



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
June 24, 2024**

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael
Present: Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Councillor, Ron Bourque
Absent:
Late:
Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee
Clerk Treasurer, Angela Culligan
Staff Absent:
Staff Late:

Call to Order & Welcome

- Acknowledgement of "Treaties of Peace and Friendship"
- Reaffirm Oath of Office
- Moment of Reflection

Adopt Agenda

M 2024/06/24-53

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

Statements of Conflict of Interest

Adoption of Minutes

M 2024/06/24-54

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Committee of Whole Council Meeting of May 21, 2024 and the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2024 be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Presentation - Clifford Joncas of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Presentation - Yannick Theriault of Chaleur Bay Watershed

Statements by Member of Council

Mayor, Arseneault

- Update on Dangerous and Unsightly Appeals Committee

Mayor Arseneault senses that there is frustration in the community with the speed and process for determining unsightly premises and, once determined, the process for having the property cleaned up or taken down. Mayor Arseneault feels that this is something that needs to be addressed. Mayor Arseneault doesn't feel that we are moving forward as quickly as we should be. He feels that we can do a better job of getting these premises highlighted and dealt with. Mayor Arseneault feels that for the remainder of Council's mandate they need to push to get these premises cleaned up or torn down. Mayor Arseneault acknowledges that the lack of an Appeals Committee has been a hindrance on moving forward with these properties. He is looking for an update from CAO Lee and wants the people watching to spread the word that we are trying to get some of these premises dealt with.

CAO Lee said that Council had started a process with some properties that were identified, and there is a resolution on the agenda for a property that needs to be actioned, so he may speak to this more when we get to that item. CAO Lee indicated that when there are properties that are identified, Council has the ability to identify properties, but it is the Service Commission who is the by-law enforcement officer, and it's the by-law enforcement officer who receives complaints and goes out to evaluate the property and they can start the process. When an order is issued, one of the legislated components of the order is that the resident has the opportunity to appeal. Looking at the files that Council was working on previously, of the six orders that were issued five of them received an appeal. The bottleneck in this situation was that Belledune did not have an Appeals Committee in place. We have advertised for it asking interested residents to submit resumes. We need a committee of about four people and we currently have two people confirmed. We still need at least two more people for this committee. and then there is training that will need to be done to ensure the committee members are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities.

Councillor Bourque indicated that several years ago the Committee was at the Regional Service Commission. Five residences were torn down during that time. Councillor Bourque feels now that the Appeals Committee needs to be in Belledune we have the onus of people making decisions on properties belonging to friends/family members. When the Appeals Committee was in place through the Regional Service Commission, four residences were torn down by the Village of Belledune in conjunction with the Appeals Committee, the expense was sent to the Province, the Province reimbursed the Village and issued a lien on the property to the property owner. Councillor Bourque wants the citizens of the Village to know that if they want to clean up the community, they need to step forward. The citizens need to realize that this can not be done without an Appeals Committee

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell asked CAO Lee about the five properties that went through the appeals process and how long we have to sit on that. CAO Lee informed Councillor Guitard-McDonnell that the appeal has to be overviewed by the Appeals Committee.

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Carmichael

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

Councillor, Robinson

Administration Reports

CAO, Landon Lee

- Social and Environmental Grant Report

2024/06/24-55

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Social and Environmental Report for June 2024 be accepted as presented and recommendations approved; \$250 to the Charlo Fall Fair, \$500 to the DRHS Perseverance Award, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Culligan

- Financial Reports

2024/06/24-56

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

By-laws and Policies

Motions and Resolutions

- Resolution on Sub-unit Taxation

M 2024/06/24-57

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved WHEREAS council has received a request for revised taxation for unserviced or private areas,

AND WHEREAS council has considered this request,

BE IT RESOLVED that council has decided not to action this request, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. MOTION CARRIED

Against: Cynthia Robinson

	For	Against	COI
Lilliane Carmichael	x		

Cynthia Robinson		x		
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell	x			
Ron Bourque	x			
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- Resolution, 821 Archibald Road, PID 50366889

M 2024/06/24-58

Lilliane Carmichael moved WHEREAS dangerous or unsightly premises are regulated by Bylaw # DUP 09-2020, a bylaw of the Village of Belledune respecting dangerous and/or unsightly premises, and

AND WHEREAS a Notice to Comply was registered against the property located at 156 Water Street and identified by the PID 50366889(registration number: 44999499) as a result of the condition described in the Notice to Comply,

AND WHEREAS the Notice to Comply was served on May 2, 2024, by Mr. Marcel Doiron, by-law enforcement officer,

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorize Marcel Doiron, as well as any other person(s) deemed necessary by Mr. Doiron to assist him to undertake the remedial works described in the Notice to Comply registered against the property identified by the PID 50366889 as number 44999499 on June 4, 2024, in order to ensure compliance with Bylaw # DUP 09-2020, a bylaw of the Village of Belledune respecting dangerous and/or unsightly premises” and the *Local Governance Act*,

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorize staff to undertake the necessary steps to recover all related fees and disbursements by attempting to collect or, if required, sending a request to the Minister of Finance for the unpaid debt and interest in accordance with the authority described in the *Local Governance Act*, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

- Cancellation of July 2024 Committee of Whole and Regular Council Meetings

M 2024/06/24-59

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Village of Belledune cancel scheduled Committee of Whole and Regular Council Meetings for the months of July 2024, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED

Against: Cynthia Robinson and Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell

	For	Against	COI
Paul Arseneault	x		
Lilliane Carmichael	x		
Cynthia Robinson		x	
Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell		x	
Ron Bourque	x		

