

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021 1:30 P.M.**

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

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **8**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Brent Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None Declared

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on March 2, 2021 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 – Moving from green Covid-19 zone to a yellow zone did not affect the arena. The Jr B. Wolves are playing Arnprior for controlled scrimmages, with 50 spectators in the stands and up to fourteen in the Eagle’s Nest. Valley Storm teams are playing controlled games with Renfrew and Muskrat as their bubble. Barry’s Bay minor hockey players are coming down and joining Eganville minor hockey for practices. Public Skating continues with a range of fifteen to twenty-five participating. Cobden, Arnprior and Petawawa are removing their ice on March 28th;
- b) The outdoor rink is done for season and the lights have been turned off;
- c) Emma Normoyle completed her Standard First Aid Course;
- d) Kevin McGrath attended the Renfrew County Recreation meeting about the Ontario Winter Games, vaccinations, and summer recreation programs;
- e) Recreation summer student jobs have been posted. They close March 31;
- f) Claire Lepine of the EACDG was speaking to Kevin McGrath, they are looking for locations to put a park bench in the Village of Eganville;
- g) Beaver Tails is interested in operating his Beaver Tail stand for three dates in Eganville at the Tourist Booth Parking Lot – at the end of April, Canada Day and the long weekend in September. Beaver Tails will get a Township permit and plan to make a donation to a local charity of Committees choice. Committee approves this initiative, with the recommendation that the local home owners are given notice;
- h) Kevin McGrath met with CBO Mark Schroder and an Engineer from JL Richards on March 9, 2021 to discuss the new wheelchair ramp at the Curling Club;

- i) Gerber's Nursey is preparing the flower boxes for the bridge for this year;
- j) Staff are working on a labour quote for the proposed Eganville Dog Park; and
- k) Dana Jennings submitted a funding application to Healthy Communities Initiative for WIFI at McRae Park and shade structures at the Splash Pad.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Administration

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

- a) The February financial reports are in your packages;
- b) The Budget Review on February 19th went well, a presentation and By-Laws will be forthcoming to Council in April and May 2021;
- c) All Departments have reviewed the Fee By-Law for updates a draft will come forward in April for Councils review;
- d) All Departments have reviewed a formal Complaint Policy. A draft will come forward in April for Councils review;
- e) Updated Job Descriptions were submitted for the pay equity review which is ongoing;
- f) Asset Management Plan Proposals are being gathered and will be presented to Council in April for award according to the Procurement By-Law;
- g) The Senior Leadership Team also continues to meet and review cross-departmental projects and direction received from Council at their bi-monthly meetings;
- h) The proposed amendment to the zoning by-law regarding trailers and recreational vehicles took place on Tuesday Feb 16th at 3:30 p.m. despite extending the meeting for an extra hour we still did not complete the reading of all the written comments provided. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday March 19th at 10am;
- i) The Joint Health and Safety Committee met on Monday February 22nd 2021 and updated the list of training requirements for departments. First Aid Courses were scheduled in early March for any departments which wished to partake including the Library;
- j) Chief Building Official Mark Schroeder's monthly building statistics are attached; and
- k) Planning & Community Development Officer Dana Jennings' Planning Report is attached.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO – 83rd Annual General Meeting & Professional Development Institute

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Solicitor General – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- (ii) Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards – Bonnechere River Water Management Plan Proposed Amendments
- (iii) City of Port Colborne – Ontario Fire College
- (iv) Norfolk County – Carbon Tax on Primary Agriculture Producers
- (v) Township of The Archipelago – Ontario Fire College
- (vi) Town of Mono – Ontario Fire College
- (vii) Lake of Bays – Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
- (viii) Niagara Region – Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economy Recovery Act, 2020
- (ix) City of Sarnia – Colour Coded Capacity Limits
- (x) Bonnechere Museum – Application for Lottery Permit
- (xi) Eganville & District Seniors Association – Support Letter
- (xii) Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games – Support Letter

- (xiii) North Algona Wilberforce Township – Ontario Northland Transportation Services
- (xiv) Township of Brock – Ontario Fire College
- (xv) Township of Brock – Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement
- (xvi) Municipality of Grey Highlands – Minister’s Zoning Order

(C) Correspondence “C”

B ii) Committee gave administrative direction to CAO Annette Gilchrist to respond to KHR’s request for the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan Proposed Amendments stating that we support their initiative in principal and we can confirm financial support once all the costs are known.

B x) Committee recommends supporting the Bonnechere Museum’s request to make a donation to cover the costs of their lottery licensing fee.

B xi) Eganville & District Senior Needs – Committee requests that this item be forwarded to the Eganville Generation Corporation for consideration and discussion.

B xii) Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games – Committee will hold onto this request until it is known if the games will proceed.

Bxiii) North Algona Wilberforce – Ontario Northland Transportation Services – Committee gave administrative direction to CAO Annette Gilchrist to send a letter of Support to North Algona Wilberforce.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Mayor’s Update – Jenn updated the committee on her appointment to the EORN Board of Directors, as well her appointment to Chair of Finance for the Ontario 22 Winter Games;
- (2) EGC Update – No update at this time;
- (3) Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated Committee on the business of the Bonnechere Union Public Library. They are working on their 50th anniversary celebration as well as an online auction. The Library Board is working on a virtual authors festival for this summer and reviewing their policies;
- (4) Eganville Dog Park – Committee discussed the proposed Eganville Dog Park with Kevin McGrath during his report and tabled further discussion an upcoming meeting where both Kevin McGrath and Jason Zohr would both be present;
- (5) Ontario Fire College Resolution – Committee recommends support of a resolution to respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidise and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario;
- (6) Bonnechere Museum – Committee recommends that the Township of Bonnechere Valley make a donation to the Bonnechere Arts and Historical Society to cover their 2021 lottery license; and
- (7) Tax Adjustments – Committee recommends that the application for an adjustment of taxes for 183 Augsburg Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$66.24 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 330 Augsburg Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$160.14 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 855 Silver Lake Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$338.36 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 3745 Opeongo Road be approved due to a fire. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$190.43 be made to the property; and

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 2057 Foymount Road be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$693.51 be made to the property.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:22 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO