

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2022 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ZOOM CONFERENCING**

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

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **9**

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 with the addition of Item #6 Significant Weather Event. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 21, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

Bruce Howarth, County of Renfrew – Presentation on Cannabis Study, Planning Services Agreement and Zoning By-Law Review including RV Options.

REPORTS

Works & Waste Department

Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent was not present. Report Submitted.

- a) Grinding at the Snowdrifters is still ongoing;
- b) Staff have been hauling wood grindings from Sand Road to Ruby Road Site for cover material to help deter birds from picking and spreading garbage;
- c) The Roads Department started split shifts as of January 10 and will reevaluate on January 21st; and
- d) Two roads employees were used to collect recycling and garbage on the back of the garbage truck.

Works Department Report Received.

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) The arena is closed from January 5 to 26th due to the Provincial shut down. The arena plant was turned up to 24°F, it only runs about 2 hours in a 24 hours cycle and both compressors cost approximately \$5/hr. Less water is being used due to the plant not running and not filling the Olympia ice machine. There are still the everyday costs to keep building heated and some lights on;

- b) Talked to Jr. B Head Coach; they are hoping to get running again the first week of February, providing things open back up;
- c) Re-laced the hockey nets and added fresh coat of paint;
- d) Working on the 2022 budget;
- e) Meeting with Mike Walker and Kathryn Wilson from Enerlife to walk us through the next steps and applications for Path to Net Zero. The timeline on the project is from 3-6 months from start to finish;
- f) Laurie and Noreen have been temporarily laid off due to the shut down;
- g) Centennial Park – The outdoor rink was opened on January 6, 2022 with ongoing ice maintenance. The lights are on from 5pm to 11pm;
- h) Curling Rink Project is moving forward with Option C for the ramp build. Staff are working with JP2G for prepare the tender package;
- i) Lights on Bridge – Committee recommends that staff leave the lights on the Bridge until March 2022;
- j) Tourist booth - The lights will be turned off at the end of January and nativity scene was put away before the last snow storm;
- k) Legion Field - Cleared off the paved area and took up hockey nets; also put out hockey sticks and pucks for the public to use. Committee recommends to leave this in place and to have snow cleared;
- l) A group is interested in donating a piano to Centennial Park. Committee gave staff direction to gather more information; and
- m) Shop Local – Committee recommends proceeding ahead with the Shop Local program for 2022 for an approximate cost of \$1500.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Fire Department

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

- a) Fire calls for 2021 ended higher than the previous year;
- b) In-person training has been postponed for at least the month of January. On-line theory training will continue. The department will assess pandemic conditions/restrictions in February prior to commencing in-person training;
- c) In-person non-emergency inspections have been placed on hold. In-person inspections where the complaint is threat to safety or life will continue;
- d) The department is planning for a spring open house/recruitment drive. All plans will be dependent upon state of pandemic/restrictions;
- e) The Fire Department has applied for Covid Rapid Antigen Test Kits though the Ontario Government; and
- f) Wieland Shore Road – Committee discussed the realignment of Wieland Shore Road and Sheppard Way and gave staff direction to the Fire Chief to speak to the property owners to further explain the benefits of this realignment.

Fire Department Report Received.

Building & By-Law

Report submitted.

- a) 124 Permits were issued in 2021 for a total value of \$10,800,170.

Building & By-Law Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) The December financial reports are in your packages;
- b) Mayor Murphy and the CAO have three Minister Delegations at the ROMA Conference this year. Minister of Finance to discuss Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss economic recovery, funding for CIPs and Municipal Internship Program, and Ministry of Transportation to discuss provincial responsibilities for the connecting links;
- c) Budget presentations have been scheduled for Thursday February 17th in hopes that the budget can be passed March 1st, 2022 to allow for projects to begin in early spring;
- d) Election 2022 - The ballots will be cast at large this year, but the polls will be set up to mirror the previous ward system to make it as easy as possible for the voters; and

e) The Joint Health and Safety Committee is meeting on Monday February 28th to discuss 2022 training requirements and budget allocations.

Admin and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

(i) One Good Reason to Support Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre

(B) Correspondence "B"

(i) Township of James – Property Assessment

(ii) Tay Valley Township – Province-Wide Assessment Update

(iii) Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Motion Against Quebec's Bill 21

(iv) City of Sarnia – "Catch and Release" Justice

(v) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry – Proposed Regulatory Changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) Mayor's Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee;

- In January the Mayor attended eleven meetings on behalf of the Township of Bonnechere Valley and the County of Renfrew since her last update;
- Staff are working on a grant from Hydro One for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations with the approval of the EACDG;
- The Mayor is meeting with the owner of the Eganville Shell to discuss a potential Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Shell;
- As the Chair of Finance for the County of Renfrew, the Mayor was pleased with the County's Budget meeting on January 17th. The County finalized a 1.61% increase to the levy including 1.65% growth that resulted in a 3.26% increase in the County Budget;
- Ontario Winter Games has been postponed; and
- EORN is hiring a new CEO;

(2) 2021 BUPL Year in Review – Brent Patrick updated the committee on the business of the library. In 2021 there were 7723 visitors to the library; 183 programs offered with 742 in attendance to these programs; 1283 public computer sessions; 701 Facebook followers; 18,586 website visits; 4321 reference questions answered; 1153 Wifi users; 17,407 items checked out; 5842 e-books checked out; 1738 active borrowers; 98 new cards this year; 1433 materials added to the collection; and \$32,834.95 value of new materials;

(3) 2021 Council Remuneration – The 2021 Council Remuneration Report was presented to Committee;

(4) Cannabis Recommendations Report – Committee discussed;

(5) Planning Options Report – Committee discussed the RV options for the zoning by-law review. CAO Annette Gilchrist will prepare a synopsis on Committee's decisions to date for their next meeting with Bruce on February 1, 2022; and

(6) Significant Weather Event – CAO Annette Gilchrist explained why Bonnechere Valley declared a significant weather event on January 17, 2022. As per Regulation 239/02 of the Municipal Act 2001, an Ontario municipality may declare a significant weather event when a weather hazard is approaching or occurring and has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the highways in which they have authority over.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm

