

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY JUNE 6, 2023 1:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT**            **Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Councillor Brent Patrick  
Councillor John Epps  
Councillor Tracey Sanderson  
CAO Annette Gilchrist  
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

**REGRETS**            **Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald**

**GALLERY**            **1**

**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 #8.5 Art In the Afternoon. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY**            **Tracey Sanderson**

**That:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on May 23, 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**      **None**

**REPORTS**

**Works & Waste Department**

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

- a) Tender for Excavator - A total of four tenders were received for the Excavator from the following:
  - a. Brandt, John Deere. Price of \$368,100 + HST
  - b. CAT price of \$344,982 + HST
  - c. JR Brisson/CASE price of \$294,800 + HST
  - d. WAJAX/HITACHI price of \$286,500 + HSTCommittee recommends that Tender BV23-04 for a Hydraulic Crawler Excavator be awarded to Wajax Equipment in the amount of \$286,500 plus HST;
- b) Staff have been working with the Township consultants on the Storm Management Plan for inspections. They have developed an in-house inspection form for Storm Management and will be testing the form in the field;
- c) We have also been reviewing the mapping from Enbridge Gas and corresponding with the contractors about the future expansion;
- d) The Township was approached by a resident on Felhaber Road that has a spring water issue and has requested the installation of a culvert on Felhaber Road to redirect the flow of surface water to the adjacent property. The neighbouring property owners agree. Committee agreed and directed the Mayor and CAO to sign the waiver and final release;
- e) The unionized Roads Employees requested to do a Pilot Project to work four ten-hour shifts, as opposed to five eight-hour shift for the summer months. Participation is optional and employees can continue to work five days per week if desired. Two employees will be on rotation for call ins on Fridays and if called in overtime applies. Employees agreed to book personal appointments on

- Fridays whenever possible. The Pilot Project will run from June 17 to September 22, 2023. Committee recommends that the Roads Department proceed with the Pilot Project and directed staff to sign the Letter of Understanding with the Union;
- f) Committee recommends that the Road Tour for Council be scheduled for September 2023;
  - g) Committee approves the draft letter to The Honourable David Piccini, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks requesting that he consider a specific exemption for small municipalities from the MECP Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Permissions Approach for municipally owned infrastructure that has caused increased costs for the municipality.
- Works Department Report Received.*

### **Water & Sewer Department**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Manager was not present. Report Submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff have flushed and checked sixty-six fire hydrants;
- c) There were forty-two Ontario One Call locates completed in the Village;
- d) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- e) The flows coming into the Wastewater Treatment Plant have been slowly decreasing;
- f) The second quarter Summary Report was completed and submitted to Environment Canada.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

### **Building & Fire Department**

Darryl Wagner, CBO & Fire Chief, was present and gave his report.

- a) The Department had thirty-five calls for service in 2023;
- b) Effective May 30, 2023, Bonnechere Valley Township is under a Level 1 Fire Ban Campfires Only. Fire permits have been suspended until further notice. Notice of the ban has been displayed on the Fire Department Facebook page, Township Facebook page and will be displayed on our Township website. Effective June 1, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has declared a Restricted Fire Zone for our area. No open-air burning including campfires. Enforcement will be carried out through the MNRF Conservation Officers;
- c) The Office of The Fire Marshall is still working towards hiring a Fire Advisor for Renfrew County. Until such time we are to contact William Hay for assistance;
- d) A job posting for a Deputy Chief was posted in both halls. Three applications were received. With assistance from Fire Chief Corwin Quade Madawaska Valley Township and Deputy Chief Rob Painchaud North Algona Wilberforce Township, interviews were held May 25, 2023. I am pleased to announce that Captain Caleb Wagner has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief;
- e) Committee recommends that staff put messaging on our Facebook page, Township website and electronic sign for residents to be prepared for a 72 hour period in the event of a fire emergency.

*Fire Department & Building Report Received.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations Communication
2. Eganville & District Seniors – Annual General Meeting
3. AMO Policy Update May 25, 2023
4. AMO Watchfile May 25, 2023
5. AMO Watchfile June 1, 2023
6. Lanark County Support for Bill C-321

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

1. Support Resolution for Tweed – Bell-Hydro Infrastructure
2. Township of Ryerson – Aerodromes

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

- B.1 Committee recommends support of the Resolution for Tweed regarding Bell-Hydro Infrastructure and staff will bring a support resolution to the June 20 meeting;

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Mayor's Report – The Mayor attended seventeen meetings and several events in the month of May. Some of the highlights are as follows:

The ROMA Board met on May 12, 2023, the main discussion points were taking action on trains and drains, rural access to services, and improving safety through speed cameras.

The Mayor's Zone 6 introductory letter to our Zone Municipalities through our communications firm, Redbrick, was distributed last Thursday. It is the Mayor's intention to have a virtual Zone meeting in September after the AMO Conference.

The Mayor will be participating in a ROMA retreat later this week, where they will be starting their Strategic Plan.

At the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Renfrew County Board of Health, the Mayor inquired about what the Health Unit's roll is in the opioid crisis and the questions that were asked at the Bonnechere Valley Council table. There is an Opioid Task Force at RCDHU but unfortunately they were reassigned during covid to assist in other areas. Dr. Morganstern and staff have assured the Board that this Task Force is being stood up and is very interested in our offer to host a day for all stakeholders to join together for education and awareness. The Mayor will bring back more information as the Task Force brings information.

On May 31, in the absence of Warden Peter Emon, Jennifer Murphy chaired the County Council meeting. We had three delegations:

Jade Nauman, Renfrew County Regional Director for United Way East Ontario, was on hand to accept a \$2,000 donation from the staff of the County of Renfrew. The funds were raised through payroll deductions and Jean Fridays. She noted the funds will be invested in Renfrew County to strategically tackle the greatest challenges in the community, where support is needed most and where it will have the greatest impact.

Cyndy Phillips, Executive Director of Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, provided an update on the organization, which is designed to support business enterprises, community-based development and employment in Renfrew County by offering small business financing, community economic development and business counselling and support. RCCFDC now has offices in Pembroke and Renfrew to serve residents across Renfrew County.

The Renfrew County District School Board provided an update on activities within the District, highlighting the board's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, Post-Pandemic Reset to Education, programs and partnerships. Taking part in the presentation were Susan Humphries, RCDSB Chair; Director of Education Dr. Pino Buffone; Kristin Riddell, Superintendent of Education – Program Services; and Meredith Caplan Jamieson, Executive Officer of Public Affairs. Each County Councillor was provided with a package from RCDSB specifically for their Municipality. The Mayor had a copy of the one for Bonnechere Valley.

Chief Administrative Officer Craig Kelley informed County Council that Rose Gruntz, Deputy Clerk for the County of Renfrew, has submitted her letter of retirement. The August session will be her last meeting of County Council. He noted Rose has been the glue that has held this corporation together for 25 years.

The EACDG fishing dock team had the dock in the water for the May 24 weekend and it was very well utilized. Tomorrow they will be discussing a new project. More information to follow.

Last Saturday, Bonnechere Valley's first Community Expo, was held at the Arena. Congratulations to Lisa Guadamuz for organizing this event which showcased so many diverse booths including local health care initiatives, the Horticultural Society, contractors and so much more. Thank you to John Epps, Merv Buckwald, Dana Barkley and Annette Gilchrist for taking care of the Bonnechere Valley table while Mayor Murphy was at the EACDG table the group was able to recruit some new volunteers.

- (2) Council Check-In – Committee discussed their objectives and initiatives that they wish to proceed with over their respective terms of Council. The lists included the Youth Action Committee, March Madness, improvements to tourism, the Bonnechere Museum, support to local businesses, the Dog Pound, improvement to the Emergency Plan, Bonnechere Valley Trail System improvements, Attainable Housing Initiatives, Renewable Energy, Lake Clear Zoning for RV's, improved relations with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, and support to our valuable volunteers;
- (3) Reminder Committee of Adjustment Meeting at 5:25pm;
- (4) Reminder Eganville Generations Corporation AGM June 20 at 3:30pm;
- (5) Art In the Afternoon is taking place on July 1 from 2 to 6pm at John and Lynn Epps, 30 Elsie Street, tickets are \$30.00 each. People will have the opportunity to view art work of some of the area's finest artists and artisans, while listening to local guitarist Jon Park-Wheeler. A number of local artists will be launching a mural project that will highlight historical landmarks in Bonnechere Valley. The money raised from this function is for the installation of the mural project paintings.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023

### **MEDIA SESSION**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, section 239.2 to deal with the matters as indicated below:

- (i) financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization. Carried

**MOVED BY** John Epps

**THAT:** Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information supplied in confidence regarding Township property and to approve minutes from May 9, 2023. Carried

### **CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** the meeting adjourns at 3:07 p.m.

Carried

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Brent Patrick, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO