



**Village of Belledune  
Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
April 11, 2022**

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Council Chambers, 2471 Main St.  
**Present:** Mayor, Paul Arseneault  
Deputy Mayor, Ron Bourque  
Councillor, Cynthia Robinson  
Councillor, Kristie Carrier  
Councillor, Lillian Carmichael  
Councillor, Marilyn Guitard-McDonnell  
**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treasurer – Brenda Cormier  
Assistant Clerk – Nicole Carrier

Mayor, Arseneault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Welcomed everyone to the first public meeting in over 2 years. Special thank you to Sgt. Lizette, RCMP, thanked him for an excellent job for the last 8 years in our area.

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

Council read the Oath of Office.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**M 2022/04/11-52**

**Councillor Carmichael moved to adopt the agenda with additions, seconded by Councillor Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.**

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil

**BUSINESS:**

Council

COUNCILLOR, CARMICHAEL

**Swing for JR Villa**

Councillor Carmichael would like to have a motion put forward at the Regular Meeting to have the Health & Wellness Coordination order a swing for the Jacquet River Villa.

**Annual Report**

Councillor Carmichael mentioned that the Annual Report has to be completed by the end of June as per the Local Governance Act, Regulation 2018—54-Annual Report, and she would like a motion put forward at the Regular Meeting to have the Clerk/Treasurer complete the Report.

### **Start Budget Discussion**

Councillor Carmichael would like to have a motion put forward at the Regular Meeting to commence work on the 2023 budget. She would like to start meetings in May.

Mayor Arseneault asked if she wanted to start meetings in May for the 2023 budget.

Councillor Carmichael said, yes, she would like to see 2 meetings in May, maybe none in the summer months, however she would like to get a good start on the budget.

### **Strategic Planning Seminar**

Councillor Carmichael mentioned that a Strategic Planning Seminar would go hand in hand with the budget as they move forward.

Deputy Mayor Bourque said that there has not been a date to have a Strategic Plan in 2022. There should be a date sooner rather than later.

Councillor Carrier said there isn't much they can do until a CAO is in place.

COUNCILLOR, GUITARD-McDONNELL

### **Apology – on file**

“Good evening and welcome back to the chamber. I would like to take the time to apologize to the residents of Belledune, and to anyone who was offended by my unprofessional reaction over the ongoing issues, following the Regular Meeting on March 31, 2022. As a new Councillor; I will admit that we as a Council have had our struggles over the past 10 months with the ongoing insulting and disrespectful behavior, both on and off camera by members of Council towards their peers, as well as towards some of the employees. My hope is, as we open the door to our new CAO is that we begin with a new chapter where we can all work together respectfully and without bias. We have work to do, thanks for listening.”

### **“Painting with Maureen” discussion**

This program started with 4 sessions per year for Seniors. Now it has evolved into sessions with various groups, with many different activities going on at the Recreation Centre. Councillor Guitard-McDonnell meet with Mrs. Pascal and Mr. Culligan to get more information as to what was actually going on and how it did evolve. She would like to meet with the new CAO, Mrs. Pascal and Mr. Culligan to create a more structured program through the Health and Wellness Program, with agreements or a contact in place so everyone is on the same page. Mrs. Pascal said she was taking the summer months off. Prior to the fall, a meeting should be held and an agreement put in place.

Councillor Carmichael thanked Councillor Guitard-McDonnell for meeting with Mrs. Pascal, and said that she feels the same way, that an agreement should be in place.

Councillor Carrier said that an agreement should be in place, as with the other rentals in the various Municipal buildings. For the money that the Village is putting out for 4-6 programs per year, \$3000 is set in the budget for supplies, etc., that a more structured program must be in place. Councillor Carrier also said that at no time was it mentioned that the program was in

jeopardy. However, with a key to the building given out, with Mrs. Pascal having full use of the 3 rooms downstairs, the Village needs to know what is actually being done, it needs to be set up properly. The insurance company needs to be contacted to make sure the Village is covered. Also, if someone else wants to use that space, it has to be done fairly so that people have the same opportunity.

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell said that a form of agreement has to be in place, that is why she brought this up, she wanted to get things cleared up.

**Sign for Hidden Entrances on Main St.**

Councillor Guitard-McDonnell said that she would like to put forward a motion at the Regular Meeting to have 2 hidden entrance signs put in, one at on Main St., and Hodgins St. and one for a private entrance, in front of Main and Curry Drive. It is dangerous for the school bus stopping to pick up the kids.

Councillor Carmichael said it was fine for the summer time however in the winter time the signs will be hidden with the snow banks.

**CLOSED SESSION**


6:30pm-7:00pm – Legal

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Councillor Carmichael moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm, seconded by Councillor Guitard-McDonnell. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Mayor

  
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