

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY MARCH 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**            **11**

**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 with the addition of Item #9 Bell Let's Talk Grant.  
Carried

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on February 16, 2021 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Heather Park-Wheeler and Kevin Detto - Eganville Dog Park.

Committee tabled the item for further review and requested updating costing from Kevin McGrath, Jason Zohr, Daryl Verch and Mark Schroeder. The item will be brought forward to the next meeting agenda.

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent was not present. Report submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) The new Scada computers have been installed and were running on a trial basis. They will begin to use the new computers on March 1, 2021;
- c) The permit to take water has been completed and submitted to the MOE;
- d) The 2020 Water Treatment Yearly report is complete;
- e) Staff are working on the risk management within the DWQMS process that is required for our Drinking Water License;
- f) #1 Treated Water Pump was installed on February 11;
- g) A new free chlorine residual analyzer has been installed to replace the twenty year old Deplox 3 Analyzer;
- h) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that is set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- i) A new Digester Sludge Pump was installed in # 2 Digester in January;
- j) January to December 2020 R1 and R2 forms were submitted to the Ministry of the Environment. The quarterly Effluent Reports have also been sent to Environment Canada; and

- k) The 2020 Sewage Treatment and the Digested Sludge Yearling Report is now complete.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

### **Works Department**

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

- a) Surplus Equipment – Received a bid of \$6500 on the 2008 Sterling Tandem plow truck with box and wing. Committee authorized the Roads Superintendent to accept the bid of \$6500;
- b) Works staff cut down the scrub trees behind the parking lot at the municipal office. They also did some brushing at the Snodrifters waste site;
- c) An air quality company completed an inspection of the Roads Office at 294 Foymount Road. They set up a data logger to collect the air quality data over a one week period. The site meeting inspection showed poor air quality due to no air exchangers in the offices. A full report with recommendations will follow;
- d) Women’s Sexual Assault Banner – Committee agreed to hang the Women’s Sexual Assault banner over the bridge for the month of May. It is the “We Stand with Survivor’s Campaign”. Committee approved the request and directed CAO, Annette Gilchrist to look to see if the Centre paid for the bucket truck rental last year;
- e) The Mayor received two complaints about waste site attendants not wearing their masks when approaching customers at the site to receive payment. Committee gave staff direction to the Roads Superintendent to speak to the staff to remind them to wear the face masks when interacting with members of the public.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) The new extrication agreement with North Algona Wilberforce is now online;
- b) The TSSA has generously donated \$500 towards the purchase of carbon monoxide detectors for our residents. Much thanks is owed to our local TSSA Inspector Clinton Askwith for his recommendation of this donation. Committee recommends that a thank-you letter be sent to Inspector Askwith and the TSSA;
- c) Chief Murphy updated Committee on the closure of the Ontario Fire College and modernization of the training in Ontario. The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs will not be lobbying for the re-opening of the Fire College. The OAFIC will be lobbying for grants and subsidies to standardized fire training in the Province of Ontario. Committee recommends that the Chief draft a resolution to support this initiative and bring forward to the next meeting.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(A) Correspondence “A”**

- (i) FCM Communique – New Federal Investments in Rural Transportation
- (ii) AMCTO – Thank you
- (iii) Tyerman & Daughters Inc. – Maggie Tyerman Retirement
- (iv) Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley – Winter 2021 Newsletter
- (v) County of Renfrew – Volunteers Needed for the Ontario Winter Games
- (vi) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – ROMA Thank you

### **(B) Correspondence “B”**

- (i) City of St. Catharine’s – Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario
- (ii) Town of Orangeville – Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- (iii) Township of Georgian Bay – Insurance Premiums
- (iv) Township of Conmee – Criminal Records and Municipal Election Candidates
- (v) Township of Perth South – Working Group to Better Focus Conservation Authorities
- (vi) COVID Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Update #8

- (vii) Town of Gravenhurst – Ontario Fire College
- (viii) Township of Emo – Support for Reopening of Small Business
- (ix) General Hillier Memo – COVID Vaccine Distribution Task Force
- (x) Madawaska Studio Tours – Sponsorship Package
- (xi) MOH – COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan
- (xii) Township of the Archipelago – Amendments to the Municipal Elections Act
- (xiii) Township of South Glengarry – Automatic Speed Enforcement
- (xiv) Township of South Glengarry – MFIPPA Reform
- (xv) Township of Perry – Ontario Fire College
- (xvi) Township of Perry – Community Safety Plan
- (xvii) Township of Perry – Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan
- (xviii) Women’s Sexual Assault Centre – Survivor Campaign

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

Committee recommends that a thank-you letter and a certificate be sent to Maggie Tyerman’s on her retirement from Tyerman & Daughters Inc. Maggie has worked tirelessly for over thirty years dedicated to employment services.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Mayor’s Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew;
- In February The Mayor attended nineteen meeting on behalf of the Township and the County;
  - February 1<sup>st</sup> – County of Renfrew passed their budget with a 2.5% increase to the levy;
  - February 3 – Jennifer Murphy attended a Community Development Group meeting. The group continues to work on the accessible fishing dock, a fundraising golf tournament, shade structures for the splash pad, and the accessibility of McRae Park;
  - February 4 – Attended a one day training session on intercultural competency and unconscious bias;
  - County Council meeting – Mayor gave an update of the County’s Senior Housing Strategy and status of the County Official plan
  - Update on Taste of the Valley event is on hold for now;
  - Mayor Murphy was chosen as 1 of 12 women in the Ottawa Valley to participate in the OV Boss Babes Podcast. This celebrates female entrepreneurs in the Ottawa Valley and their successful businesses in various industries. This series of podcasts will be released on social media on March 3, 2021;
  - On March 12<sup>th</sup> Mayor Murphy is seeking election on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Board;
  - The County of Renfrew has restructured their Human Resources Department which looks after their 900 employees. The department now falls under the direction of Jeff Foss, who is the Director of Corporate Services. The County will continue to provide human resources services to the lower tier municipalities; and
  - February 26 meeting with Premier Ford, General Hillier and Minister Clarke regarding the vaccine roll out in Renfrew County. Police and paramedics will be given priority. Firefighters are not given priority. Committee questioned fire fighters that do lift assists. Committee gave administrative direction to Annette Gilchrist, to speak to the Fire Chief and find out how many lift assist calls we do on an annual basis.

- (2) Ontario Winter Games – Committee discussed and will allow staff a reasonable amount of time from their work duties if they wish to volunteer for the Ontario Winter Games;
- (3) Eganville Drinking Water System 2020 Annual Summary Report – Committee recommends that the Eganville Sewage System 2020 Performance Report be accepted as presented;
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- (5) Allocation of Fire Revenue and Surplus to Reserves – Committee recommends that staff be directed to allocate the Fire revenue of \$2918 to reserves, along with any surplus funds;
- (6) Boat Wash Station – Committee received the information provided by Daryl Verch on the decontamination station. Committee gave staff direction to contact the Lake Clear Conservancy regarding to ask them to reach out to the two local car wash businesses in Eganville and see if they would be interested in forming a partnership with them for a boat decontamination station with the Township supporting the initiative through public education, promotion and advertising;
- (7) Road Request Campbell/Elgin – Council has approved in principle the request to enter into an agreement to provide access to the property off Campbell Street. This will require a hydrogeological report due to the topography and water flow of the area. It will also require a registered survey in order to register the agreement on title and building the road to a standard to be approved by the Public Works Superintendent. All legal and other costs incurred would be at the expense of the requestor. Municipal water and sewer services would require a pressure pump be installed among other requirements due to the topography therefore we would recommend private well and septic;
- (8) Road Request Raddatz – Committee approved in principle the request for access off the unopened road allowance. The property owners will meet on site with the Public Works Superintendent in the spring.
- (9) Bell Lets Talk Grant – Committee gave staff direction and agreed to act as the administrator of this grant if the Remote & Rural Mental Health & Addiction Initiative group is successful in receiving it.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### **CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY**            **Brent Patrick**

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

Carried

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Tim Schison, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO