

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY JUNE 22, 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 **14**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Item #8 It Takes a Village Facebook Page, Item #9 Cormac Park Picnic Tables, and Item #10 Hate Has No Home Here Signs. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on June 1, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

Judy Sauve presented Candace Woolley with Ontario Senior of the Year Award

REPORTS

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) Arena – Staff painted the bleachers and the floors in the plant room and the Olympia Room;
- b) Centennial Park – The Tourist Booth walkway to the bathroom has been paved, and the bathroom floor has been painted. The security cameras at the Tourist Booth were sent back to the manufacturer for repairs, under warranty and replaced. The picnic tables were opened up as of June 11. Jason Miller has repaired the tubing on the Walking Bridge;
- c) Legion Field – The new bleacher has been put together. Staff are working on preparing the area where the concrete pad will be. The Farmers Market started on June 18. Ball and soccer are cancelled for this summer;
- d) Opeongo Park – Baseball infield has been cultivated by Calvin Schweigert and the paved area was swept by the roads department. Buoys will be placed out at Weiland shores and Buelow beach this month. A resident has requested a basketball net be installed at the Park, Kevin McGrath is working on this request;
- e) Village – Horticulture has planted the planters around town and the Bridge planters are installed. Public washrooms will open on June 18, timers will be set from 7am to 8pm. General and grass maintenance continues. Tourist booth will open June 26, 2021 from 10am to 5pm. The Tourist Booth will be open from Wednesday to Sundays from 10am to 5pm;
- f) Foymount Park – Play Structure has been painted and the sand has been tilled;

- g) Rotary Beach – Received one load of sand for the beach. The ladder has been installed on the dock. Grass maintenance continues;
- h) Dog Park – The dog park area is fenced and it looks great. They are planning a grand opening for around July 1. The sign has arrived and staff will get it installed shortly;
- i) 2021 Swim Program – No resumes were received for Swim Instructors. Committee discussed and agreed that it is very unfortunate that such an important life skill cannot be taught this year in the Village of Eganville;
- j) The Beaver Tails Food Truck will be in the parking lot at the Eganville Tourist Booth on Thursday July 1st from 12 noon to 9:30pm, Friday July 2nd 12 noon to 7:00pm, and on Saturday July 3rd from 12 noon to 5:00pm;
- k) Shop Local Rural Rewards Program – Bonnechere Valley, Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards, North Algona Wilberforce and Whitewater Region are all participating in a Shop Local Campaign. The campaign was launched on Monday, June 14th. People can pick up their Rural Rewards cards at the participating businesses within the six participating municipalities. After completing 10 purchases, the Rural Rewards Cards can be dropped off at the local municipal offices. Each Township will have a monthly draw for a \$25 local gift card/certificates of the winners choosing. The campaign will run from June till December 2021;
- l) Sand-Sational Sand Contest – Bonnechere Valley, Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards and North Algona Wilberforce have partnered to deliver the “Sand-Sational Sand Sculpture Contest”, which will run from June 1st to August 31st. There will be multiple chances to win \$875 in prizes, there will be a winner from each Township;
- m) OVTA Tourism Champion Award – Bonnechere Valley nominated Preston O’Grady from the Bonnechere Museum for the OVTA’s Marilyn Alexander’s Tourism Champion Award. Preston was awarded the honour on May 31, 2021. Committee extended their congratulations to Preston O’Grady;
- n) The Library Board is requesting the Township put a bench outside the Library similar to the bench that is at the Tennis Court;
- o) Committee requested that staff and Committee look for any areas within the Grattan Ward of the Township for a park area. There are no parks in that area of the Township.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Building & By-Law

Mark Schroeder, CBO and By-Law Enforcement Officer

- a) The Building permits are booming. There are as many permits issued now as there were as of October last year; and
- b) By-Law – Committee discussed the cat issue at Maple Ridge and Bonnechere Street East. As per the Township’s By-Law, all cats are to have ID tags on them to identify them, unidentified cats are considered a nuisance. The Humane Society will take abandoned cats. There is also a couple that lives just outside of Bonnechere Valley Township that fosters and adopts out cats. We are waiting on them to send a letter to Committee explaining their procedure. Committee requested that this item be brought back to the next meeting.

CBO and By-Law Enforcement Report Received.

Public Works

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

- a) Public Works staff have cleared more trees in the Spring Creek yard. Two log buyers were in to look at the logs one offered \$825.00 for the timber. Committee approves the recommendation of Jason Zohr to accept this offer;
- b) Illegal 20 km/hour speed signs were installed on Wieland Shore Road. The signs have been removed by Township staff. Committee requested that Jason Zohr look into additional “No Parking” signs to be installed on Wieland Shore Road;
- c) Speed Sign – S/Sgt Pat DiSaverio has reviewed the data from the speed sign and noted that there is a speeding issue on Lake Clear Road as well as Bonnechere Street East and West. There will be increased patrols in these areas;

- d) On June 9, 2021 Jason Zohr, Annette Gilchrist and Jack Roesner had a meeting with County of Renfrew staff to discuss the Hurds Creek Bridge on Silver Lake;
- e) The Crosswalk on Bridge Street between the BMO Bank of Montreal and Conway's Pharmacy is a "Courtesy Crosswalk". Under the Highways regulations because it is within 200 meters of the crosswalk at the traffic lights it is classified as a "Courtesy Crosswalk". Pedestrians do not have the right of way and the traffic does not have to yield to the pedestrians. Committee directed staff to install appropriate signage indicating the details of a "Courtesy Crosswalk".

Works Department Report Received.

Fire Department

Dave Murphy, Fire Chief, was present.

The Fire Chief was asked to attend this meeting by Councillor Schison. Following a report by Councillor Patrick on a recent incident at Fairfield's he thanked the fire department for their attendance and asked about public communication policies and procedures and what the complaint process is for the public should they have a complaint. Following the chief's response, Councillor Patrick then asked about the procedure and policy and permissions and capabilities regarding the drone. The Chief reviewed these verbally however as they were not formally added or approved as additions to the Agenda the CAO asked that they be brought forward to the next meeting.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) The May financial reports were provided to Committee;
- b) CAO Annette Gilchrist and Deputy CAO Sandra Barr attended the Virtual AMCTO Conference from June 14 to 16;
- c) Asset Management Project has commenced and is in the data gathering stage;
- d) The CAO and the Mayor have requested three delegations at the AMO Conference in August - Health Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Transportation;
- e) Staff continue to gather data regarding the recommendation to Council on Community Safety Zones. The recommendation will be presented to Committee in the Fall;
- f) The Complaint Policy that was approved in draft will be presented to Council for adoption at tonight's Council meeting. Going forward Council will receive a report annually on the year's complaints;
- g) The Pay Equity review was completed and a report will come forward to the August meeting;
- h) Staff continue to work with the Dog Park Committee towards the official opening of the Municipal Dog Park;
- i) Shanon Edwards has agreed to help with the virtual Canada Fire Works show. This year the Township would like Canada Day to not only be a celebration of our nation but also a solemn and meaningful moment of reconciliation by encouraging community members to wear orange on July 1st; and
- j) Requested quotes for engineering for the Curling Club Project from three different firms to approve plans for the accessible access including a ramp and renovations to the entrance and interior of the building including the kitchen and washroom. Staff is recommending Council accept the lowest quote submitted by Jp2g Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$18,000. Once the plans are completed, a construction tender will be developed and advertised in the fall of 2021 with the project to be completed by the end of 2022.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County – Back to School
- (ii) MNRF – Review of Draft Forest Management Plan
- (iii) Renfrew County Collaborative - E-Walk Counselling Clinic

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Municipality of South Huron – Support MFIPPA Change 2021
- (ii) Township of The Archipelago – Bill 228 – Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam
- (iii) Township of The Archipelago – Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021
- (iv) Township of Halton Hills – Elimination of LPAT
- (v) Town of Fort Erie – Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment
- (vi) Lake of Bays – MFIPPA
- (vii) Lake of Bays – Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites
- (viii) Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen – Drainage Matters and the Canadian Nation Railway
- (ix) Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement
- (x) Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - Continuous Increases of Costs for Municipal Insurance
- (xi) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA
- (xii) David Fleming – Road Allowance on Jessie Street
- (xiii) Municipality of Calvin - Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organization
- (xiv) Municipality of Calvin - Dead End Roads Bus Turnaround
- (xv) Town of Gore Bay - Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organization
- (xvi) Township of Lanark Highlands - Planning Act Timeframes
- (xvii) Town of Fort Erie – Capital Gains on Primary Residence
- (xviii) Enbridge – Natural Gas Expansion Program
- (xix) Megan Lavigueur Email – Augsburg Road Speed/Pave Issue
- (xx) CRTC – 3 Digit Suicide Crisis Support
- (xxi) Kirk Howell & Terra Jantz Letter – Parking Issue
- (xxii) Municipality of St. Catharines – Lyme Disease

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Update – In the month of June the Mayor attended seventeen meetings to date
 - Fourth Chute Bridge is scheduled for closure from June 28th until October 31, 2021. Mayor Murphy will ask about this at the next County Council meeting on June 30th;
 - A Special Edition of Ask Mayor Murphy was held for the Grade 2/3 students at St. James School;
 - EACDG's golf tournament was a huge success, they raised over \$8000. The AGM is scheduled for July 7th;
 - Attended a 2022 Ontario Winter Games meeting;
 - Enbridge Gas is investing 26 million dollars into servicing approximately 674 homes in the Eganville area;
 - With the housing boom that is happening right now there is a homeless problem on the rise;
 - OPP dispatch has been moved from Smith Falls to Orillia;
 - The Mayor has enrolled in an online Indigenous Canada course with the University of Alberta to learn more about the history of indigenous people.

- (2) Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated the Committee about the Story Board Walk taking place from June 14 until mid-July at Shaw Woods. The Online Fundraising Auction to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bonnechere Union Public Library that started on June 5, 2021 is going very well;
- (3) Tax Adjustments – Committee recommends that the applications for adjustment of taxes for 183 Augsburg Road be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$163.83, for 330 Augsburg Road be approved due to a class change, the amount of \$1658.14 be made to the property, for 855 Silver Lake Road be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$308.77, for 3745 Opeongo Road be approved due to a fire in the amount of \$1480.92, for 63 Sunset Lane be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$447.63, for 275 Jane Street be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$305.32, for 201 Lutherlyn Drive be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$1479.03 and for 909 Zadow Road be approved due to a class change in the amount of \$614.82.
- (4) Request for Reduction of Speed Limit on Highway 512 – The next phase of the Highway 512 (Foymount Road) expansion will not be done this year. There are four property owners that are refusing to sell land to the County of Renfrew that is needed to straighten out the dangerous curves. Committee discussed requesting that the County reduce the speed limit or the installation of rough road signs. Committee tabled the discussion until another meeting for further discussion;
- (5) Jessie Street Request – Committee received a request from Dave Fleming to purchase the unopened road allowance at the end of Jessie Street. Jason Zohr has no issues, a culvert would need to be installed to divert the water off the hill and into the creek. Committee recommends accepting this in principle. It will be brought forward to a public meeting and then back to Council for approval;
- (6) Restrict Parking on Bonnechere Street West – Committee discussed the parking issue on the street with Mark Schroeder, CBO. Mr. Schroeder has been monitoring the issue. The CBO would like to have a site meeting with the Roads Superintendent about the issue and will bring it back to the next meeting;
- (7) Speeding Concern and Request for Shoulders for Active Transportation on Augsburg Road – Committee tabled to the July 13 Committee Meeting when the speeding data would be available;
- (8) It Takes a Village Group – Committee recommends that the Township remove the link to the Facebook group “It Takes a Village” off the Township website, and staff will no longer post directly onto their Facebook page;
- (9) Cormac Park Picnic Tables – Committee recommends that Recreation staff place a picnic table at Cormac Park, and look into options and pricing for a bear proof garbage can; and
- (10) Hate Has No Home Here Signs – Committee discussed the yard signs and supports private individuals purchasing the yard signs to display in their yards. Signs cost \$10.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

THAT: Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c.25, section 239.2 to deal with a matter as indicated below:

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding ongoing negotiations with the County of Renfrew for the rehabilitation of the Hurds Creek Bridge on Silver Lake Road and to approve minutes from May 18, 2021.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Tim Schison

That: the meeting adjourn at 4:37 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO