO, Chris Kingston as of Friday December 2, 2022, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Legal Counsel Directives

## M 2022/12/06-181

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Clerk/Treasurer advise legal counsel, Jessica Bungay of Cox & Palmer to cease all files assigned to them by Mayor, Arseneault, Interim CAO, Kingston or other members of Council immediately, to provide a detailed report for Council, in a timely manner, to their legal counsel Andre Daigle on the files worked on and directives given (including all verbal, written and/or electronic), to submit final invoices to the Belledune Treasurer and that legal services for Belledune are terminated, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

### M 2022/12/06-181B

Kristie Carrier moved that that Motion M 2022/12/06-181 be amended to include that the invoices will not be paid until the report and details are submitted to legal counsel Andre Daigle, seconded by Cynthia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Amended Motion M 2022/12/06-181

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Clerk/Treasurer advise legal counsel, Jessica Bungay of Cox & Palmer to cease all files assigned to them by Mayor, Arseneault, Interim CAO, Kingston or other members of Council immediately, to provide a detailed report for Council, in a timely manner, to their legal counsel Andre Daigle on the files worked on and directives given (including all verbal, written and/or electronic), to submit final invoices to the Belledune Treasurer and that legal services for Belledune are terminated, and that the invoices will not be paid until the report and details are submitted to legal counsel Andre Daigle seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

#### M 2022/12/06-182

Kristie Carrier moved that the Mayor no longer be permitted to contact Belledune legal counsel without the directive of Council by Motion, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

#### M 2022/12/06-183

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to contact Belledune legal counsel on behalf of Council for municipal business, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

#### M 2022/12/06-184

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Clerk/Treasurer contact Belledune legal counsel, Andre Daigle, to request and schedule a meeting with all of Council, in Belledune, to get updates on legal files and to provide legal advice on Council member's questions, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, Carrier advised that questions should be submitted to Clerk/Treasurer, Cormier for Mr. Daigle so he can prepare for that meeting.

#### Adjournment

# M 2022/12/06-185 Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:10 P.M., seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer