

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2023 1:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **2**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Brent Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**MOVED BY**            **Merv Buckwald**

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Item #4 Fishing in Golden Lake. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 20, 2022 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Richard Innes, Brain Trust  
Presentation to Committee on his findings regarding the Bonnechere Valley Tourism Strategy. Committee recommends that the draft presentation be provided to the Eganville and Area Community Development Group and the Bonnechere Museum Committee. Committee recommends approval at the next meeting.

**REPORTS**

**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) A water service saddle blew off the water main on Melanie Street. During the repair St James School was shut down for a day due to the low water flow;
- c) Harrington Mechanical installed the new splitter box on the treated water filters;
- 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) Staff are working on the year end reporting for the Waste Water System and Sludge Disposal.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

**Works & Waste Department**

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

- a) The grinding has been completed at the Sand Road and Sno-drifters Waste Sites;
- b) Staff have been busy keeping up with winter maintenance.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) The department had sixty two calls for service in 2022;
- b) The recruiting process is ongoing;
- c) All apparatus and equipment remain service ready. Staff are continuing to renew and upgrade equipment when required. SCBA flow and fit testing will be done in February;
- d) Training Committee continues to maintain an active schedule;
- e) In person inspections and public assistance requests continue;
- f) The grant for funding the department certification has been approved in the amount of \$973.50 to be used towards the purchase of educational materials offered by both IFSTA and Jones and Bartlett. The funds must be used by February 10, 2023 so that the FMPFSC can ensure proper audit of the grant before the end of its fiscal year;
- g) The Department is working on the legacy application process for certification. The window is open from January 1 to March 31, 2023, and a second window will be open in the summer/fall of 2023. Staff feel that with the Township's training program that is in place most of the members will fall within the legacy provisions;
- h) The Department is grateful for the proactive activities of our ratepayers in keeping the calls for service to a minimum level.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

### **Building & By-Law**

Darryl Wagner, CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer was present and gave his report.

- a) Building permit numbers for 2022 are higher than 2021;
- b) Darryl has been spending some time with the last remaining dog in our pound. He has made a contact with a dog trainer that has experience with animal behavior. She educated him on what to observe to better understand the dog's mental health. Darryl met our animal control officer at the pound on Dec 23 and asked that she bring him out of the cage, he witnessed a happy dog who loved to run around in the snow. Our Animal Control Officer has spent some time with Buddy. Buddy has now been assessed and staff are searching for a foster for him;
- c) Darryl conducted a drive around town and there were no vehicles in violation of our parking by-law. He will continue to monitor the situation with regards to vehicles parking overnight in the winter months;
- d) Tiny Homes, Ontario Building Code Information Booklet has been provided to Committee.

*Building Report Received.*

### **Recreation & Culture**

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

- a) First week of Christmas break was full of private ice rentals;
- b) Public skating had great attendance over the Christmas break;
- c) There are four minor hockey tournaments in January. The Eagle's Nest will be used with all four tournaments;
- d) Staff are working on 2023 budget;
- e) Staff are working on sponsors for the Senior and parent and tot skates;
- f) Once the weather gets colder staff will start work on the outdoor rink.

*Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.*

### **Administration**

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

- a) Post-Election Accessibility Report – Annette provided the report to Committee;
- b) Held Zoning Amendment & Official Plan Amendment Public Meeting scheduled for December 20, 2022 – for the Subject Lands located at Part of Lots 10 and 11, and part of the road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, Concession 7, geographic Township of Grattan, located on Fourth Chute Road. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would rezone approximately 6 hectares of the subject property from Rural (RU) to Mineral Aggregate Quarry-Exception One (MQ-E1)

- to permit a quarry expansion within 500 metres of two existing residential building lots;
- c) Held Minor Variance scheduled for December 20, 2022 – Property is located at Concession 12 Part Lot 32 being Part 4 on RP49R-9744 in the geographic township of South Algona located at 208 Hawkins Drive. Applicant is looking to reduce the water setback from 30 meters (100 feet) to 23 meters (75 feet) due to the topography of the existing lot. Reduction of setback will reduce excessive excavation of site;
  - d) BV Newsletter – The January/February 2023 edition of the BV newsletter was compiled and placed in the mail for distribution on December 28, 2022;
  - e) Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Community Fund: Submitted an application to the program for a development of a new Municipal Strategic Plan.
- Admin and Financial Report Received.*

### **Finance**

Sandra Barr, Deputy CAO was present and gave the financial report.

- a) Sandra Barr reviewed the 2021 Provincial Financial Indicators for the Township of Bonnechere Valley with Committee.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. AMCTO - Legislative Express;
2. EOWC Newsletter;
3. ROMA News;
4. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Updates to Ontario's Producer Responsibility Framework;
5. AMO Communications;
6. AMO Watchfile;

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

1. Ontario Sheep Farmers;
2. Municipality of Tweed - Natural Gas Prices;
3. Greater Napanee - Opposition to Bill 23;
4. Town of Plympton-Wyoming - CN Railway Contribution under Drainage Act;
5. Lanark County - Violence Against Women Renfrew Inquest;
6. Township of McNab Braeside - Reduce Tax on Fuel used for Heat;
7. Bonnechere Museum - Lottery License Fee;
8. City of Kingston - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster;
9. City of Kingston - Resource Recovery and Circulation Economy Act;

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

Committee recommends support of the resolution from the Township of McNab Braeside - Reduce Tax on Fuel used for Heat and support of the resolution from Greater Napanee - Opposition to Bill 23. Staff will bring forward to the next meeting.

Committee recommends that the Bonnechere Museum Lottery Licensing Fee be waived.

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Post-Election Accessibility Report – The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, Section 12.1(3) indicates that the Clerk shall prepare a report within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities. The report shall be made available to the public. The Clerk's report covered identifying barriers and removing of those barriers, public feed back and recommendations for the next election. Committee recommends that all comments received regarding improving the deliverance of election services relating to accessibility needs, will be taken into

consideration during the implementation stages for the 2026 municipal election;

- (2) Provincial Financial Indicator Review – Staff provided a brief synopsis on the 2021 Financial Indicator Review for the Township;
- (3) Tax Adjustment Report – Committee recommends that the application for an adjustment of taxes for 114 McSearsull Way be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$1475.69 be made to the property for 2021 and an adjustment in the amount of \$1976.71 for 2022;
- (4) Fishing on Golden Lake – Committee recommends looking into working with our neighboring partners to see if we can get Golden Lake restocked with fish. Committee directed staff to send out a letter to our partners and have a letter of support ready for the ROMA conference.

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2023

**MEDIA SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY Merv Buckwald**

**THAT:** Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, section 239.2 b) being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees to discuss the assessment and fostering of Buddy, the only dog in the shelter.

Carried

**MOVED BY John Epps**

**THAT:** Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding the assessment and fostering of Buddy and to approve minutes from December 6 2022.

Carried

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson**

**THAT:** the meeting adjourn at 3:28 p.m.

Carried

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Brent Patrick, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO