

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2021 1:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **8**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Tim Schison 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 a closed session regarding an identifiable individual. Carried

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 16, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**      None

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Maintenance on fire hydrants continues;
- c) Conducting several water and sewer locates for contractors and homeowners
- d) Working on 2020 Yearly reports;
- e) Working on risk management within the DWQMS process that is required for the Drinking Water License;
- f) Repaired water service saddle from the blow off of the water main on Bonnechere Street West which occurred on December 17, 2020
- g) The # 1 Treated Water Pump failed on December 24,2020 it has to be replaced;
- h) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that is set out in the C of A; and
- i) The supply lines for the Air Diffusers on #1 Treatment Unit had maintenance carried out and more air clamps were replaced.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

**Works Department**

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

- a) Surplus Equipment – Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent indicated that we received offers on the following surplus equipment: Float trailer – bid of \$6,200 and 7.5 foot Plow – bid of \$1,500. Committee authorized staff to accept these bids as they are above the reserved bid;

- b) Lake Clear Water Levels – On December 11<sup>th</sup>, Jason Zohr spoke with Shawn Cameron from Renfrew Power Generation, in regards to water levels on Lake Clear. Mr. Cameron sent information charting the water levels over the past 38 weeks indicating that Lake Clear has been below the licensing OCC. At this point Mr. Cameron is not concerned as cold weather should change things. As of week 52 it is 27 cm below licensing; and
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Correspondence – Email was received from Corrie Bourgoin, MNRF, stating by doing the dredging there is potentially a significant environmental impact on sensitive fisheries in the lake. Due to the impact there would have to be an evaluation done before anything were to move forward with the dredging. Staff recommendation to Committee is ongoing monitoring of the water levels, but no action should be taken at this time.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) Fire Calls – Total of 60 calls for 2020;
- b) Personnel – Currently have 27 fire fighters and the Chief is reviewing new applications;
- c) Apparatus and Equipment – Apparatus, vehicles, and equipment are service ready and all maintenance activities have continued with COVID protocols in place.
- d) Training – Practical training continues with COVID protocols in place. The Department is taking advantage of outside on-line training opportunities when available. As the pandemic marches on, most in-person outside training has been cancelled/postponed. BVFD training committee has met and pre-planned 2021 activities;
- e) Community Risk Assessment – Work on the Bonnechere Valley Community Risk Assessment has begun with a goal of completion in 2021;
- f) Foymount Fire Hall – Currently working with contractor with regards to options for the Foymount Fire Hall. Chief Murphy will bring a report back to Council when the estimates are completed; and
- g) Employer Antigen Screening Pilot Project – The Province has put in place an Employer Antigen Screening Pilot being led by the Ministry of Health. According to the OFM there has been little uptake for the program with departments. To date one department is participating as part of a larger initiative within their Municipality.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

- (i) Dufferin County – Aggregate Resource Property Valuation Assessment
- (ii) Kingsville Ontario – Letter of Support for Small Business
- (iii) Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities
- (iv) Municipality of Marmora & Lake – Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities
- (v) Municipality of South Huron – Unauthorized Car Rallies
- (vi) Town of Amherstburg – Development Approval Requirements for Landfills
- (vii) Township of Lake of Bays – AODA Website Compliance Extension Request
- (viii) Township of Lake of Bays – Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities
- (ix) Township of Matachewan – Application deadlines for Municipalities
- (x) Township of South Perth – Drainage Matters & CN Rail
- (xi) General Hillier Memo and update

- (xii) LCPOA Lawyer Letter
- (xiii) Letter from North Algona Wilberforce re: CBO Agreement
- (xiv) County of Renfrew Property Request

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

Committee gave staff direction to Annette Gilchrist, CAO to have Mark Schroeder, CBO to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss RV's and report on how many building permits have been issued on Lake Clear since 2010.

Staff direction was given to accept the letter from North Algona Wilberforce re: CBO Agreement.

Staff direction was also given to Annette Gilchrist, CAO to consult with Jason Zohr regarding the sale of frontage along 3091 Foymount Road. If Jason Zohr, Roads Superintendent had no issues, staff are to proceed with the sale to the County of Renfrew.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Mayor's Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues including;
- Updating Committee on Covid-19 vaccination protocol changes;
  - Mayor Murphy attended a pre-budget meeting at County;
  - Plans to move ahead for the South Korean visit at the end of the Summer of 2021;
  - ROMA Conference is at the end of January. Mayor Murphy has two delegations with Hon. Steve Clark, MPP;
  - Mayor Murphy has a meeting on Thursday to discuss a new mental health initiative in our area; and
  - Mayor Murphy was interviewed by the Eganville Leader for her perspective on the year 2020. Despite Covid-19 Bonnechere Valley was able to accomplish many things – including Bridge reconstruction, Canada Day celebrations, Little Library, Quilt Painting at Tourist Booth, a successful online community to assist fellow community member (It Takes a Village) and many more.
- (2)** Draft By-Law re Snow/Ice/Water on Roadways – Committee discussed the draft by-law. Committee recommends support of this by-law, and requested staff bring the by-law forward to the next Council meeting for approval;
- (3)** County Official Plan Amendment Review – Committee discussed; and
- (4)** Request for Road Allowance Closure and Sale – Committee approves the sale of the un-opened road allowance as a house keeping issue. Committee agrees to waive all municipal fees, the owners is responsible to pay all costs associated with the land transfer.

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday** January 20, 2021 at 1:30 pm

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY Jenn Murphy**

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:52 p.m.

Carried

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Tim Schison, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO