

**Village of Belledune
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2009**

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Belledune Municipal Chambers
Present: Mayor, Nick Duivenvoorden
Deputy Mayor, Mary Emma Flanagan
Councillor, Paul Daley
Councillor, Jerry Guitard
Councillor, Elaine Levesque-Godin
Councillor, Mario Lapointe
CAO, David Hughes
Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Cormier
CDO, Andy Flanagan

Mayor, Duivenvoorden called the meeting to order.

Deputy Mayor, Flanagan delivered the Serenity Prayer.

Councillor, Levesque-Godin delivered the Mission Statement.

Emmie Flanagan moved that the agenda be adopted with additions to Presentations /Petitions /Delegations, seconded by Mario Lapointe. Motion carried.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: Nil

Presentations / Petitions / Delegations:

Alfred Mazerolle - Petition against the sanitary sewer project

- Letter was circulated to Council and read by Mr. Mazerolle and a Petition presented to the Mayor.

Community Homeless Network Inc. - Pauline Armstrong & Laura Aubie

- A power point presentation was made outlining famous people who were once homeless. The Shelter is intended to be an Emergency Shelter, to assist individual in the short term with lodging and food and to provide them with assistance in getting long term shelter, financial aid, jobs, etc. Clients are provided support and follow up services for at least six months, depending on their needs.
- Second presentation was in reference to Sponsorship Program. The goal of the organization to achieve long term commitments for financial aid to assure the continuance of the Shelter.

Chaleur Palliative Care – Pat White

- A verbal presentation regarding the volunteer based service provided and to raise awareness in the area regarding the services that Chaleur Palliative Care provides and the increase in the demand for services. There is a need for another Volunteer Outreach Program Course early in the New Year and volunteers are needed. As well an invitation was extended for members to on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested can contact Chaleur Palliative Care at 546-2525.

Statements by Members of Council:

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden

- An invitation was extended to a meeting of the Portage Atlantic, which the Mayor attended. The Institution provided Youth Drug Addition Services. The presentations and testimonials were quite informative and impressive. The service is strictly voluntary and there is an application process.

Members of the public may know individuals who may be in need of such services and the purpose of this statement is to let them know of Portage Atlantic's existence.

- Second statement is in reference to NB Power/Hydro Quebec proposed deal. The Belledune Messenger – was not quite correct on the Mayor's statement at the November 16, 2009 meeting and that needs to be clarified. He was not saying "No" to the deal in its entirety, but is concerned about the potential closure of Belledune plant. A meeting was attended today in Bathurst, organized by The Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce. Victor Boudreau, Minister of Business New Brunswick attended a Question and Answer session regarding the proposed NB Power / Hydro Quebec deal with the intention to provide information.

Reports:

Administration Report:

Chief Administrative Officer Report:

Arena Eave trough - CAO-09-19

Emmie Flanagan moved that CAO Report, reference # CAO-09-19 be accepted with recommendation to award the Arena and Recreation Centre Eave trough to the lowest bidder Jimmy Hilliard Contracting for the amount of \$5,311 (including HST), seconded by Paul Daley. Motion carried.

Dimestore Fishermen Proposal – CAO-09-20 - Council Information

- Proposal to produce fishing show in Belledune with a community's component. Potential cost \$10,000 plus expense (meals & accommodations). This can be further discussed and evaluated during 2010 budget deliberations.

Andrews Hockey Growth Program of P.E.I. –CAO-09-21 – Council Information

- Proposal to host a spring tournament and clinic in Belledune, during the months of April and May, when the arena is normally closed for the season. All cost associated with the extended opening of the area would be 100% paid. More detailed information is required to calculate cost to see if it is a viable venture. Council will be kept informed.

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

- 2010 Budget Meetings

One meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2009 with further dates to be determined.

By-laws and Policies: Nil

Motions & Resolutions:

The Village of Belledune has made application to The Canada-New Brunswick Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for 2/3 of funding for the proposed Belledune West Sanitary Sewer Collection and Aerated Lagoon project, with total project estimated at \$7,098,315.

Specific details or public announcements on the agreement cannot be disclosed until the Oversight Committee of the Canada-New Brunswick Building Canada Fund –Communities Component gives consent and the public announcement will be made in conjunction with representatives of both the federal and provincial government.

Paul Daley moved that the Project No. 27421- Canada-New Brunswick Building Canada Fund - Communities Component Agreement be accepted and endorsed as submitted, seconded by Emmie Flanagan. Motion carried. (3 yeas – Councillor’s, Daley, Flanagan & Levesque-Godin) (2 nays – Councillor’s Guitard & Lapointe)

Correspondence In:

Darlene Mallaley - Individual Donations

- A response and copy of Policy will be sent to Ms. Mallaley

Flo Guitard, BREA - Request to do Beer/Gardens

- With no Policy or Procedure in place regarding this request, it will be sent to the Belledune Days Chairperson.

Donations / Advertizements

Restigouche County SP CA

- Representative will be requested to attend next Council meeting to make presentation.

Restigouche Tourism Guide 2010

Emmie Flanagan moved that the Village of Belledune place a Listing for Accommodation advertisement in the 2010 Restigouche Tourism Guide for the cost of \$225, seconded by Elaine Levesque-Godin. Motion carried.

Correspondence In: continued:

Peggy & Mike Daigle - Re: Concerns, Blanchard Application to Expand

Fire Chief Report - October 2009

NCSWC - Notice of Meeting and Minutes

Office of the Premier - NB Power / Hydro Quebec Information Package

Correspondence Out:

Alfred Mazerolle - Request to Present Petition

Jacquet River School - Breakfast Program

Councillor, Daley requested that in light of the negative economic impacts on northern New Brunswick these past years and the potential for more with the NB Power / Hydro Quebec deal, he feels additional funding is necessary in the north and the 2/3 funding for the proposed Belledune West Sewer Project is not sufficient. He is requesting the an invitation to meet with Belledune Council in the new year be extended to the two MLA’s in the north (Roland Haché and Donald Arseneault) as well as other influential political members to discuss additions funding and in some cases changes to legislation to better meet the needs of the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. on a motion by Emmie Flanagan and seconded by Elaine Levesque-Godin. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor