

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 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, Brent Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: the agenda be accepted with the addition of Item #2 Mayor's Update, Item #3 Acting as Employer, and Item #4 Report on Building on Lake Clear.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None Declared

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on January 5, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Municipal Government Wayfinders – Michael Wildman & David Reid
Presentation to Committee on Bonnechere Union Public Library

REPORTS

Recreation and Culture

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

- a) Arena – Per provincial regulations the arena has been closed since December 26 due to Covid-19. The ice plant temperature has been turned up to 24 degrees and is now running for approximately two to three hours every twenty-four hour period. With the arena being closed it is costing approximately \$131 per day. At this time, the Provincial Stay at Home Order ends on February 19th, 2021 and the arena can re-open its doors at that time;
- b) Centennial Park – The outdoor arena is being maintained by the recreation department and flooded in the evenings by the fire department. Usage has been steady with the regulated maximum of twenty-five people. Signage was placed at Centennial Park, Opeongo Park and Foymount Park advising people to use at their own risk;
- c) Library – Recreation staff started moving shelves at the library on December 28th to prepare for painting. Staff started painting on January 4th and hope to be finished at the end of the week; and
- d) Dana Jennings is working on Canada Summer Job and Summer Experience Program grants.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Administration

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

- a) The December financial reports are in your packages;
- b) Letter was sent to North Algona Wilberforce accepting the termination of CBO shared services as of April 30, 2021;
- c) Informed the County of Renfrew that Council approved the sale of land for Foymount Road 512 project;
- d) Comments were sent to the County of Renfrew Manager of Planning regarding Official Plan Amendment and concerns regarding the 1km serviced lots clause;
- e) Notice to stop up close and convey an unopened road allowance adjacent to Wolfe Road has been prepared and the By-Law will follow at a future Council meeting;
- f) Agreement has been sent to Mr. Grenon regarding the use of the unopened road allowance to access property off Fiebig Road. We are waiting on the registered survey prior to any work commencing;
- g) Staff and Council training sessions on intercultural competency and unconscious bias is scheduled for February 4 and 11, 2021. Emails with dates and times will be forwarded to all departments and Council;
- h) Off Road Vehicle Regulation Changes – Council recently passed a By-Law to address the changes to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) where as of July 1st, 2020 extreme terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles in addition to the previous categories of off road vehicles can also be specifically permitted by the municipality on any highway. However, these vehicles that are equipped with “tracks” are not allowed on highways under the Act. Committee discussed the issue and will create a support resolution to request that tracks be allowed in the rural setting in certain conditions;
- i) Trailer By-Law – The proposed amendment to the zoning by-law regarding trailers and recreational vehicles is scheduled to be reviewed at a public meeting on Tuesday February 16th at 3:30 p.m.; and
- j) Building Department – Committee thanked Mark Schroeder for dealing with the parking issues at Wieland Shore this weekend.

Report and Financial Report Received.

Works Department

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

- a) Surplus Equipment – Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent reported to Committee that the following bids were received on the following surplus equipment:

Two bids were received on the 1996 Plow with wing - \$500 from Derek Fleming Trucking and \$1000 from All Trucks Inc.

One bid on the 2002 Plow with box - \$1100 from Derek Fleming Trucking

One bid on the 2008 Tandem Truck - \$2750 from Derek Fleming Trucking

Committee authorizes staff to accept the \$1000 bid for the 1999 Tandem from All Trucks Inc, the \$1100 bid for the 2002 Plow from Derek Fleming Trucking and reject the bid for the 2008 Tandem Plow Truck.

Roads Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence “A”

(B) Correspondence “B”

- (i) Bell Baker Dec 10 and Jan 13 Letters
- (ii) Lake Clear Property Owners Association – January 2021 E-Update
- (iii) Lake Clear Property Owners Association E-Update – Email from Joe Felhaber
- (iv) Lake Clear RV Issue – Email from Anne Marie Schofield
- (v) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Vaccine Action Plan
- (vi) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Update #5
- (vii) Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – Long Term Energy Plan
- (viii) Township of Huron Kinloss – Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans Clubs

- (ix) Office of the Solicitor General – Community Safety and Well Being Plans
- (x) Valley Heritage Radio – 2021 Municipal Communications Plan

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated Committee on the business of the Bonnechere Union Public Library. They are in interviewing for the 13 month CEO position contract, ;
- (2)** Mayor's Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues including;
 - Mayor Murphy attended a pre-budget meeting at County Committee January 4th, 2021;
 - January 6th attended a EACDG meeting;
 - January 7th attended meeting for Renfrew County Mental Health Initiative meeting. The group has funding to hire a RCMHI Co-Ordinator with funding from the Phoenix Centre, Whitewater Bromley Community Health Team and a wage subsidy from Employment Ontario through Tyerman's Rural Employment Services. The next meeting will be January 28th
 - January 8th attended the Inaugural Board of Health meeting;
 - January 13th attended Health Committee meeting;
 - January 14th attended Finance & Admin meeting at the County of Renfrew;
 - January 14th attended a meeting with Minister Elliott, Minister Clarke, and General Hillier regarding covid-19 vaccinations;
 - January 20th attended a meeting with Minister Clark, Minister McLeod, and Jeff Hopper (Ottawa's Pure Country Radio personality) to help encourage Ontarians to stay home. The campaign kick off is this Friday, January 22, 2021; and
 - February 2021 is 'Go Dry' month which is promoting no alcohol consumption for the month.
- (3)** Acting as Employer – Committee agreed to act as the employer for the new staff member that is being hired for the RCMHI, with all funding by the three partners. The new staff person starts January 25th; and
- (4)** Report on Building on Lake Clear – 141 building and septic permits have been issued around Lake Clear between 2010 and 2020, with 9.1 million in estimated construction costs.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO