

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2020 1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT **Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Jack Roesner
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Brent Patrick
Councillor Tim Schison
CAO Annette Gilchrist
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **6**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

That: the agenda be accepted with the addition of Item #3 Chicken By-Law 2016-024; and Item #4 Community Safety & Well Being Plan. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None Declared

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on April 7, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS None

REPORTS

Recreation and Culture

Kevin McGrath, Manager of Recreation and Culture, was present and gave his report.

- a) Arena Maintenance – Staff are working on maintenance and painting at the arena. The bar in the Eagle’s Nest has been painted, new shelving, and new countertops are being installed;
- b) Canadian Blood Services – There is a blood donor clinic scheduled to be held at the Eagle’s Nest in June;
- c) Opeongo Park – The shade structure that is attached to the Sebastopol Heritage Society museum building collapsed with the weight of the snow on it this winter. Committee directed Kevin McGrath to get an estimate on repairing the structure;
- d) Rotary Building – Graffiti was discovered on one end of the Rotary Building. Staff have removed some of the graffiti and will repaint the wall when the weather gets warmer;
- e) Township Golf Tournament – The golf tournament is not officially cancelled at this time;
- f) Summer Jobs – The Recreation Departments summer jobs posting closed on April 10, 2020. Kevin McGrath has contacted all the applicants. Interviews will be done over the phone or online. Committee recommends proceeding with the flower boxes on the bridge;
- g) Water Filling Station – The water filling station at the Tourist Booth is closed due to Covid-19;
- h) Canada Day Celebrations – Committee recommends discussing Canada Day Celebrations later in May, and recommend staff be ready with some pre-planning if we are able to proceed with Canada Day Celebrations in 2020;
- i) Farmers Market – Kevin McGrath has spoken with Michelle at the Farmers Market,

- they are looking into starting up sales on-line;
- j) Bonnechere Union Public Library – The library staff have spoken to Kevin McGrath about yarn bombing in the Village. Committee recommends that Kevin McGrath get more information on this proposal and bring it back to the Committee;
 - k) Newsletter – Committee recommends proceeding with the May/June edition of the Bonnechere Valley Newsletter; and
 - l) Eganville Mudder – The Eganville Mudder event is cancelled for 2020.
Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

By-Law Enforcement

Steve Fiegen, By-Law Enforcement Officer, was present and gave his report.

- a) Health & Safety – All in person training for health and safety has been cancelled and training is being done online. Committee recommends purchasing new health and safety software in the amount of \$950 to assist with online training and a training tracking platform;
- b) Freshet – The freshet is normal with no flooding reported or anticipated;
- c) Covid-19 – The Emergency Operations Centre remains active at an enhanced level. There have been four complaints received and Steve Fiegen issued warnings and educated residents; and
- d) Dog Pound – Staff have come up with a protocol for dogs coming into the animal shelter from homes that have Covid-19.

By-Law Enforcement Report Received.

Administration

Annette Gilchrist, CAO, was present and gave her report.

- a) Municipal Office – The Municipal Office remains closed, and the office staff have been divided into two separate shifts;
- b) Municipal Way Finders – Municipal Way Finders have commenced work on the Township's Operational Review; and
- c) Building Department – On Friday, April 3, 2020, the government of Ontario gave notice of changes to Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "Order"), being an Order issued under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act following Ontario's declaration that an emergency exists throughout the Ontario as a result of the outbreak of Covid-19 coronavirus disease. The Order requires the closure of places of business not included in the list of essential businesses contained in Schedule 2 to the Order. The changes reduce the number and type of construction activities deemed to be essential and limits residential construction to certain types of project where permits were granted before April 4, 2020 and residential renovation projects which commenced before April 4, 2020. The building department is moving forward with inspections for permits issued prior to April 5, 2020 for open air inspection. We request that nobody is on site for the enclosed indoor inspections for at least three days before the date of inspection. Applications are being accepted electronically and permits will continue to be issued. The issuance of building permits after April 5th, 2020 however should not be construed as a statement that the construction of the building described in the permit is permitted as an essential business pursuant to the Order. All non-essential construction must be deferred until the government of Ontario has lifted the Order or enacted further changes to permit non-essential construction activities to proceed. For example if somebody has a failed septic system the permit would be issued and the work could proceed as these works have been deemed essential.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMO COVID-19 Update – New Emergency Orders until April 23, 2020
- (ii) AMO COVID-19 Update – Recovery
- (iii) FCM Voice – COVID-19 – Big Push on Financial Support for Municipalities – April 14, 2020
- (iv) Province of Ontario – Ontario Significantly Expanding COVID-19 Testing

- (v) Province of Ontario – Ontario Takes Further Action to Stop the Spread of COVID- 19
- (vi) AMO COVID-19 Update: Bill 189, Coronavirus Support and Protection Act, 2020 Receives Royal Assent
- (vii) Province of Ontario – Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to Continue the Fight Against COVID-19
- (viii) Renfrew County ATV Club – ATV Club Encourages Riders to Stay Home, Stay Safe

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Town of Kingsville – Electricity Billing Relief During Covid-19
- (ii) Ministry of Attorney General – Construction Act
- (iii) Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Support for Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes
- (iv) Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Support for Legislative Changes in Bill 132
- (v) Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards – Bonnechere River System
- (vi) ParticipAction Community Better Challenge – Cancellation of the Challenge
- (vii) Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry – Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety Pembroke District

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** County of Renfrew Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on the County of Renfrew. The County has not had any Committee meetings. Annette Gilchrist asked if Mayor Murphy could share the staff report following County Council in regards to the Official Plan;
- (2)** 2020 Budget Meeting – The budget meeting will be held on Friday May 15th, 2020. As per Committee's requested, paper copies of the budget will be provided to Committee members on May 11th, 2020;
- (3)** Chicken By-Law – Committee discussed the chicken by-law 2016-024. Steve Fiegen will get more information and bring back to Committee; and
- (4)** Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – The Province announced that the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans are postponed for an indefinite time period.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Carried

Jennifer Murphy, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO