

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2021 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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 **5**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Item #7 Council Remuneration. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 7, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

Brian Hein & Thomas Blais from JL Richards presented the updated Asset Management Plan for the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

REPORTS

Water & Sewer

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

- a) Committee approves the Water and Sewage Department's 2022 Budget with a 3.5% increase to the rates effective January 1, 2022. The budget includes new water meters for every property and hiring of a new Operator in Training.
Water & Sewer Report Received.

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) The bar is open for EHL on Friday Nights and Jr. B Games on Sunday Nights. Staff are also selling hot chocolate, coffee, tea and chips;
- b) Starting December 20/21, proof of vaccination will be required for youth aged 12 to 17 participating in organized sport at recreational facilities. This announcement was made by the government on December 10/21, the same day we sent our letter to the Minister of Health;
- c) Public Skating numbers have gone up and on average have about 30 people. On December 12 we had 54 people out. There are still a few spots open for sponsorship of Public Skating in January, February and March. Numbers for

- public skating are now capped at 50 due to Covid-19 regulations and masks are being worn;
- d) We are working with the Renfrew County Health Unit to see how we can accommodate hockey tournaments, which are scheduled for January;
 - e) Weeknights are staying fully booked with ice rentals;
 - f) There are a couple of bookings for the Eagles Nest;
 - g) Kevin McGrath attended the county wide Recreation Meeting in Pembroke December 15; Playground Design was there with new information;
 - h) The new generator at the arena is installed and hooked up;
 - i) The snow fence at the back of the arena was erected to prevent kids going out on the ice;
 - j) Staff are waiting for the weather to get cold enough to start the outdoor rink. Some of the old boards on the outdoor rink have been replaced;
 - k) The Net Zero project is moving forward; staff are working with Mike Walker and Annette Gilchrist, CAO;
 - l) The steel roof up on the rotary building bent up with the past windstorm. Staff have fixed it and added a few more screws to secure it better;
 - m) Ian Johnson from Jp2g Consulting has submitted three options for the curling rink accessibility ramp drawings, staff are scheduling a meeting with curling rink committee in the new year to discuss;
 - n) Tree lighting had a good turnout, with 25 people in attendance; and
 - o) Santa Claus Parade – Was held on Sunday, December 12th and had twenty two entries. Congratulations to the Eganville Rotary Club on a job well done;
- Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.*

Building & By-Law

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

CBO and By-Law Enforcement Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) The November financial reports are in your packages;
- b) Vaccination Policy - The CECG recommended a policy to Council, however following the CECG meeting a member of Council requested evidence regarding the Townships position that this policy is a legal requirement. As this information came informally from a Legal Seminar, I suggested we should get reach out to our Solicitors for a legal opinion. This opinion will be available at the January 2022 meeting of Council. Until this opinion is received and reviewed the draft policy will be put on hold;
- c) Asset Management Plan - An updated asset management plan to be presented by our Consultants JL Richards. A resolution to adopt the Asset Management Plan will come forth at the January 2022 meeting;
- d) County of Renfrew - There were two reports from the County of Renfrew. The Cannabis Recommendations Report to assist in any proposed development of future Cannabis Cultivation Sites and RV options for consideration regarding the upcoming zoning by-law review. Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning at the County of Renfrew, will be in attendance at the January 18th, 2022 meeting to answer any questions regarding these matters and also the Service Agreement reviewed December 7th to be passed January 18th, 2022 by By-Law; and
- e) Procedural By-Law - Revisions to the procedural by-law were proposed at the December 7th meeting, a first draft was presented to Committee for review and comments.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMO Watchfile – December 2, 2021
- (ii) AMCTO Legislative Express – 2021 Year-End Edition

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Town of Penetanguishene - Concerning Rates of Rates
- (ii) City of Kitchener - Conversion Therapy
- (iii) City of Kitchener - Fire Safety Measures
- (iv) City of St. Catharines - National Childcare Program
- (v) Township of Scugog – Bus Stop Dead End Roads
- (vi) City of St. Catharines' Resolution - National Childcare Program
- (vii) Township of Mulmur Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee;
- In November the Mayor attended twenty four meetings on behalf of the Township of Bonnechere Valley and the County of Renfrew since her last update;
 - Jennifer Murphy, Merv Buckwald, and Jack Roesner handed out meals at the Seniors Centre. Council had donated 50 of those meals;
 - John Yakabuski called Jenn Murphy to inform her that the Township's OCIF funding has doubled and is now \$511,000 per year;
 - Participated in the EORN Digital Strategy;
 - County Council struck their Committees for 2022; Jenn continues as Chair of Finance and Admin, Board of Health, EORN and City Council Liaison Committee;
 - County's Budget meetings are scheduled for January 17th and 18th;
 - Ontario Winter Games Meeting;
 - Vaccine and Case Numbers Meeting;
- (2)** Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated the committee on the business of the library. The Board hired Susan Artymko as their new CEO. The Board is working on the 2022 budget and for next year they are going to create a Fundraising Committee. They raised \$750 by selling of Christmas Trees at the Library parking lot. The Bonnechere Valley Fire Department did a Boot Toll on behalf of the Library at the Santa Clause Parade;
- (3)** Asset Management Plan – Committee discussed;
- (4)** Zoning By-Law Review RV Options Report – Committee discussed;
- (5)** Cannabis Recommendations Report – Committee discussed;
- (6)** Proposed Changes to Procedural By-Law – Committee discussed the Procedural By-law and decided to try a new Committee start time for the February meetings. The Committee meetings will start at 3pm. Staff will advertise the changes in the Eganville Leader; and
- (7)** Council Remuneration – Committee discussed their remuneration and agreed to donate back to the Township in 2022, the difference between their 2019 rates and the 2022 rates. They will choose something then to purchase with the extra funds.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 18, 2022 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:

(b)personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(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 Tim Schison

THAT: Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding the Boat Launch located at Opeongo Mountain Resort, a personal matter regarding a Township Employee and to approve minutes from December 7, 2021.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy

That: the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO