

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2022 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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 **Tim Schison**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Item #5 Meeting with Enbridge and Item #6 Fire Fighter Certification. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jack Roesner**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on February 1, 2022 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) The arena is re-opened as of January 31 with Figure skating, minor hockey, Junior B's and all adult users back. There will be no playoff's for Minor Hockey this year. The Junior B's have games on Sunday's, their season ends March 17;
- b) Public Skating resumed on Wednesday February 2, and on Sundays from 3pm until 4:15pm;
- c) The last day of ice is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 2nd. Committee will reconsider this closing date later in March with the possibly of extending the closing to later in April;
- d) Kevin McGrath attended a Recreation Meeting in Pembroke on February 10th;
- e) Net Path to Zero is continuing to move forward for the arena and Curling Club;
- f) Replaced a toilet in the Eagle's Nest due to a leak from a cracked toilet;
- g) Centennial Park – continuing ice maintenance at the outdoor rink. One of the schools is using the outdoor rink;
- h) Legion Field – Staff are keeping the paved areas at Legion Field cleared for additional space activities. Put up "No Dog" signs on the soccer field; and
- i) Piano in Centennial Park – Gerald Priestly will be responsible for transporting the piano to the Park in the summer months and removing it for the winter. It will be tuned prior to be being place in the park. A piano tuning costs approximately

\$80.00. The piano will be stored at the Curling Club in the winter months. If the piano is damaged from weather or vandals, he will ensure it is removed.
Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Building & By-Law

Committee reviewed the list of 2022 Building permits issued to date.
Building Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) Bonnechere Union Public Library Budget is scheduled by a zoom meeting on Wednesday February 16th, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Council budget packages were distributed for the Township budget meeting that is scheduled for Thursday February 17th 2022;
- b) Staff received four resumes for the CBO/By-Law positions and received four calls of interest. Council will review the candidates in a closed session and appoint a hiring committee. Staff will continue to work with Glen Gordon our Interim CBO. Glen is away for two weeks and Sam Buttle from Whitewater Region is covering in his absence;
- c) Attached to this report are the newly proposed Fire Fighter Certification regulations set out by the Province. Comments on the proposal are due by the end of February. Committee provided direction to the CAO to work with the Fire Chief and the local Association in preparing comments. A special meeting of Council will be called for Committee to discuss the comments;
- d) CAO Annette Gilchrist provided Committee with the draft comments for their consideration, regarding the new animal welfare regulations for outside dogs. Committee approved the comments and they will be submitted to the Province;
- e) Committee gave administrative direction to the CAO that they will continue to meet at 3pm for Committee meetings and meet at 5:30pm for Council meetings. EGC will be scheduled at 2:00pm or 2:30pm on those days and Public meetings will be scheduled after Council beginning at 5:45 pm.

Admin and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Eganville & Area Horticultural Society – Eganville & Area Horticultural Society activities
- (ii) County of Renfrew – Ontario Minister of Health Commits to Continued Funding for RC VTAC

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) City of Brantford - Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice
- (ii) City of Brantford – Closing the Revolving Door of Justice
- (iii) Conways Pharmacy – Declare Surplus and Transfer Conway Property
- (iv) SVJR Consulting – Municipal Rights-of-Way and the Telecommunications Industry
- (v) Women’s Sexual Assault Centre – We Stand with Survivors Campaign

(C) Correspondence "C"

Bi) Committee recommends support of the City of Brantford - Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice. CAO will bring forward a resolution to the March 1st meeting of Council;

Biii) Committee recommends supporting the request of Conway’s Pharmacy to clean up the parcel. CAO will bring forward a resolution to the next meeting to declare the property surplus and transfer to Conway’s Pharmacy.

Bv) Committee supports the hanging of the banner across the bridge for the month of May to support both the "We Stand for Survivors Campaign" and May being "Sexual Assault Awareness Month".

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated the committee on the business of the library. The Library Board Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 16th, 2022 at 3:30 pm via Zoom Conferencing;
- (2) Annual Donation to Horticultural Society – Committee recommends the Township of Bonnechere Valley donate \$1000 to the Eganville Horticultural Society for their spring planting;
- (3) Draft Letter to the Prime Minister and Premier re: Call to Action – Committee discussed the letter and approved it with the removal of the word illegal. Committee is urging the government of Canada to cease placing barriers upon certain Canadians and immediately move to end its outdated and ineffective pandemic strategies to implement endemic strategies which will better address the current situation we are now in and restore equal rights to all Canadians;
- (4) Draft Comments Re: Standards of Care for Dogs Kept Outdoors – Committee discussed and approved draft comments to be submitted by the deadline date;
- (5) Meeting with Enbridge – Committee will meeting with Enbridge via Zoom during the April 19th meeting to discuss milestones in their project; and
- (6) Fire Fighter Certification – Committee discussed the issue. Comments on the proposal are due by the end of February. Committee provided direction to the CAO to work with the Fire Chief and the local Fire Association in preparing comments. A special meeting of Council will be called for Committee to discuss the comments before they are submitted to the Province.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

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

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy

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:

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations; Carried

MOVED BY: Jennifer Murphy

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, employee negotiations and to approve minutes from January 18, 2022 Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Jack Roesner

THAT: the meeting adjourn at 4:41 p.m. Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO