

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021 1:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **8**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**MOVED BY**            **Jennifer Murphy**

**That:** the agenda be accepted with the addition of Item #2 ATV's.            Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY**            **Jennifer Murphy**

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on January 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.            Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Sally Gillis & Dr. Doug Smith

Lake Clear Conservancy Delegation re: Boat Decontamination Station

The Lake Clear Conservancy has researched and created a design for a Boat Decontamination Station that would require little maintenance. The estimated cost would be \$18,000. The LCC would raise the money and assemble the station in accordance with the attached design. The LCC would also provide volunteers to man the station at busy times (fishing derbies), training for volunteers and for a summer student, and educational materials for boaters and lake users. We are asking the township to provide a location with a power supply and water, and a summer student. An Eganville location would allow the station to serve Golden Lake, Constant Lake, Lake Clear, as well as Mink Lake, Lake Dore, and anyone passing through on the way to Algonquin Park.

Committee tabled for further review and recommendation from Daryl Verch Manager of Water and Sewer.

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Water sampling schedule for 2021 has been completed;
- c) The 2021 Reg. 170/03 Schedule 23 & 24, are yearly samples and the quarterlies along with the THM,s Haa,s, Sodium, Flouride have been collected and were submitted to Caduceon Laboratories in Ottawa and to the SGS laboratories in Peterborough;
- d) Working on the 2020 Water Treatment Yearly reports, they are 90% completed;

- e) Working on the risk management within the DWQMS process that is required for our Drinking Water License;
- f) The replacement pump to replace the #1 Treated Water pump that failed on December 24, 2020 has not been delivered as of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021;
- g) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that is set out in the C of A; and
- h) A new Digester Sludge Pump was installed in # 2 Digester in January; and
- i) Working on the 2020 Sewage Treatment and the Digested Sludge Yearling Reports, it is 90% complete.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

### **Works Department**

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

- a) Surplus Equipment – The 2000 float has been picked up. The 1996 has been picked up and the 2002 will be picked up in the near future;
- b) Construction & Demo Grinding was at the Snowdrifters site and grinding has been completed and the brush at Sand Road site was also done;
- c) A contractor came it to spray foam insulation in the Foymount roads garage;
- d) We have been doing prep work at the Spring Creek yard to determine what the base is like for the construction of a new sand shed. The Engineer needs this information to determine what else is needed to proceed with the footings and walls;
- e) Staff have cleared the trees at Spring Creek Yard at the Northwest end of the property. There is possibly one trailer load of mixed wood that we could put up for bids and we do have an interested party; and
- f) Jason Zohr, Roads Superintendent hired a new equipment operator on a contract position.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) Fire Calls – January was a slow month for fire calls, only 1 call in 2021. This is good, our social media messages are working;
- b) Training – With the Emergency Order in place, all training is being done on-line;
- c) There are now four drone pilots in place, with more members pursuing pilot certification, including Chief Murphy;
- d) The new draft Extrication Agreement with North Algona Wilberforce was returned to Bonnechere Valley with one minor change. Committee accepted the change in wording. The by-law will come back to the next meeting of Council for approval;
- e) Chief Murphy attended a Fire Marshall WebEx meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> with Chiefs across Ontario. They were informed that the Fire College is closed. The Fire College provided our Fire Department and others with valuable training resources at a very low cost. There was some discussion of possibly opening up local Training Centers in under trained areas of the Province, but no real concrete plan on how they plan to move forward. The Chief will be attending a Zone 6 meeting with the Fire Chiefs in our area to discuss this issue further and he will report back to Committee; and
- f) Foymount Fire Hall – We have hired an Engineer to assist with the design for the upgrade to the Foymount Fire Hall. He is also going to look at the drainage issue.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(A) Correspondence "A"**

- i) Mental Health Services and the Phoenix Centre - Stand Up for Mental Health Comedy Show

### **(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Township of Larder Lake – Municipal Insurance Cost
- (ii) Municipality of Mississippi Mills – Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections
- (iii) United Counties of Stormont Dundas & Glengarry – Request that the Province allow for small businesses to immediately re-open

- (iv) Township of Laird – Request for an Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution
- (v) Township of South-West Oxford – Photo Radar
- (vi) Municipality of West Nipissing – Request to Support Communities with Emergency Operational Funding
- (vii) Municipality of West Nipissing – Municipal Drainage Matter – CN Rail
- (viii) City of Port Colborne Resolution - Unlicensed and Unmonitored Cannabis Grow Operations
- (ix) Township of South Stormont Resolution - Support for Reopening Small Businesses
- (x) City of Port Colborne - Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act
- (xi) Municipality of Grey Highlands - Insurance Rates
- (xii) City of Port Colborne Resolution - Drainage Matters on CNR Lands
- (xiii) City of Port Colborne Resolution - Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores
- (xiv) Lake Clear Conservancy Report to the MNRF Regarding the Land Use Permit for Crown lands in Lake Clear for 2020

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(1)** Mayor’s Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues including;

- Mayor Murphy attended 24 meetings on behalf of the Township and the County;
- January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EACDG. The group is moving ahead with the fishing dock and plans to start to do some fundraising online. They have reached out to all the previous donors to confirm with them that they are proceeding with this new initiative. They were very happy with the Shop Local Campaign. There is a large mural going on one of Dave Kruger’s buildings downtown. They plan to continue to promote #Discover Eganville
- The Ladies Auxiliary fund raised for defibrillators. They have graciously donated one to the Eganville Curling Club;
- Renfrew County V-Tac still needs letters of support. The Mayor encouraged all watching the meeting that if they have not yet wrote a letter of support that they should do so and send it to the Province and the County;
- The Province announced funding for the Community Paramedics for Long term Care. Based on the Renfrew County model;
- January 25 & 26 Mayor Murphy attended the Virtual ROMA Conference where she participated in 3 delegations with Ministers and got to ask 2 questions one at each Ministers Forum, it was confirmed that OCIF Funding will be sustained in 2021. Broadband and Covid were two of the main topics of the conference;
- January 28<sup>th</sup> attended a meeting with the Renfrew County Mental Health Initiative. The group has renamed themselves to the Remote & Rural Mental Health & Addiction Initiative;
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Budget Day at the County. County budget saw a 2.5% increase to the levy;

**(2)** ATV’s – Committee discussed the changes to the Off Road Vehicle regulations and a resolution was to be brought forward to a future meeting regarding tracked off road vehicles.

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 1:30 pm

The Budget Meeting will be held on Friday February 19, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Eagles Nest

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY**            **Merv Buckwald**

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:48 p.m.

Carried

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Tim Schison, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO