

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

GALLERY 7

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

A warm welcome was extended to Annette Gilchrist, the new CAO for the Township of Bonnechere Valley. Thanks, was extended to Sandra Barr who had been filling the Acting CAO role for the last five months.

Chair, Jack Roesner called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY Brent Patrick

That: the agenda be accepted as amended with the addition of #9 Roadside/Curbside pickup
Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.

DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

Water & Sewer Department

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent, was not present and no report was filed.

Works Department

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

- a) Cab for Garbage Truck – Mr. Zohr is currently in the process of obtaining new pricing for a different style of cab for a garbage truck that would better suit our needs for collection;
- b) Regular Maintenance – With having minimum winter clean up to date the department is catching up with their regular maintenance during this down time;
- c) Frank Cowan Insurance Company – Advice was sought from Frank Cowan Insurance for advice concerning paved shoulders. The Insurance company indicates that the paved shoulder is not a sidewalk and is not maintained to the municipality's sidewalk winter maintenance standard or MMS whichever applies. That the reason the paved shoulder is plowed is a courtesy which provides greater visibility for drivers exiting their driveways;

- d) Roadside/Curbside Pick-up – Committee directed Mr. Zohr to research the feasibility for our residents to see if: 1) there would be interest and 2) what the costs would be to see about extending Roadside/Curbside pick-up to the entire municipality. A report would be provided at a future meeting outlining various options to determine if it would be cost effective and cost efficient for the betterment of the residents;
- e) Composting – Need to further educate residents as to the benefits and the how easy composting can be on their own properties; and
- f) Crack Sealing – Mr. Zohr informed Committee that the crack sealing that was done on Hwy 60 will need to be dug out and replaced in the Spring as there was a product malfunction;

Works Department Report Received.

Fire Department

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

- a) Calls for Service – Calls were up in 2019 (76 calls) as compared to 2018 (52 calls). This is primarily due to the fire ban in 2019.;
- b) Recruitment Drive – Department is initiating a recruitment drive in early 2020. Currently have 29 fire fighters and would like a few more;
- c) Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) – The OFMEM has finally assigned a full-time field advisory officer for our area; and
- d) Efficiencies – Dave Murphy has some ideas for efficiencies:
 1. Drywells for three location: Downtown near the Rock at the traffic lights, Lake Clear (near Opeongo Mountain Resort) and at the Constant Lake Bridge;
 2. Pre-Planning: Ontario Fire Marshall is pushing for incident pre-planning. Dave Murphy is looking into a software that allows for hydrants, utilities etc. to be placed on a google map so that incident planning can be prepared;
 3. Technology: The County of Renfrew Paramedics are changing out their tablets and Dave Murphy will be in contact with them to seek out and acquire their technology which could be placed in the fire trucks. Also, the department's portable radios are obsolete, and the pagers are causing the department some trouble. Getting very difficult to repair the units as it is costing just as much to repair them as to replace them. Thought is being given to purchase new hand-held radios and they would serve the department better with a new modernization communications system. Research is being conducted on pricing.

Fire Department Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Frank Cowan Company – Intact Financial Corporation

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy
- (ii) Ministry of Indigenous Affairs – Memo to Elected Officials
- (iii) AMO – Transition of the Blue Box
- (iv) Sunshine Coach Service – MTO Gas Tax Accessible Transportation
- (v) Eganville & Area Horticultural Society – Requesting a Grant
- (vi) Town of Tecumseh – 911 Misdials

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) County of Renfrew Update

- a) County Council – Jennifer Murphy attended the Butterfly model presentation at Bonnechere Manor;
- b) Eastern Ontario Regional Network Inc. – Jennifer Murphy is running for

the Board of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Inc;

- c) Rural Ontario Municipal Conference (ROMA) – Jennifer Murphy and Annette Gilchrist are attending the ROMA Conference and will be meeting with the Solicitor General regarding the OPP billing model.

(2) Active Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- Committee recommends that this item be tabled at this time;

(3) Efficiency Funding Allocation

- Committee recommends: That Council approves the following allocation for the funding of the \$592,479 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs;

AND FURTHER THAT \$175,000 from the fund be used towards the implementation of the AGL Cartegraph OMS software for roads, water and recreation and that the remaining balance of \$417,479 be transferred into a reserve account as of December 31, 2019.

(4) North Algona Wilberforce Trail Ad Hoc Committee

- Committee recommends: That Tim Schison participate on this committee. Annette Gilchrist has been directed to send a letter to Mr. Sprunt at North Algona Wilberforce to indicate that Tim would be pleased to join the committee and to inquire when the meetings will be held.

(5) Transition to Fuller Producer Responsibility

- Committee recommends: That the Township of Bonnechere Valley would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023;

AND THAT this decision is based on the following rationale:

1. Municipal waste systems are not well positioned to respond to the rapidly changing composition of products and packaging, the necessary investments in collection and processing infrastructure, and the demands of end markets.
2. Producers can best reduce waste, increase the resources that are recovered and reincorporated into the economy, and enable a consistent province-wide system that makes recycling easier and more accessible.

AND THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms'

(6) 2020 Meeting Schedule

- Committee recommends: The following schedule for Bonnechere Valley Committee & Council Meetings for 2020
 - Thursday, January 23, 2020
 - Tuesday, February 4, 2020 & Tuesday, February 18, 2020
 - Tuesday, March 3, 2020 & Tuesday, March 24, 2020
 - Tuesday, April 7, 2020 & Tuesday, April 21, 2020
 - Tuesday, May 5, 2020 & Tuesday, May 19, 2020
 - Tuesday, June 2, 2020 & Tuesday, June 16, 2020
 - Tuesday, July 14, 2020
 - Tuesday, August 11, 2020
 - Tuesday, September 1, 2020 & Tuesday, September 22, 2020
 - Tuesday, October 6, 2020 & Tuesday, October 20, 2020
 - Tuesday, November 3, 2020 & Tuesday, November 17, 2020
 - Tuesday, December 1, 2020 & Wednesday, December 16, 2020

(7) Microphone and Sound System

- Committee recommends: That this item be deferred to budget deliberations;

- (8)** Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Green Stream
- Committee recommends: That the Township of Bonnechere Valley submit applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream for a Water/Wastewater Project and a Stormwater Project.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday January 23, 2020 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION - None

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) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Carried

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: Committee come out of Closed Session.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:42 p.m.

Carried

Jack Roesner, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO