

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2019 1:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT**                    **Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald  
Councillor Brent Patrick  
Councillor Tim Schison  
Councillor Jack Roesner  
Acting CAO Sandra Barr  
Community Development Officer Dana Jennings**

**REGRETS**                    **None**

**GALLERY**                    **12**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Merv Buckwald called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**That:** the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of #8 G5 Update and #9 Garbage Tags. Carried

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on November 5, 2019 be accepted as presented.

**DELEGATIONS**

Dr. John Earle, Vice President of Lake Clear Property Owners Association

The mandate of the Lake Clear Property Owners Association is to pursue and attain optimal environmental environment and ecological conditions for Lake Clear and its environs, in conjunction with public authorities and residents;

The current membership is 235, representing approximately 75% of property owners;

In 2019, the Lake Clear Property Owners Association surveyed the membership to ensure that the Board, local government, and the Lake Clear Property Owners Association members were aware of the priorities. The complete results are available on the Lake Clear Property Owners Association website:  
<http://www.lakeclear.org/lake-clear-property-ownersassociation-lcpoa.html>

Survey results concluded: 77% are concerned about the water quality of Lake Clear, 73% are concerned about septic and other wastewater disposal systems; 61% are concerned about the removal of shoreline vegetation;

91% have a septic system, 40% are willing to participate in a septic assessment program; 25% may be willing; 35% are not willing to participate;

Victor Castro, a scientist and Group Leader of Surface Water, has spoken to Council on this issue twice. Both times, Mr. Castro informed Bonnechere Valley that RVs represented a form of development that should be controlled and further that Lake

Clear is now "beyond at capacity" and in need of immediate remedial action;

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) states in Section 2 dealing with Water "2.2.1 – protect, improve or restore vulnerable surface and ground water" and "ensuring consideration of environment lake capacity, where applicable" and in Section 2.2.2 – "mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches may be required in order to protect, improve or restore sensitive surface water features";

The Renfrew County OP, Section 9.2 Objectives, point (2) states "To protect lakes determine to be at capacity";

The Lake Clear Property Owners Association is NOT suggesting that RVs being stored or used temporarily throughout the year are an issue. The Lake Clear Property Owners Association is concerned about those RVs being used as permanent cottage replacements or supplemental buildings intended for human habitation. These RVs, being used as permanent installations are very clearly a form of "development". In the opinion of the Lake Clear Property Owners Association they feel that this use of RVs represents a form of development, which is halted on Lake Clear and therefore their use is unlawful;

The Lake Clear Property Owners Association requests a prompt response to the following two issues:

1. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has recommended immediate remedial action which is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the Renfrew County Official Plan statements above. What action does the Township of Bonnechere Valley plan to undertake to correct this situation which has been allowed to go on for many years?
2. If the Lake Clear Property Owners Association's interpretation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley's 2006-28 By-Law is correct, then why has the Township of Bonnechere Valley not undertaken enforcement action and removal of the offending RVs?

The Lake Clear Property Owners Association wishes to assist the Township of Bonnechere Valley with the resolution to these issues and to contribute to any initiative that ensure the environmental protection of Lake Clear.

Jack Roesner informed the Lake Clear Property Owners Association that information was sent to Victor Castro so that he can prepare a phosphorus chart on the levels of Lake Clear. Jennifer Murphy added that the Township of Bonnechere Valley would be looking into updated their Comprehensive Zoning By-Law once the Provincial Policy Statement and County of Renfrew's Official Plan is adopted. Tim Schison mentioned that the RV dumping station located on John Street is available and free to use.

- Committee recommends: That Mark Schroeder, CBO be invited to a Committee meeting in February 2020 to discuss the Building Code.
- Committee recommends: That Sandra Barr, Acting CAO to seek a legal opinion regarding trailers.

## **REPORTS**

### **Recreation and Culture**

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

- a) Christmas Dinner – Christmas Dinner was tendered and the successful person was Andrea Budarick;
- b) Eagle's Nest – Staff will be starting to decorate the Eagle's Nest for Christmas;
- c) Rotary Beach – While winterizing the beach house staff needed to replace a water shut off valve;
- d) Tree Lighting – The annual tree lighting will be held on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Hot chocolate will be served;
- e) McRae Park – Forming for the new washroom facility will be started the week of

- the November 18<sup>th</sup>;
- f) Christmas Lights on the Bridge – Staff have ordered new cable and string lights for the bridge;
  - g) Opeongo Park – Kevin McGrath with assistance from Steve Fiegen will sit down with a local contractor and develop a concept for Opeongo Park that meets CSA specifications and is a good use of funds; and
  - h) Santa Claus Parade – The parade will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm and will depart from Eganville & District Public School. Committee will be a part of the Parade.

*Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.*

### **By-Law Enforcement**

Steve Fiegen, By-Law Enforcement, was present and gave his report.

- a) Emergency Management Exercise Day – The date for the Emergency Management Exercise Day is November 29, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm; and
- b) Playground – Steve Fiegen will assist Kevin McGrath to develop a concept for Opeongo Park that meets CSA specifications and is a good use of funds.

*By-Law Enforcement Report Received.*

### **Administration**

Sandra Barr, Acting CAO, was present gave her report.

- a) October Financial Reports – Are included in the Committee packages;
- b) Legal Seminar – Dana Jennings and Sandra Barr attended the Legal Seminar hosted by Cunningham Swan. Topics included human resources issues, closed session meetings, development issues, and social media issues;
- c) CAO Position – The ad for the CAO position was published for two weeks in the Eganville Leader and on the AMCTO website. The job posting closed on Friday, November 15, 2019 and there were 15 applications received.

*Report and Financial Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

- (i) Township of Perry – Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code

#### **(C) Correspondence "C"**

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **(1) County of Renfrew Update**

- a) Webinar for the modernization of Public Health and Emergency Services – Jennifer Murphy participated as the Ministry of Health is consulting on Public Health and Emergency Health Services modernization. This will be a broad consultation with municipal governments, Boards of Health, local Public Health agencies, EMS services and other stakeholders. AMO will work with their members, partner associations, the Ministry of Health and the Municipal Advisor, Jim Pine, throughout the process to bring forward practical solutions for public health and emergency health services that work best for residents, communities and municipal governments;
- b) County Council Meeting – Next Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> is Jennifer Murphy's last County Council Meeting as Warden of Renfrew County. Thank you for serving us well over the course of the last 3-year's;

#### **(2) Municipal Delegation Request for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association 2019 Annual Conference**

- Committee recommends: that Staff request a meeting with Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and to discuss the OPP Billing Model;

#### **(3) By-Law Enforcement Officer / Animal Control – Shared Service Admaston Bromley – The Township of Bonnechere Valley to enter into an agreement to provide animal control and by-law enforcement services to the Township of Admaston Bromley.**

- (4) Office Efficiencies – The use of the Modernizing Funds will be a good use of funds to make the Township of Bonnechere Valley’s Municipal Office more efficient.
- (5) Municipal Modernization Program Expression of Interest – An Expression of Interest is due by December 6, 2019 if the Township of Bonnechere Valley is interested in applying to the Municipal Modernization Program.
  - Committee recommends: that Staff submit an Expression of Interest to the program for Cartegraph software system updating and enhancements to the Bonnechere Valley website.
- (6) Santa Claus Parade – Committee will be a part of the Parade;
- (7) Play Structure at Opeongo Park
  - Committee recommends: that Kevin McGrath with assistance from Steve Fiegen will sit down with a local contractor and develop a concept for Opeongo Park that meets CSA specifications and is a good use of funds;
- (8) G5 Update – Jack Roesner and Jennifer Murphy attended the G5 Meeting that was held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle’s Nest. There were 3 very talented and experienced people on the panel;
- (9) Garbage Tags
  - Committee recommends: Staff phase in over the course of 3-years the price increase per bag, for the commercial businesses, in the Village:
    - November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020 - \$1.50 per bag
    - November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 - \$1.75 per bag
    - November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 - \$2.00 per bag;

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 1:30 pm

**MEDIA SESSION** - None

**MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy**

**That:** the Committee Meeting suspend at 3:58 pm to enter into a Eganville Generations Corporation Meeting.

**MOVED BY Brent Patrick**

That: the Eganville Generations Corporation meeting adjourn at 4:36p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY Brent Patrick**

**That:** Council 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:

- (i) Four personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board purposes;
  - (ii) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- Carried

**MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy**

That: Committee come out of Closed Session. Carried

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY Tim Schison**

That: the meeting adjourn at 5:21 p.m. Carried