



**Village of Belledune
Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2026**

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
Councillor, Dawn Hickey
Absent:
Late:
Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee
Staff Absent: Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle
Staff Late:

Call to Order & Welcome

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

Adopt Agenda

M 2026/04/20-38

Ron Bourque moved that the Agenda be Adopted as Amended with changes, 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		
Dawn Hickey	x		
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- Councillor Ron Bourque requested item 6.6.1 be removed from the agenda. Deputy Mayor Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell requested an acknowledgement item be added to the agenda.

Statements of Conflict of Interest

- Councillor Lilliane Carmichael and Mayor Paul Arseneault indicated they would declare conflict of interest

Adoption of Minutes

M 2026/04/20-39

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2026 and the Special Meeting of March 24, 2026 be adopted as presented, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Cynthia Robinson raised a topic concerning Business Arising. Mayor Paul Arseneault declared conflict of interest and vacated the meeting at 7:04pm. Councillor Robinson commented that the motion that was removed from the agenda was improperly removed at the previous council meeting, which she feels is a misuse and abuse of the motion. Councillor Robinson would like to clarify that the resolution was written by CAO Lee and Solicitor Andre Daigle to ensure accuracy, and that at the time the motion was on the table, the insurance lawyers had indicated that it was council's discretion on if they would like to release the information. Mayor Paul Arseneault returned to the meeting at 7:06pm.

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations

- Presentation By Royal Canadian Legion

Presentation made by Clifford Joncas, President & North Shore Commander, and Ron Bourque, 1st Vice President of New Brunswick Command. Acknowledgement from Mayor Arseneault thanking the Legion for their work in the community.

Statements by Member of Council

Mayor, Arseneault

Councillor, Bourque

Councillor, Carmichael

Councillor, Guitard-McDonnell

- Note of Appreciation for the Gentleman's Hockey Tournament

Deputy Mayor Guitard-McDonnell acknowledged the success of the gentleman's tournament, and extended a thank you to the organizers and sponsors, which this year included basket of donations from businesses and a 'shoot the puck' event for the chance to win a 4-year lease on a vehicle from Lounsbury's in Bathurst, NB. The sponsorships help to raise over \$1000 to go towards the Jacquet River annual school trip to Quebec City.

- Community Welcoming Event on April 24
Event at St John the Evangelist Church, open to all on April 24, for a free supper.

- Acknowledgement to Belledune Fire Dept
Deputy Mayor Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell asked for an acknowledgement for the Belledune Fire Dept to be added to the agenda. Marilyn acknowledge efforts made by the department and the undertaking of training that has been happening by the volunteers.

Councillor, Hickey

Councillor, Robinson

Administration Reports

Chief Administrative Officer, Landon Lee

- Social and Environmental Grant Report

Councillor Lilliane Carmichael declared conflict of interest and left at 7:18pm. Lilliane returned at 7:19pm.

2026/04/20-41

Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell moved that the Social and Environmental CAO Grant Report of April 2026 be accepted as presented and the following grants approved; \$250 to Royal Canadian Legion Durham #77 Branch for their 100th Anniversary Celebration; \$250 to Dusty Sneakers c/o Lorne Days Festival, seconded by Ron Bourque. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Treasurer, Angela Buckle

- Financial Reports

2026/04/20-42

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

- By-Law #17-02-2025 a By-law to Amend the Rural Plan of the Village of Belledune Being By-law 17-01-2008
 - Third reading in its Entirety and Enactment

M 2026/04/20-43

Lilliane Carmichael moved that By-law #17-02-2025 an Amendment to the Rural Plan of the Village of Belledune Being By-law 17-01-2008, be read a third time in its entirety and enacted, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

- Main Street Upgrade Award

M 2026/04/20-44

Lilliane Carmichael moved that as recommended by Roy Consultants' Engineer, Guillaume Arseneau, in their Letter of Recommendation, the Main Street Upgrade Phase 4 Project Number 200-16-3-D be awarded to the lowest bidder, St-Isadore Asphalte Ltd., for the sum of \$1,044,311.55 (HST Included) , seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

- Curry Drive Piping Project Award

M 2026/04/20-45

Lilliane Carmichael moved that as recommended by Roy Consultants' Engineer, Guillaume Arseneau, in their Letter of Recommendation, the Curry Drive Strom Upgrade Project Number 049-23-D be awarded to the lowest bidder, St-Isadore Asphalte Ltd., for the sum of \$229,883.85 (HST Included) , seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

- Gifting Agreement from GNB Approval

M 2026/04/20-46

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the Council of the Village of Belledune approves the Gifting Agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement , seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Robinson asked CAO Lee about potential funding for brush cutting related to wild fire prevention. CAO Lee indicated any funding that was available seemed to be aimed at larger corridors, and trying to create larger gaps in vegetation to prevent wild fires from jumping from area to area. The funding did not appear to be available for municipal side streets.

- Per Diem Approval for New Members of Council

M 2026/04/20-47

Lilliane Carmichael moved that Council approve a per diem for any members of Council to attend the Local Governance Orientation Program in Saint John, NB on June 12 and June 13 , seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

General Correspondence

- Correspondence List & Documents

Closed Session

Adjournment

M 2026/04/20-48

Lilliane Carmichael moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:31pm, seconded by Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer