

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020 1:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **5**

**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 as presented. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY**            **Brent Patrick**

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on April 21, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Erin Thompson, MacKillican & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants  
Overview of Bonnechere Valley's 2019 Financial Statements

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent, was present and gave his report.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements.
- b) We have collected our Quarterly Water Samples.
- c) We are painting the interior doors and some walls.
- d) We started staggering employees shifts do to the Covid – 19 Epidemic.
- e) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that is set out in the C of A.
- f) We are starting to prepare a PPE Lockers for each employee at the STP.
- g) The spring flows volumes are going down very well

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

**Works Department**

Jason Zohr, Acting Works Superintendent was present and gave his report.

- a) Street Sweeper – Committee discussed the street sweeper that was purchased in 2018. The sweeper had \$11,500 in repairs in 2020 to date and the ECU motor is needing further repairs at this time. Committee recommends not continuing with the repairs if the costs are too high. Committee also recommends looking into a sub-contractor if necessary;
- b) Grading – Committee discussed the grading on Risto Road. The road will be re-graded on May 6, 2020; and

- c) Dust Suppression – The request for quotes for dust suppression will go out next week and will be approved by the end of May 2020.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

Dave Murphy, Fire Chief, was present and gave his report.

- a) Fire Ban – A level 2 burn ban is in place in conjunction with the MNRF Restricted Fire Zone designation for our locale;
- b) Pumper Training – Pumper training has resumed with safety protocols in place. Fire staff are currently filling the water reservoir in Foymount;
- c) Apparatus – Pump testing will be conducted on Thursday May 7, 2020;
- d) Fire Calls – The Fire Department has received a number of calls regarding illegal burns;
- e) OFMEM Teleconference – Chief Murphy briefed the Committee on the teleconference call he attended that was hosted by the Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management (OFMEM); and
- f) Reports – Chief Murphy also gave Committee a summary of various fire reports.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(A) Correspondence "A"**

#### **(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Township of North Dumfries – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing
- (ii) Township of North Dumfries – Tourism Orientated Destination Signage Fee Increases
- (iii) Corporation of the Township of Midland Corporation – Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020
- (iv) Community Gardens Town of Gravenhurst Resolution Letter
- (v) Community Gardens Muskoka District Resolution

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** County of Renfrew Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues:
  - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is lobbying the Federal Government for Covid19 financial relief for municipalities;
  - County staff are working on protecting their residents in long term care homes with increased safety procedures and precautions;
  - County Paramedics are performing Covid19 testing;
  - The Official Plan Amendment to the Renfrew County Official Plan Amendment #25 were received on March 30, 2020, and the decision became effective on March 26, 2020. Committee recommends that a resolution be sent to the Province of Ontario requesting an extension of the effective date of the decision to September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- (2)** 2019 Draft Financial Statements – Committee recommends that the 2019 Financial Statements and the 2019 Financial Information Return from MacKillican & Associates, Chartered Accountants be approved as presented;
- (3)** Covid19 Financial Implications Report – Report received by Committee;
- (4)** Electricity Commodity Cost Review – Report received by Committee;
- (5)** Integrity Commissioner Annual Report – Report received by Committee;
- (6)** AMCTO Accredited Ontario Municipal Clerk Recipients – Sandra Barr & Annette Gilchrist were both awarded with their Ontario Municipal Clerk's Designation from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario's (AMCTO).

