

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2020 1:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **8**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Brent Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**That:** the agenda be accepted with the addition of Item #5 County of Renfrew Update.  
Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** – None Declared

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on December 1, 2020 be accepted as amended.  
Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Nikolina Likarević, CEO, Bonnechere Union Public Library  
Bonnechere Valley Operational Review

Brian Weckwerth & Dave Kruger, Eganville & Area Community Development Group  
Brian and Dave updated Committee on the proposed wheel-chair accessible fishing dock. The dock will be called "Loggers Landing" and will be located on private property. The Rotary Club is involved in the project and will assist with the funding.

**REPORTS**

**Recreation and Culture**

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

- a) Arena – Minor hockey continues with controlled scrimmages and up to fifty spectators. Eganville House League is in a bubble with Barry's Bay Minor Hockey. Competitive Hockey, local Valley Storm team is in a bubble with Arnprior, Renfrew and Cobden;
- b) JrB Team – They have fifty spectators in the stands and fourteen upstairs in the Eagle's Nest during games;
- c) Public skating started on October 25<sup>th</sup> with nine in attendance, on November 15<sup>th</sup> fifty attended and for the remaining public skating times there have been approximately twenty in attendance;
- d) Emma Normoyle has completed the Basic Refrigeration Course;
- e) Legion Field – Dog owners are still using Legion Field to walk their dogs despite the posted signs;
- f) Centennial Park – Signs have been installed for the outdoor rink Covid-19 protocols – unsupervised arena maximum 25 skaters, maintain physical distances of six feet. There have been four floods put on the outdoor rink and if the

- weather cooperates it should be open by this weekend;
- g) Tree Lighting – The tree lighting on Friday November 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm was well attended. A picture of the lights on the bridge was posted on social media;
  - h) Dog Park – Committee discussed the proposed dog park. Committee recommends that Kevin McGrath reach out to the Dog Park Committee and see what their fundraising plans are for 2021. The project will proceed once the group has fundraised \$10,000;
  - i) Operational Review – Committee reviewed the recommendations of Kevin McGrath, Recreation Manager that were in the Operational Review in relation to the Recreation Department;
  - j) Shop Local Campaign – In an effort to support our local business this holiday season, Community Development Officer, Dana Jennings has been featuring some of businesses on the Township’s facebook page. The response and the feedback to the profiling has been greatly received. To date the following have been profiled: My Country Home, Eganville Shell Station, Rio Tap and Grill, Eganville’s Finest, O’Grady’s Flowers and Gifts, Rusty Lantern Barn Boutique, The Granary Restaurant, Fifth Chute Coffee, Tiernary’s Hair and Esthetics and Pumpkin’s Posies, with more to come; and
  - k) Safe Restart Phase II Funding – Jennifer Murphy announced that Bonnechere Valley received \$200,000 for 2020 in Phase II funding, and an additional \$30,000 of funding for 2021 under the Safe Restart program.  
*Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.*

### **Water & Sewer**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent

- a) 2021 Water & Sewer Budget – Committee recommends support of the 2021 Water & Sewer Budget as presented. The budget reflects a 1.5% increase to the 2021 water and sewer billings.

### **Administration**

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

- a) The November financial reports are in your packages;
- b) Comments were provided on the proposed regulation, and the proposed regulatory amendments, to make producers responsible for operating blue box programs;
- c) Comments were further provided, including resident’s concerns, regarding the Algonquin proposed land settlement;
- d) Trailer By-Law – CAO Annette Gilchrist prepared a draft by-law for Committee to review. The by-law was approved in principle; Staff direction was given to Annette Gilchrist, CAO to prepare notice for the public planning meeting and to seek clarification on a lawyer letter received which would be discussed publicly at the next Committee meeting;
- e) Property Standards – A complaint was received regarding a property in the Village without windows. The property owner has indicated that they have the windows and will have them installed;
- f) Animal Control – Staff have concluded their investigation regarding an ongoing dog complaint. After speaking with the Provincial Animal Welfare Inspector, OPP, Animal Control Officer and CBO the consensus is that there was an issue in the summer. The issue has been mostly resolved and the barking is now considered reasonable and only a minor annoyance according to the majority of the neighbours canvassed; and
- g) Health & Safety – The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2021 training requirements.  
*Report and Financial Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(A) Correspondence “A”**

#### **(B) Correspondence “B”**

- (i) Municipality of Larder Lake – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
- (ii) Region of Peel – Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

- (iii) City of Greater Sudbury – Notice to Withdraw from Schedule 6 from Bill 229
- (iv) Township of Puslinch – Propose Change to the Conservation Authorities
- (v) City of Hamilton – Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution
- (vi) City of Hamilton – Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges
- (vii) Municipality of Southwest Middlesex – Drainage Matters on CNR lands
- (viii) Municipality of Leamington – Cannabis Production Facility
- (ix) Town of Orangeville – Conservation Authorities Act

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Municipal Meeting with General Rick Hillier re Covid-19 Vaccine – On Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm Mayor Murphy along with all 441 Heads of Council in Ontario met with and General Rick Hillier and other officials to discuss the Covid-19 vaccination roll out. The vaccine will be rolled out in three phases. The first phase of the province’s distribution plan will span two to three months and will focus on inoculating health care workers, residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings that provide care for seniors, adults in Indigenous communities and adult recipients of chronic home health care. In April 2021, the province said it is expected that the second phase of the distribution plan will commence with a goal of ensuring every Ontarian who wants the vaccine can receive it. The third and final phase will essentially turn the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine into one similar to the system that distributes flu shots using pharmacies, physician’s offices, and public health units;
- (2)** Delcan Zoning By-Law Amendment Application to provide the correct zoning for a Marijuana Production Facility – Committee did not discuss. Committee gave staff direction to return the incomplete application and request the application be completed and resubmitted;
- (3)** Unconscious Bias, Inclusion and Diversity – Committee gave staff direction to Annette Gilchrist, CAO to do some research on staff training programs, and policies and bring a report forward to Committee for further discussion;
- (4)** Update on EACDG – Jennifer Murphy updated the Committee on the Eganville and Area Community Development Group. Work on the accessible fishing dock continues. The group has a mural planned for the Tyerman and Daughters building, and they would like to paint the lines at McRae Park; and
- (5)** County of Renfrew Update – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee on County of Renfrew issues including;
  - 2022 Ontario Winter Games that will be held throughout Renfrew County;
  - For 2021 Mayor Jennifer Murphy is on the following Committee’s at County:
    - Health
    - Chair of Finance and Admin
    - Alternate on County / Pikwakanagan Committee
    - Vice Chair Provincial Modernization Fund
    - Vice Chair of County Inter-Municipal Relations
    - Board of Health
    - Striking Committee

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 1:30 pm

**MEDIA SESSION**

**CONCLUSION**

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

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

Carried

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Brent Patrick, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO