

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY JULY 13, 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**

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CALL TO ORDER **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Tim Schison called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended with the removal of Item#1 Mayor's Report, the addition of Item #3 Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residences; Item #4 Date for Fireworks; and Item #5 Fire Department Political Statement. **Carried**

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on June 22, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Carried**

DELEGATIONS None

REPORTS

Water & Sewer Department

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) The responses that addressed the issues that the Auditor found during our audit were sent to NSF. The corrective action items were all cleared. Preparations are now underway for the November audit;
- c) Flushing fire hydrants and performing maintenance continues;
- d) Gal Power were onsite to do maintenance on the Detroit Generator;
- e) Locates for digs for Ontario One Call continues;
- f) Received a shipment of PAS 8 from Kemira Chemicals;
- g) Drained, washed and cleaned Mono Plant#1 & 2 mixing chambers and clarifiers and returned to service;
- h) Verified and pressure tested the new 6" water main off of Wellington Street South then flushed and sampled twice as per the MOE regulation;
- i) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- j) Gal Power was onsite to do the Bi-Annual Maintenance on the three stand by generators;
- k) Processing sludge into Geo Tubes; and
- l) Changed out two discharge gate valves on pad# 2 & 3.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Public Works

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

- a) The Speed sign was placed on Augsburg Road facing both East and West and the data was sent to OPP S/Sgt. Pat DiSaverio. After reviewing the data the OPP has identified a significant speeding issue each way and will create an occurrence and Directed Patrol for the Road;
- b) Gravel Tender is now complete;
- c) Manning Road has been prepped and is scheduled to be resurfaced mid-August;
- d) Roads staff are in the process of replacing culverts at the Augsburg Road construction site;
- e) Complaints received after the heavy rains that the water level on Lake Clear rose causing concerns for the residents. After looking into the issue, staff opened a beaver dam downstream from Wittke Road;
- f) The signs have been ordered for the crosswalk at the BMO Bank Of Montreal and Conway's Pharmacy. "Courtesy Crosswalk" and "Courtesy Crossing Only Pedestrian Yield to Traffic" will be the signs posted; and
- g) Tender BV21-01 for a 1 Ton Diesel Truck – Committee recommends be awarded to Mack MacKenzie Motors in the amount of \$71,407.85 + HST.

Works Department Report Received.

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) Hydro pole found on ground this morning at the Splash Pad. The hydro has been disconnected and it will hopefully be fixed tomorrow and then it will be reconnected;
- b) Arena – Paramedics are using the lobby for drive thru vaccines. Minor Hockey will be using the lobby for a meeting. Chubb Fire and Security checked the heat sensors and replaced two batteries. The lending hub is open from 8am to 3pm. An ad will be going in the Eganville Leader for a new Assistant Recreation Manager;
- c) Centennial Park – grass maintenance continues;
- d) Legion Field – Eganville Little League has booked the field and so has Soccer. One volley-ball net is up. A memorial bench for Rob Verch has been installed at the Splash Pad;
- e) Village – Grass maintenance continues. A park bench has been taken to the library. Beaver Tails is making a donation of \$281.86 to the food bank;
- f) Foymount Park – A park bench has been placed at the playground;
- g) Opeongo Park – Staff plans to put up a basketball net by the end of the month;
- h) Cormac Park – A picnic table has been taken to Cormac Park. Staff are still looking at bear-proof containers;
- i) Rotary Beach – Grass maintenance continues;
- j) Shop Local Rural Rewards Program is well underway. The first draw for a gift certificate will be held on July 19th; and
- k) Bonnechere Valley Quick Fact Sheet – was prepared by McSweeney and Associates.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Fire Department

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

- a) The Fire Department assisted the OPP at the accident scene on June 9. Chief Murphy provided a report to Committee on the drone use at that scene;
- b) 30 Bell Street – there have been a lot of calls to this address. Chief Murphy checked with the two Senior Officers that were on the scene at the last incident, and they did not know of any issues with the staff. The staff there were telling the residents not to evacuate their rooms as it was a false alarm. This is not proper procedure. The residents must follow alarm protocol and evacuate the building even during a false alarm, and residents cannot re-enter the premise until the Fire Department has cleared the scene;
- c) Fire calls are up for the month of April;
- d) The annual pumper tests are complete;

- e) The Provincial grant money has been received and the department is currently working with APX Data on the implementation of inspection and pre-planning software;
- f) The drawings for the proposed Foymount Fire Hall addition / renovation are complete. An estimate for the complete construction project, including repairs to the floor drain is \$316,000. Committee will do a site visit on August 10 at 9am and recommends that this item be brought back to Committee in September;
- g) Fire Ban –
Fire Department Report Received.

Building & By-Law

Mark Schroeder, CBO and By-Law Enforcement Officer was not present.

- a) Cat Issue – Janet Verch and Tammy Roesner have been volunteering their time to live trap cats and take them to an organization that neuters them and adopts them out to families.
CBO and By-Law Enforcement Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) June financial reports were presented to Committee;
- b) We received confirmation of our funding under Phase 2 of the Municipal Modernization Fund. Staff is working on modernization efforts to increase efficiency and improve service delivery. Attached are two of the projects we applied for to implement an electronic record management system. The other projects include software for building permits and electronic meeting management;
- c) A draft amendment to the Parking By-Law is included in your packages for review regarding Bonnechere Street West. Parking is something we will need to review at Budget time in 2022 to determine any additional areas within the village;
- d) Pay Equity Report will come to Council for review in August under a Closed Session;
- e) Asset Management Plan is underway to update all conditions, provide for levels of service, life cycle costs and financing strategy for all core assets and add all non-core assets, values and conditions ahead of the 2023 requirement;
- f) Draft Alternative Voting methods By-Law was provided for Council's review;
- g) County of Renfrew draft Development Charges Policy was provided to Council review. Staff will bring forward recommendations to the August meeting;
- h) Correspondence sent to County regarding the Hurds Creek Bridge, however no changes to the project have been made. We continue to raise health and safety concerns especially with respect to winter maintenance;
- i) The Information and Privacy Commissioner has received an appeal and we are working towards mediation on the information provided on the Township's Organizational Review; and
- j) No word from the LPATs and the appeal other than confirmation that all documentation was received.
Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO – Legislative Express
- (ii) Processes for the New Ontario Land Tribunal

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Perth County - Domestic COVID-19 Vaccine Production and Capacity
- (ii) Tay Valley Township - Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment
- (iii) Township of Brock - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

- (iv) Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Support for Fire Departments
- (v) Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residences
- (vi) Township of Perry - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- (vii) Municipality of Chatham Kent - Coloured All Stars to Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame
- (viii) Town of Cochrane - PSA Test for Men Covered in the National Health System
- (ix) Township of Huron-Kinloss - Domestic Production of COVID-19 Vaccine
- (x) Municipality of Calvin - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- (xi) Town of Fort Erie - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- (xii) Township of South Stormont - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- (xiii) Township of South Stormont - Lyme Disease Awareness and Action
- (xiv) Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- (xv) Municipality of St. Charles – Land Transfer Tax

(C) Correspondence "C"

Committee recommends support of the following resolutions to be brought forward to the next Council meeting. Biv) Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Support for Fire Departments

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** EGC Update – Tim Schison updated the Committee on the business of the Eganville Generation Corporation. The amount of rain in the last month brought up electricity generation and is starting to make up for the dry spring. Committee discussed looking into grants for a second generation plant;
- (2)** Speeding Concern and Request for Active Transportation on Augsburg Road – The Speed sign was placed on Augsburg Road facing both East and West and the data was sent to OPP S/Sgt. Pat DiSaverio. After reviewing the data the OPP has identified a significant speeding issue each way and will create an occurrence and Directed Patrol for the Road;
- (3)** Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence – Committee recommends support of a resolution to urge the Federal Government to cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences; and
- (4)** Date for Fireworks – The fireworks that did not get used due to bad weather on July 1st, will be used on July 31st.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

Site meeting on August 10, 2021 at 9:00am Foymount Fire Hall

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Brent Patrick

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:29 p.m.

Carried

Tim Schison, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO