



**Village of Belledune
Committee of Whole Council Meeting
August 2, 2022**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Council Chambers
Present: Mayor, Paul Arseneault
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson
Councillor, Kristie Carrier
Councillor, Lillian Carmichael - by telephone
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell
Staff Present: Interim CAO – Chris Kingston
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer – Nicole Carrier

Mayor, Arseneault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Arseneault read the Acknowledgement of “Treaties of Peace Friendship”.

Council read the Oath of Office.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

M 2022/08/02-124

Lilliane Carmichael moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Kristie Carrier. MOTION CARRIED.

3. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil

4. PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

5. BUSINESS:

5.1 COUNCILLOR, CARRIER

Zoning By-law – Regarding Kennels

It was brought to Councillor Carrier’s attention that the NB SPCA Act in regards to being able to sell dogs and getting a license for a kennel is different than our Rural Plan, Section 57, R1 and R2. The Planning Department of the CRSC is charging \$100 in order to obtain a license to sell a dog. She would like to see this changed; you should be able to sell dogs as long as its not an illegal dog farm.

CAO Kingston stated that this could be complicated if the Provincial Act states what a kennel is and what is required in order to get a license to sell dogs.

Mayor Arseneault said that the municipalities by-laws should mirror the Provincial Act. We can ask our lawyer what can be done legally.

Councillor Carrier said that our citizens shouldn't have to pay \$100.

Mayor Arseneault asked CAO Kingston to look into this.

5.1.1 COUNCILLOR, GUITARD-MCDONNELL

Belledune Days Update

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell mentioned that it was the first full week of Belledune days since Covid hit. There wasn't as much participation at first but as the week progressed more people came out. A lot of people are still concerned about covid. The fire works were beautiful. The committee will go over everything and bring forward a report to Council.

Deputy Mayor Bourque would like to see a presentation by the Events Committee, and see what ways Belledune Days can be improved for next year. He also feels that the volunteers, committee, etc. deserves to be recognized. They should be invited to come to a meeting so Council can thank them publicly. And feels they deserve some sort of gift. Belledune Days was a success even in the difficult circumstances. The chair and co-chair should let Council know who is involved. He would also like to see a report brought forward by the Events Committee.

Mayor Arseneault also wanted to thank the committee members for a great job on Belledune Days.

Deputy Mayor Bourque is highly involved in the Legion and he has no problem stating that they made a profit of \$1500 with their 3 activities.

Councillor Carmichael also wanted to thank all the volunteers and committee for all their hard work.

Visits to Salmon Barrier & JR Campground with Darrell Culligan

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell and Darrell Culligan went to visit both the local businesses; the Salmon Barrier and the Campground. They talked to staff about their concerns. The Salmon Barrier needed steel, Darrell got on the phone and got them what they needed. They would also like to have a vending machine back at the Barrier. They would also like to improve their souvenir shop. Next season all of this should be set up prior to the opening of the Salmon Barrier.

The Campground would also like to have some souvenirs that they can sell, as people look for items from Belledune.

Both places also need a new office chair.

Councillor Carmichael agrees that the two businesses need improvements with a vending machine and souvenirs.

Deputy Mayor Bourque said that they tried selling souvenirs 2 or 3 councils ago; they spend a few thousand dollars to make a few hundred. However; he is not opposed to doing something.

Councillor Carrier said its not like its going to be a get rich off the souvenirs but it is something to promote Belledune, provide tourist with options to purchase items with Belledune on. They could also have a wooden salmon with a hole in the face so kids can take pictures with. There are a lot of things that can be done that doesn't cost a lot.

Mayor Arseneault wanted to speak to this. Last council never got around to doing anything, it doesn't have to create a huge revenue but it will help promote the Salmon Barrier, which is a great asset to the Village.

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell would also like to get the fliers reprinted for both the Salmon Barrier and the Jacquet River Campground as they are outdated and have errors in them.

5.2 ADMINISTRATION – Interim CAO Kingston

5.2.1. Report from Darrell Culligan – Recreation & Wellness Coordinator (attached)

Stair Chair

Waiting on a re-quote, electrician visited for preparation work prior to installation, should be delivered in a few weeks.

Tennis Court Conversion to pickleball courts:

If repairs, seal and posts done by Village maintenance and lines by myself the cost is approx. \$2300.00 for Tennis court side.

If done by St. Isidore asphalt; Repair cracks and re-pave; Both Tennis side and Basketball side \$46,000.00 tax included. Just the tennis side \$26,000.00 tax included.

Waiting on call back from TTP and site visit and quote from Legace asphalt, possibly Friday or Monday.

Oasis-Splashpad;

25% down was issued and toys are out for painting (Belledune Flag Colors)! Electrician (RDM) did measurements from panel to mechanical shed. Plumbing found water well and will replace pump and piping to cold water tank and then add a T to run piping out to mechanical shed. Waiting on Oasis arrival date, then will let electrical and plumbing know so they can do prep prior to pad construction. Hoping to start construction mid-August and takes approx. 3 weeks.

Art Program; Service Agreement

Last revision was on July 19/22 so waiting on council approval before signing off.

Walking Trails at Roherty Point;

Funding depleted for this year but waiting to hear back from Jacques Robichaud (GNB) about other funding streams. Hoping by spring 2023 everything will be in place so project can commence.

Mayor Arseneault said he was the one that asked Darrell Culligan to look into the cost of converting the tennis court and basketball court into pickle ball courts. It would need a motion of council. There should be more information coming forward within the next two weeks. Also, there is an area behind the arena where something could be developed there.

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell asked if pickle ball was an outdoor sport, Mayor Arseneault said it was both.

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell asked if there was a crack filling machine at the Village, nobody was sure.

Councillor Carrier said she would like to see the walking trail behind the playground area to Roherty Point be developed. She also asked where the Splash Park was going to be located, it is going behind the Fire Hall in Jacquet River. She also inquired if there was options to add to the Art Program, maybe Angelica Audit and Ivan Doucet could do some classes, and other people also.

Lights At Memorial Park – CAO Kingston

CAO Kingston informed Council that the lights at the Memorial Park have finally been installed. There was some delay because they had to dig up some of the grass because some of the pipes underground were not closed properly. Public Works will put seed and water the grass.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

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Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm, seconded by Councillor Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer