

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY JUNE 1, 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 **4**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

That: the agenda be accepted with the addition of a moment of silence at 2:15pm for the 215 Indigenous children who were uncovered on the property of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C. Item#7 Cannabis Report, Item #8 Request from Cheryl Gallant to use municipal Council Chambers for one day for a constituency office. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –

Brent Patrick declared a conflict under Correspondence *A iii)* St. James the Less Church – Property in front of St. James Parish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

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

DELEGATIONS

Greg Lubimiv, Executive Director, Phoenix Centre, Chair, Moving On Mental Health and Addictions Planning Table

REPORTS

Water & Sewer Department

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System is operating in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) The Water License Audit with Auditor James Pang was on May 25 & May 26;
- c) Cody Tiedeman has taken two Director Approved Water Courses for 1.4 CEU's, he has completed his three year training cycle;
- d) Flushing fire hydrants and performing maintenance continues;
- e) Locates for digs for Ontario One Call continues;
- f) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- g) Dave Loader finished a Director Approved Sewage Course worth 3.6 CEU's;
- h) Installed a digester pump to transfer from Plant#2 to Plant #1 for processing in the Geo tubes;
- i) Two new ceiling fans were installed in the green house to help with odor control;
- j) Completed and submitted the Environment Canada Quarterly reports; and
- k) RV Dumping Station has been opened for the 2021 summer season.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works & Waste Department

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

- a) Summer hours are now in effect at the waste sites and the Household Hazardous Waste Depot is now open too;
- b) The Canada Flag banner is scheduled to be installed over the Bridge the first week of June. Summer banners will be installed around the Village in June;
- c) Started to apply calcium on some of the gravel roads. Once all the gravel is applied to the roads the calcium will be completed;
- d) The catch basins in Eganville and Foymount were pumped out by a contractor;
- e) Tranquility Bay – The barriers have been removed from Tranquility Bay Drive and the road is now open; and
- f) Speed Sign – The speed sign was located on Alice Street. The report has been forwarded to the OPP Killaloe Detachment;

Works Department Report Received.

A moment of silence was observed at 2:15pm for the 215 Indigenous children who were uncovered on the property of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

Fire Department

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

- a) Fire calls are up for the month of April, which included two motorcycle accidents;
- b) The annual pumper tests are complete;
- c) The Provincial grant money has been received and the department is currently working with APX Data on the implementation of inspection and pre-planning software;
- d) The drawings for the proposed Foymount Fire Hall addition / renovation are complete. A site visit was requested to be scheduled before the item is brought back to Committee in September;
- e) Fire Ban – If we do not get rain by next week we may go into a Level 1 Fire Ban.

Fire Department Report Received.

Committee directed staff to change the August Council meeting date to August 10th and schedule an onsite meeting to review the plans for the Foymount fire hall on August 10th at 9am.

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) John Egan Geo-Heritage Fossil Hunting Trail Improvement Trail – Committee discussed the grant application to the Federal government for to make improvements to the Geo-Heritage Trail off of John Street. Committee approved Kevin McGrath assisting with overseeing the project, bilingual signs and flower boxes at the entrance to the trail. The trail is brushed by staff upon request.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) Voting Methods for 2022 – Committee approved the alternative voting method of voting by mail for the Municipal Election to be held in 2022, and that a By-law to authorize this alternative voting method be brought forward to a future Council meeting; and
- b) Committee recommends that the Township of Bonnechere Valley approves the purchase of an electronic sign for the Township office from Nu-media in the amount of \$24,900.

Report and Financial Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Gravel Watch Ontario - Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt
- (ii) Gravel Watch Ontario - Letter to accompany the greenbelt comment to municipalities
- (iii) St. James the Less Parish – Property is front of St. James Parish

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities
- (ii) Town of Cochrane - Reopening of Greenwater Provincial Park
- (iii) Municipality of West Elgin - Phragmites
- (iv) Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement
- (v) Township of Matachewan - Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern Communities
- (vi) Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers
- (vii) Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Facilities
- (viii) Township of Brock - Dead-End Road Kids
- (ix) City of Owen Sound - Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline
- (x) City of Port Colborne - Source Water Protection Legislation
- (xi) Request from Museum Regarding Insurance

(C) Correspondence "C"

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee;
 - In May the Mayor attended twenty-two meetings on behalf of the Township and the County;
 - 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;
 - May 5 attended an EACDG meeting. Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 11. The fishing dock is on track. They are updating their website. More murals are coming soon;
 - Attended Ontario Winter Games Meeting;
 - May 6 EORN Board Meeting. Mayor Murphy is now a member of the Governance Committee;
 - May 12 attended Health Committee meeting. There is an opioid crisis, paramedics are seeing several overdoses per day. We are at 28 overdoses to date in 2021;
 - Attended Finance Committee for the Ontario Winter Games;
 - Attended Rural Mental Health Initiative Board Meeting. Requesting a delegation at AMO for more funding and support for rural mental health and addiction;
 - Attended a Conflict of Interest meeting with the Honourable Jill Dunlop;
 - May 20 attended a meeting with Minister McLeod regarding sector specific re-opening plans and funding;
 - May 26 County Council Meeting – Taste of the Valley will be virtual for 2021, Rehabilitation of the Fourth Chute Bridge, and rehabilitation of Hurds Creek Bridge.
- (2)** EGC Update – Tim Schison updated the Committee on the EGC. Water levels have stabilized and all logs are in the dam;
- (3)** Support Resolution for 3 Digit Suicide Line – Committee recommends support and endorsement of the 988 crisis line initiative resolution;
- (4)** Canada Day – Committee recommends hiring a professional to video tape the fireworks again this year, and also recommends not closing the Bridge. Rain date for fireworks will be July 2;

- (5) Museum – A request was received from the Bonnechere Arts & Historical Society to include coverage for their Directors’ for liability insurance under the Township’s insurance umbrella. Committee directed staff to include them in the Township’s insurance policy;
- (6) Museum Proposal - John Egan Geo-Heritage Fossil Hunting Trail Improvement Trail – Committee directed staff to send a letter of support for the project;
- (7) Cannabis Production Facility Proposal – Annette Gilchrist updated Committee on the rezoning of the facility on Sebastopol Drive in Foymount for a cannabis production facility. The public meeting will be held on June 22, 2021. Annette Gilchrist will send Committee the County’s Planning report; and
- (8) Request from Cheryl Gallant to use municipal office for one day for a constituency office – Committee approved the use of the Council Chambers on July 27 from 12 to 4pm.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 22, 2021 at 1:30 pm

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy

That: the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Tim Schison, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO