

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 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 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None Declared

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on February 2, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS None

REPORTS

Recreation and Culture

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

- a) Arena – The arena re-opened on Saturday February 13th after being closed for 49 days. Fifty are allowed on the ice and fifty are allowed in the stands. All user groups have returned;
- b) Public Skating started back up on Sunday February 14th;
- c) Recreation office has been painted;
- d) All recreation staff took training on Unconscious Bias and Intercultural Competency in the workplace;
- e) The Renfrew County Health Unit is inquiring about using the ice surface for Covid-19 vaccination when it is available;
- f) Centennial Park – The outdoor arena is being maintained by the recreation department and flooded occasionally by the fire department. The hockey nets can be placed back out again for usage now that we are no longer in lockdown;
- g) Twenty seven cases of expired beer was returned to the Beer Store for a full refund;
- h) Part time recreation staff have been painting at the Water Department; and
- i) Dana Jennings is working on the next edition of the BV Newsletter that will be going out on March 1st.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Administration

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

- a) The January financial reports were given to Committee;

- b) Staff and Council attended training sessions on intercultural competency and unconscious bias;
- c) All Departments have submitted proposed budgets for council's review Friday February 19th;
- d) Collective Bargaining was successful and a new agreement has been submitted for Council's approval effective from January 1, 2021 to April 30th 2024;
- e) The ROMA conference was attended by the Mayor and the CAO at the end of January, with 3 successful delegations and multiple training opportunities and an update on the changes to producer responsibility for recycling programs in 2023. Bonnechere Valley is scheduled to transition in 2025;
- f) The Emergency Control Group continues to meet to discuss the Pandemic and operational requirements and challenges;
- g) The Senior Leadership Team also continues to meet and review cross-departmental projects and direction received from Council at their bi-monthly meetings;
- h) The Auditors are here this month to review and compile the Township's Financial Statements and gather data for the FIR. The Deputy CAO is working with all department heads to prepare the files for the auditors;
- i) The resolution to extend patios was sent to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission;
- j) The Rural Mental Health and Addictions Initiative is underway with the Township assisting by managing the funding and acting as employer;
- k) The By-Law and Bonnechere Valley's contribution to the Sunshine Coach was sent to the Town of Renfrew which allows them to access the Provincial Gas Tax dollars for this area;
- l) Off Road Vehicle Regulation Changes – a resolution has been prepared to urge the Province of Ontario to permit tracked off road vehicles in a similar manner to snowmobiles by permitting them to directly cross or, in specific circumstances, to travel on the non-serviced portion of some highways;
- m) The proposed amendment to the zoning by-law regarding trailers and recreational vehicles is scheduled to be reviewed at a public meeting on Tuesday Feb 16th at 3:30 p.m.; and
- n) The Joint Health and Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday February 22nd 2021.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO – E-Meetings Guide

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Township of North Glengarry – Support for Reopening of Small Business
- (ii) Township of Augusta – Ontario Fire College
- (iii) OPSEU Local 317 - Closure of the Ontario Fire College
- (iv) Township of Terrace Bay – Ontario Fire College
- (v) Township of Lake of Bays – Ontario Fire College
- (vi) Township of Baldwin – Ontario Fire College
- (vii) Town of Gore Bay – Municipal Insurance
- (viii) Guelph & Eramosa Township - Advocacy for Reform - MFIPPA legislation
- (ix) Township of Asphodel Norwood - Community Safety & Well-Being Plan Extension Request
- (x) Township of Lake of Bays - Repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229
- (xi) Township of Lake of Bays - Revisions to the Municipal Elections Act
- (xii) Township of Lake of Bays - Municipal Infrastructure Funding
- (xiii) Township of Terrace Bay - Tax Rate for Railway Rights-of-Way
- (xiv) County of Renfrew – Ontario Winter Games

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on the closing of the Fire College. Even though fire is not a County initiative, they have discussed the closing of the Fire College. A regional approach is being discussed. We will wait to hear from the Fire Chief's after their meeting;
- (2)** Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated Committee on the business of the Bonnechere Union Public Library. A CEO has been hired to cover off the current CEO's maternity leave. The Board is working on the Library's 50th anniversary celebrations. A new brochure had been created by the Library and given to the local real estate agents for distribution to new residents. The library will be sending a thank-you to the Township for the painting at the library by the Recreation Department staff;
- (3)** Eganville Horticultural Society \$1000 Donation – Committee recommends that the Township donate \$1000 to the Eganville Horticultural Society for the spring planting;
- (4)** Black History Month Resolution – Committee recommends proclaiming February as Black History month;
- (5)** Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Implementation Project Stream – Committee recommends support of an application to be submitted to Intake 2 for digital modernization, service integration and the streamlining of development approvals in our various departments; and
- (6)** Off Road Vehicle Resolution – Committee discussed the resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario permit tracked off road vehicles in a similar manner to snowmobiles by permitting them to directly cross or, in specific circumstances, to travel on the non-serviced portion of some highways.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

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

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:09 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO