

**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
September 11, 2017**

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Belledune Municipal Chambers  
**Present:** Mayor, Joe Noel  
Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault  
Councillor, Lilliane Carmichael  
Councillor, Tracy Culligan  
Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden  
Councillor, Sandenn Killoran  
CAO, Landon Lee  
Acting Clerk, Nicole Carrier

Mayor Noel called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed public. He said it was nice to see such a big turnout.

Agenda:

**Tracy Culligan moved that the agenda be adopted with the following changes: deletion under Business: Deputy Mayor Arseneault - Super Village Trailblazer's Insurance Update and Roles & Responsibilities CAO and add Jacquet River School New Flooring and add under Councillor, Duivenvoorden - Pub Night, seconded by Lilliane Carmichael. Motion carried.**

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Business:

**Mayor, Joe Noel**

- Rural Plan Amendment By-law 17-10-2017 "Agriculture Uses"

Mayor, Noel mentioned that there has been letters received from the Public. Before discussing any further, he mentioned that a public meeting is being set up with the Department of Agriculture, and Department of Environment. The tentative date for this public meeting is September 27, 2017 and will be held at the Recreation Centre. A notice will go out in the mail.

**Deputy Mayor, Paul Arseneault**

- Flag Policy – Protocol Amendment

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault received a request from Mr. Allan Roy to have the Red Ensign Flag be flown at the Memorial Park. Due to the policy as it is now the flag cannot be flown. He and Mr. Lee went up to have a look at the Park. Deputy Mayor, Arseneault would like to amend the flag policy and also add two (2) additional flag poles at the Memorial Park. Add motion for next week's meeting.

- Purchasing Policy

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault would like to see some changes in the Purchasing Policy. For example instead of local being 100km he would like to see that change to 25km for local purchasing. If it can be bought in Belledune it should be. Also he said that he would like to see Council have more authority in regards to purchasing. As it is now only the CAO and Clerk/Treasurer can spend up to \$2000. Council doesn't have any purchasing authority to spend money, and it held up a project last fall. He would like to see a \$50,000 spending authority for Council so they can kick start the process of a project.

There was some discussion in regards to the Purchasing Policy.

- Human Resources Policies, Hiring Practices Amendments

Deputy Mayor Arseneault said that because of having a good CAO now, that the CAO should be able to hire for low level jobs in the Municipality. The CAO should be able to determine who is qualified for these lower level jobs. He also mentioned that the policies are outdated and should be changed in some cases.

Mayor, Noel said that CAO Lee is starting to work on updating and changing various policies and will bring them to Council.

Councillor, Killoran said that Council does not need to be burdened with the hiring decisions of certain employees and those jobs should not be a political vote.

- Belledune Day's Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault would like to thank Patsy Talbot and Karen Roy and to congratulate them on another successful Belledune Days.

- Jacquet River School - New Flooring

Deputy Mayor, Arseneault said that a new floor is being put in the gym at the Jacquet River School and the flooring does not allow for chairs to be put on the flooring unless they have flex felt slip cover pads. The pads cost \$1,400. Without the pads the school will not be able to host the Remembrance Day services or any event that requires chairs in the gym. Deputy Mayor, Arseneault was told to have the Principal submit a letter for a donation before Thursday so it can be added to the correspondence for the Regular monthly meeting as per the Donation Request Policy.

### **Councillor, Sandenn Killoran**

- Rural Plan Amendment By-law 17-10-2017 "Agriculture Uses" – Public Discourse

Councillor, Killoran feels that the Public Meeting on September 27 will be a good thing. He mentioned that there was a lot of horrible stuff being said on Facebook however, it seemed to have gotten a little better.

Councillor, Killoran mentioned that Councillor Culligan had posted on Facebook that the flyer that was circulated in the mail was not from the Village of Belledune. There was some confusion due to the fact that there was no information on the flyer as to where it came from and since Brenda Cormier's name was on there that everyone just assumed it was from the Village. Although there is nothing wrong with the flyer that went out there are anti-spam laws and fines can be from \$10,000 up to \$2 million. Information that should have been included is who you are and who you represent.

Councillor, Killoran said he had the Deputy Minister lined up to come to the public meeting however, because of the Cabinet shuffle those plans got changed. He is looking forward to hearing a lot of good discussion. There will be mics in place for people to make their comments and ask questions. We can debate but we are all still neighbors.

- Belledune Arena – Possibility of Summer Ice

Councillor, Killoran said that there is a potential for the Arena to be open year-round. There is interest shown from a competitive group in Bathurst that is looking for ice time in the summer. The closest arena that is open in the summer is in Moncton. Councillor, Killoran sits on the Regional Service Commission for Recreation and with having the Arena open year round we would be in the only Arena

in the arena we would be specialized and unique. We could have a three (3) on three (3) tournaments for Belledune Days.

- Steering Committee – Culture & Recreation

Councillor, Killoran wants to see a Culture & Recreation Steering Committee in place. He already talked to a few of the Power Club directors and they are interested. In regards to the gym he has been in contact with Brian Scriber at Kent and White in regards to insurance for the Power Club. Now they are under a grandfathered insurance policy however, once they move into the new building the equipment will no longer meet the standards for the insurance. They will not have enough money to purchase new equipment. We have to secure funding and with a Steering Committee in place they will be able to go after funding.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneau said that they would not be able to force all other committees in the community to be under the umbrella of the Steering Committee.

Councillor, Killoran said that if the Power Club wants to move into the new building they will need at least \$20,000 to cover the cost of the new equipment. We need to secure funding; this will be discussed further at budget time. The Power Club has been running for twenty (20) years and some of the dumb bells are bent. Ronnie and Steve were told by the insurance they are liable if something were to happen.

If we are spending \$2.6 million on a new facility we need to have proper equipment in the Power Club.

- Health & Wellness Coordinator Job Opportunity – Policy, Process & Lobbying

Councillor, Killoran said he searched high and low and he could not find anywhere in the Human Resources policies that they violated them in any way. The CAO should have control of the hiring for certain jobs and should not be micro managed by anyone.

- Schedule a Public Session – Potential Tenants for New Renovated Facility

Councillor, Killoran said there should be a public session in regards to possible tenants for the School. Mayor, Noel said this could be channeled through Mr. Amos.

Councillor, Killoran said that there is lots of interest however; he does not have the answer to their questions.

- Establishment – Brand Guidelines & Communication Protocols

Councillor, Killoran would like to get a message out that if something is not on Village letterhead then it didn't come from the Village of Belledune.

Acting Clerk said she was planning on putting a message in the Newsletter for October.

Councillor, Culligan asked what the price tag be to have the Arena open all summer in regards to the operation of the plant.

Councillor, Killoran said he was speaking with Steve and was told that that operation cost would not be much more than in the winter months. Councillor, Killoran strongly believes that they will be able to recover the cost of the operation of the plant, manpower, etc. Being specialized it would be an enhancement for the facility.

Deputy Mayor, Arseneau said there is potential however we have to make sure to have tenants in there.

Councillor, Culligan said that the Arena operates at a loss in the winter time.

Councillor, Killoran said that if it's a regional facility for the entire region there may be funding out there.

**Councillor, Nick Duivenvoorden**

Councillor, Duivenvoorden mentioned that the next Pub Night in a series of Pub Nights will be on Friday, Sept 29, 2017 with Undercover. It is called the Fall Harvest. He also mentioned that Pub Night is a non-profit event and the money made goes back to Pub Night. Marilyn will be there with good food and the Fire Department will be doing the bar.

Councillor, Culligan mentioned that there will be a Senior's Dance and Supper on October 14, 2017. The supper will consist of roast beef and all the trimmings, Barry will be playing the music. Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Municipal Office.

Meeting recessed at 7:40 P.M. by Mayor Noel.

Meeting reconvened at 8:26 P.M.

**Closed Session:**

- Legal

**Adjournment: M 2017/09/11-161**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M. on a motion by Sandenn Killoran and seconded by Paul Arseneau. Motion carried.

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Acting Clerk

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Mayor

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Clerk