

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY MAY 4, 2021 1:30 P.M.**

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

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **13**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Tim Schison called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on April 20, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Erin Thompson, MacKillican & Associates

Presentation of the 2020 Financial Statements

REPORTS

Water & Sewer Department

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Superintendent was not present. Report Submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff are working on gathering information for the water license audit prior to the Auditor review in May;
- c) Quarterly sampling THS's, HAA's, nitrates and the Bi-Annual scheduled lead related samples (PH and alkalinity) were all collected;
- d) The operators have been doing lots of jar testing to get the water and sewer plants running as optimally as possible for this time of year;
- e) Flushing fire hydrants and performing maintenance;
- f) Doing locates for digs for Ontario One Call;
- g) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- h) X-site was at the Sewage Plant to clean out some parking lot drains and they flushed twenty feet of sewer on Bonnechere Street.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works Department

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

- a) Staffing – Jason Zohr hired a Waste Site Attendant and an Equipment Operator to replace the staff members that retired in Roads and Waste;
- b) Staff have been busy the month of April with driveway culvert installations, sign installations and sweeping streets and municipal parking lots in the Village;

- c) Received a complaint that a trucking company was using the Fourth Chute Road during half loads because they were overloaded. Jason Zohr contacted the trucking company as well as the Ministry of Transportation;
 - d) Half Loads were removed from the Township roads, in conjunction with the County, as of May 3, 2021;
 - e) Radar speed sign was deployed on Bonnechere Lodge Road. Over seven days there were 201 vehicles on the road travelling an average of 60.3 km/hr. There were five vehicles that were over the speed limit. The speed sign will be placed next on Sand Road for seven days, then moved into trouble spots in the Village of Eganville; and
 - f) Committee recommends that the Roads Superintendent, Jason Zohr to look into a large crack on the Fourth Chute Road approximately two feet from the shoulder of the road, near Selle's Quarry;
- Works Department Report Received.*

Fire Department

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

- a) Fire calls are up over this last month. The Department had a few larger fires. Three tickets have been issued by the Fire Department under the Provincial Offences Act;
- b) The annual pumper testing has been booked for May 6;
- c) The Township has received the funding for the one time grant from the Province for \$5500.00 to assist with training or inspection software. The Department will be purchasing an inspection/ pre-planning software program with two Apple I-pads shortly;
- d) The drawings for the proposed Foymount Fire Hall addition / renovation are complete. An estimate for the complete construction project, including repairs to the floor drain are currently being undertaken and will be provided to Committee at the next meeting;
- e) Current fire safety messaging appears to be working for the most part. Many calls received from non-resident cottagers regarding burn regulations. Mostly spurned by year-round residents warning cottagers. Fire Chief Dave Murphy thanked them for their assistance; and
- f) Chief will be attending the OFMEM 'Ordering overview' session for N95 1870+ masks. The province will be allowing a free allocation of masks.

Fire Department Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO – Advocacy Update – Seeking Your Input: Strengthening Accountability for Council Members
- (ii) FCM Communique - Budget 2021 – Significant News for Rural Communities
- (iii) Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario – Reforms to Support Ontario Liquor Licenses
- (iv) ROH Family Information Group – Borderline Personality Disorder
- (v) Royal Mental Health – Family Voice Bulletin 2.0 Issue 15 Borderline Personality Disorder
- (vi) Point-of-Care Testing – Provincial Changes

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Township of Archipelago – Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites
- (ii) Municipality of Calvin – Carbon Tax on Primary Agricultural Producers
- (iii) Letter from Shelagh Mills – Lake Clear RV's
- (iv) Town of Cochrane – Support for Fire Departments
- (v) City of Kitchener – Planning Act Timelines
- (vi) Town of Mono – Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement
- (vii) City of Cambridge – Request for Paid Sick Leave

- (viii) Township of Springwater – Clean Fuel Standard
- (ix) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – Canada’s Premiers Launch Promising Practices Podcast
- (x) Port Colborne – Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement
- (xi) Fort Erie – Province Investigating and Updating Source Water Protection Legislation
- (xii) Fort Erie – Road management Action on Invasive Phragmites

(C) Correspondence “C”

Committee recommends support of the following resolutions to be brought forward to the next Council meeting:

- Aiii) Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario – Reforms to Support Ontario Liquor Licenses
- Bv) City of Kitchener – Planning Act Timelines

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor’s Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee;
 - In April the Mayor attended twenty-three meetings on behalf of the Township and the County;
 - EACDG is doing well. They have another meeting tomorrow. Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 28th;
 - Attended multiple Covid-19 meetings. However unfortunately things change very quickly. There is a lot of frustration and confusion about booking vaccines, the different vaccines. The variants are a major concern;
 - Attended Ontario Winter Games Meeting, plans are well underway;
 - April 23 attended a Covid-19 meeting with the Premier Ford, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, Minister Clarke, Minister Elliott and Minister McNaughton. Jenn Murphy requested that information not be released at 4pm on a Friday or Thursday before a holiday weekend.
 - Attended Rural Mental Health Initiative Board Meeting;
 - May 3 Jennifer Murphy attended a joint meeting with Eastern Ontario Regional Network, the Eastern Ontario Warden’s Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Mayor’s Caucus regarding the GIG Project. There were over seventy-five participants. They are requesting that letters of support be sent to the Editor’s of the local newspapers, as well as letters to our MP’s and MPP’s;
 - The Mayor will be requesting an AMO Delegation regarding Broadband with the Hon. Laurie Scott, MPP and Minister of Infrastructure.
- (2)** EGC Update – Tim Schison updated the Committee on the EGC. The AGM was held on April 20, 2021 to approve the financial statements and review the 2021 budget;
- (3)** Museum Geo-Trail Grant Proposal – Committee recommends support of this proposal. Dana Jennings to work with Jack Rosien and Preston O’Grady on this project;
- (4)** Joan Hewitt Request to Open Road Allowance – Committee recommends Jason Zohr and Merv Buckwald do a site visit of Lavenhagen Road and that the item be brought back to the next Committee meeting;
- (5)** Support Resolution for Fire Departments – Committee recommends support of a resolution calling on Canada’s Minister of Transportation to ensure whitewater tourism operators, including Wilderness Tours and Owl Rafting, are duly consulted prior to any and all navigational bans on the Ottawa River; and
- (6)** Support Resolution Whitewater Region – Committee recommends support of a resolution calling on the Federal and Provincial Government to include fire apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments to be eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 1:30 pm

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the meeting adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Carried

Tim Schison, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO