

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 25, 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 **1**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Merv Buckwald called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Correspondence Item #B.12 Connect Well Summer Kids Youth Programming; Item #8.3 Spring Freshet; and Item #8.4 Churches. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on April 11, 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS Erin Thompson MacKillican & Associates, Reviewed the 2022 Financial Statements for the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

REPORTS

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) Arena – A fly fishing group rented the ice surface to practice. Ball and soccer registration took place. Three staff are going to take First Aid and CPR training. The summer students have been hired. One student has already started;
- b) Eagle’s Nest – There were ten hall rentals this month;
- c) Village – Staff made four new flower planter boxes for the bridge and dropped them off at Gerber’s Nursery for planting. The Christmas lights have come down. Staff are fixing sod around town and in the parks. Park benches will be put out after the Works Dept has their sweeping done;
- d) Centennial Park - The ice storm caused a lot of damage in the park. Staff cleaned up debris and removed some damaged trees. Staff have started the park clean up; raking leaves and getting flower beds cleaned up. Lavern Heideman & Sons has donated the logs to make the benches and we will be getting Tom McCann to saw the logs. Six benches will go in Centennial Park, one will go down by the Big Rock, and one will go at the fishing dock;
- e) Foymount - The play structure is ready to install as soon as the playground is prepared;
- f) Legion Field - Staff are waiting on the fields to dry up before they start preparing them for the season. Opeongo Soccer will also be using our fields again this season;

- g) Rotary Beach - Jason Miller is working on building a new ladder for the dock. We have received quotes for the roof; and
- h) The Bonnechere Caves guardrail has been fixed. Staff will be putting down material to have a walkway down to the water.

Recreation Report Received.

Administration

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

- a) The draft financial statements were included in the packages and MacKillican and Associates presented an overview and were available for questions during the meeting;
- b) AMO Asset Management Workshop for elected officials is happening in Eganville on April 27th in the morning and the Eastern Ontario Cohort is meeting in the afternoon;
- c) The Tariff of Fees By-Law was reviewed at Budget and will be presented at a public meeting, as required under Section 7 of the *Building Code Act*, on May 23rd at 1:15 pm prior to the Committee meeting. If approved in principle, it will be brought back to the June 6th meeting for adoption;
- d) The Townships insurance is up for renewal again in July and staff have a meeting scheduled next week to review. One change being proposed is to incorporate the Curling Club's liability insurance under our umbrella to save the volunteer club the annual cost. Their insurance is up in May and so they have extended for 2 months, and we hope to be able to assist them in this regard. We will need to draft and sign an agreement with them. We currently insure the building and contents;
- e) Deputy CAO Sandra Barr and CAO Annette Gilchrist attended the Renfrew County Clerks and Treasurers Meeting on Wednesday April 19th. There were some interesting presentations on municipal finances especially reserves and investments. Algonquin College was also there presenting their cooperative education and business marketing learn on the job training programs. The Association is focused on attracting more new professionals to the municipal sector and we have participated in a couple job fairs and continue to reach out to educational institutions;
- f) Verch Road is a forced road in the Township and requires legal title to be transferred to the Township to support a severance application. A By-Law and Reference Plan are included in the Council meeting package for consideration this evening;
- g) Election - Section 88.34 of the Municipal Elections Act states that:
88.34 (1) The clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under section 88.25 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.
(2) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits".
The CAO has not identified any contraventions;
- h) Tourism Strategy Launch – The official launch of the BV Tourism Strategy will take place on Wednesday, April 26th from 5-7 pm at Rio Tap and Grill. This launch will bring together tourism business operators from throughout the County, political dignitaries, media, and other tourism industry stakeholders. This event is during Tourism Awareness Week. The Township wants to work with local stakeholders to establish, enhance and emerge our plan from 2023 to 2026. The event will feature door prizes, finger foods, and the launch of the Tourism Strategy. The Township is looking for stakeholder support and feedback on how we can differentiate our community from other tourism destinations through theme-related visitor touchpoints that highlight Valley Heritage, Arts, Culture, Geology and the Bonnechere River;
- i) Canada Day – Donations have been received from business for our Canada Day Celebrations. Staff are planning the following activities: Rotary Breakfast and Yard Sale, Kids Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Egg/Spoon Races, Bubble Painting, Bike Parade, E-bike Demos (by the Echo Centre), Eganville's Got

- Talent, Fireworks, and evening entertainment at the Eganville Arena with a Tribute Artist; and
- j) Killaloe CRC Summer Camp – The Killaloe CRC is coordinating a rotating summer day camp and are looking at bringing one week to Eganville on July 31-August 4, 2023. They would like to utilize the Eagle’s Nest. Committee waived the fee for the hall rental.

Administrative Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence “A”

1. AMO - Municipal Waste Updates
2. AMO - Professional Development Line Up
3. AMO Policy Update - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act
4. AMO Watchfile April 20 2023

(B) Correspondence “B”

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act
2. Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
3. Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
4. Township of Perry - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
5. Town of Cobourg- Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
6. Town of Cobourg - Retaining the Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
7. Town of Essex - Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
8. City of Port Colborne - Oath of Office
9. Municipality of Trent Hills - Oath of Office
10. Municipality of Magnetawan - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
11. Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County - Stone with Algonquin Inscription
12. Connect Well - Summer Kids in Youth Programming

(C) Correspondence “C”

B.11 Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County - Stone with Algonquin Inscription – Committee approved;

B.12 Connect Well - Summer Kids in Youth Programming – Committee provided staff direction to provide support and promote it on our social media accounts;

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Reminder Public Meetings at 5:20 pm and 5:25 pm;
- (2)** Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated Committee on the Library Board;
- (3)** Spring Freshet – Merv Buckwald updated Committee on the spring freshet. Round Lake has peaked, and Golden Lake is expected to peak shortly; and
- (4)** Churches – Committee discussed the sale of the various churches in the area and they would like to see the churches documented for historical purposes before they disappear. Committee also recommends that we seek pictures from the community of the churches in our area.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2023

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 3:14 p.m.

Carried

Merv Buckwald, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO