

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 1:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**               **Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Jack Roesner  
Councillor Brent Patrick  
Councillor Merv Buckwald  
Councillor Tim Schison  
CAO Annette Gilchrist  
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

**REGRETS**               **None**

**GALLERY**               **7**

**CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**MOVED BY**               **Tim Schison**

**That:** the agenda be accepted as presented with the removal of Item #5 Aggregate Resources Resolution and the addition of Item #7 Dog Shelter.                               **Carried**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on August 11, 2020 be accepted as presented.                               **Carried**

**DELEGATIONS**       None

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent, was present and gave his report.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff are repairing and adjusting water service boxes;
- c) Maintenance and painting of the fire hydrants continues;
- d) Painting – Staff are painting the interior doors and some walls;
- e) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- f) Working on and adjusting sewer manholes;
- g) Committee accepts the recommendation of Daryl Verch, Manager to purchase the services necessary through a sole source as per Part IV Section 3 of the Procurement By-Law 2019-60. Resolution to award the Eganville Wastewater Plant project to Harrington Mechanical to come forward at Council; and
- h) Staff have removed one Geo-Tube and are sampling two more that will be removed this fall.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

**Works Department**

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

- a) Augsburg Road – Paving is now complete;
- b) Eganville Legion – The Roads Department staff swept the parking lot at the Legion;
- c) Speed Sign Data – The speed sign data that was collected from Bonnechere Lodge Road was sent to S/Sgt DiSaverio to review. He did not see any significant speeding issues;

- d) Gravel – Roads staff have completed the gravel and the liquid calcium on the roads;
- e) Line Painting – will be completed this week;
- f) Snow Removal Contract – Committee recommends that the snow removal contract for the 2020/2021 winter season be awarded to John K Reinert, Sand & Gravel, 4-Wheel Drive Plow Truck \$75/ hour; and
- g) Fourth Chute Road – No design drawings were prepared for the Fourth Chute Road and the project proceeded as a "Tender Only" project. The work on the road was completed to suit existing conditions in the field and extensive pavement elevation / profile corrections were not considered part of the contract. Favourable pricing allowed for placement of two lifts of asphalt within the strict budget limitations associated with available funding, however associated restrictions limited the scope of work to partial depth removal/asphalt resurfacing. Full-time on-site inspection was provided by McIntosh Perry, throughout construction to verify work was completed per applicable standards and contract provisions and the contract was satisfactorily completed within the limitations. Any road deficiencies noted with regards to materials or workmanship remain the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor has been on-site to correct surface drainage in areas where standing water was noted following construction. Upon review of this corrective action, McIntosh Perry have determined that deficiencies have been addressed. Committee requests a warranty extension to 2021 to ensure additional corrective action is not required in the spring;
- h) Letter Regarding Augsburg Road – Committee discussed a letter of concern from a resident on Augsburg Road regarding the recent road construction. The resident had concerns about the Bell phone line that was severed during the road construction, and the elevation and drainage on one corner on the road. Jason Zohr explained that on the corner in question the elevation was changed from a 10% grade down to a 4% grade. He did investigate the concern and as there is more work to be done on Augsburg Road, he would consider if additional improvements are needed when developing the 2021 budget. The Bell line that was severed during construction was not marked properly therefore the Township is not at fault. Committee gave staff direction for Annette Gilchrist to respond to the email.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) Fire Calls – 2020 calls to date are within a reasonable level;
- b) Recruitment – Four new recruits are starting this week and two more next week;
- c) Ladder – The 35 foot ladder on the fire truck in Foymount is being replaced;
- d) Covid Portal – The Provincial first responder portal has been discontinued. Staff can no longer login to see locations of Covid cases;
- e) Fire Permits – A new protocol is in place for fire permits. The fire department now inspects the burn site prior to the burn, and when they are satisfied that all the conditions have been met, they validate the burn permit;
- f) Floor Foymount Fire Hall – The concrete floor in the Foymount Fire Hall appears to be sinking. Staff will repair the issue this year, however after the winter months the floor will be reevaluated. If more repairs are necessary it can be discussed during the 2021 budget deliberations;
- g) Cottage Roads – The Fire Department was asked to tour a cottage road to make recommendation on how to improve their roads for fire access. Dave Murphy recommends that gravel be added to these roads on a regular basis as well as having the trees timed to keep roads from growing in;
- h) Repeater – The Fire Department is still waiting on the new repeater to arrive. When it does arrive Dave Murphy would like to proceed with selling the old radios to re-coop some costs; and
- i) Boot Toll – The Fire Department had hoped to have their boot toll fundraising drive on the long week-end of September, however they felt that due to Covid they will cancel it for this year.

*Fire Department Report Received.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- (i) Ministry of Transportation Safety Program Development Branch - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- (ii) Golden Lake Property Owners Association – Update to Members August 2020
- (iii) AMCTO Legislative Express

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

- (i) Town of Prescott – Border Closure
- (ii) City of Port Colbourne – Funding and Inspections for Long Term Care Homes
- (iii) County of Renfrew – Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre
- (iv) Town of Gore Bay – Support for Long Term Care Facility
- (v) City of Port Colbourne – Protection Vulnerable Person in Supportive Living Accommodation Act
- (vi) Township of Huron-Kinloss – Farm Class Rate Program
- (vii) Town of Gore Bay – Support for COVID-19 Funding
- (viii) Town of Gore Bay – Support for Emancipation Day
- (ix) Beaver Tails Pastry – Request

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

B vi ) Committee recommends support of the Township of Huron-Kinloss – Farm Class Rate Program Resolution to be brought forward at the September 22, 2020 meeting.

B ix ) Committee supports Beaver Tails Pastry request to use the Tourist Booth parking lot for September 4-6, 2020 to set up their mobile trailer to sell beaver tails. They will donate a percentage of their sales from the weekend to the Eganville Legion. Kevin McGrath canvassed the neighbours to make them aware of what was happening, some of them had noise concerns. The noise concern was brought forward to Beaver Tails Pastry and they plan to bring a quieter generator this time. Committee asked that Kevin McGrath review and report on Township locations for these types of mobile businesses and consider what types of fees would be appropriate if Council receives a request from a mobile business wanting to set up on a more permanent basis in the future.

## **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(1)** County of Renfrew Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues:

- The Official Plan is still going back and forth between County of Renfrew staff and the Ministry, therefore our new Zoning By-law will not be completed until next year;
- County is changing their budget process. They will now be able to update and make changes on the fly;
- County is vying for support to make RCVTAC permanent

**(2)** AMO Conference – Mayor Jennifer Murphy and CAO Annette Gilchrist attended the Association of Municipal Conference that was held virtually;

3 members from Eastern Ontario were elected to the Board.

Participated in 3 delegations. Randy Pettapiece the Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and Stan Cho Parliamentary Assistant for the Minister of Finance regarding the Farm Tax Program. Stephen Crawford Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Infrastructure on the infrastructure funding gap and Local Share initiative.

Received good news that the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will continue at the same level of funding for 2021.

The conference itself was focused on Covid-19 topics however there were also great sessions on the use of 911 location information via cellphones, blue box program moving to full producer responsibility, Disaster Recovery Assistance Funding model which is under review, Indigenous and women's forums and 3 Ministers Forums for which the questions centered around tourism, freedom of information and privacy requests, broadband and the Mayor was able to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing about revenue diversification for municipalities and a review of the Local Share initiative;

- (3) Medical Funding Announcement – It was announced that there would be \$749,900 in annual funding to bring a physician, nurse-practitioner, nurse and office staff to serve the Eganville and Cobden communities as part of the Whitewater Bromley Community Health Centre (WBCHC). The WBCHC is part of the Lanark Renfrew Health and Community Services (LRHCS);
- (4) Renfrew County Economic Resolution – Committee recommends a resolution of support requesting the Government of Ontario and Canada fast track the review of current and previous *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting;
- (5) Renfrew County Virtual Triage Centre – Committee recommends a resolution of support for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Centre to continue;
- (6) Federation Canadian Municipalities Board Elections – Mayor Murphy encouraged all of the members of committee to register with FCM and vote in the upcoming election. Glenn Doncaster, Reeve from Deep River is seeking votes for a position on the Ontario Caucus of the FCM Board of Directors; and
- (7) Dog Shelter – Committee recommends more advertising of the new cell phone number for the animal control officer.

#### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 1:30 pm

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald

**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:** Committee 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) personal matters about two identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; Carried

**MOVED BY** Brent Patrick

**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** Committee moves out of closed session to rise and report at the open Committee meeting at 4:35 pm. Carried

Committee met to give staff direction regarding two identifiable individuals. Committee directed the CAO to invite Mr. Zohr to assume the role of Roads Superintendent on a non-interim basis and provide him with an employment contract. Committee also directed the CAO to notify North Algona Wilberforce that the Township of Bonnechere Valley accepts their notice of intent to terminate the agreement for sharing CBO services and requests a termination date of December 31, 2020.

#### **CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY** Tim Schison

That: the meeting adjourn at 4:36 p.m.

Carried