

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2021 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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 **6**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Brent Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on November 2, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

DELEGATIONS

County of Renfrew Warden Debbie Robinson; Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer; Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services and Craig Kelley; Director of Development and Property. Presentation to Committee on the revamped HR and Planning services offered by the County of Renfrew to all the lower tier municipalities.

REPORTS

Water & Sewer

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

- a) Committee approves the Water and Sewage Department's Financial Plan for 2021 to 2027.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Recreation & Culture

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

- a) Rural Recreation Committee –

- i) Shop Local – Rural Rewards Program - In Bonnechere Valley the 4th winner of the Shop Local program was drawn on October 28th and the winner was Candace Woolley. Candace chose a \$25 gift certificate for Freshmart. The next draw will be held on November 19, 2021;

- ii) Virtual Halloween Costume & House Decoration Contest - As Seen on Halloween.

Kids Halloween Costume Winners:

1st - \$35 – Emma McGurrin, age 11 months as Princess Peach

2nd - \$20 – Aiden McGurrin, age 3 as Luigi from Super Mario

3rd - \$10 – Owen Jessup, age 5 as Creepy Clown

Adult Halloween Winners:

1st - \$35 – Shannon Kelly

2nd - \$20 – Kaitlyn Walsh, Mary Poppins

3rd -\$10 – Kelsey McGurrin, Tavis McGurrin & Brittany Holly as Super Mario Characters

House Decorating Winners:

1st - \$35 – Shannon Kelly

2nd - \$20 – John Greene

3rd -\$10 – Aiden McGurrin

Pumpkin Carving Winners:

1st - \$35 – Brooklyn Holly

2nd - \$20 – Peyton Holly

3rd -\$10 – Roy Reed

- iii) Christmas Contest - Twas The Contest Before Christmas. The contest will be open from December 1st to December 31. Voting starts January 5th.
Categories:
1. Ugliest Christmas Sweater;
 2. Best Christmas Lights/Decorations;
 3. Best Family Christmas Photo;
 4. Best Christmas Tree Decorations
- b) Santa Claus Parade will take place on Sunday December 12 at 1pm. The theme is Christmas Parade of Hope: Share the Joy! The parade is being coordinated by the Eganville Rotary Club;
- c) Public Skating started November 7 and is sponsored until the end of December;
- d) Eganville Hockey League has started;
- e) Effective Monday November 8, the HEO Vaccine Mandate came into effect for Minor Hockey; all players 12 and up as well as coaches, volunteers and officials must be vaccinated;
- f) Effective Tuesday November 30, RCDHU Vaccine Mandate comes into effect for all other organized sports (figure skating); this mandate is for coaches, volunteers and officials 12 years and up;
- g) Kevin McGrath still attending Recreation meetings being held in Pembroke;
- h) Garrison Petawawa is using the arena parking lot, and Legion Field for training exercises on November 15 and November 19;
- i) Preparations are underway for the outdoor rink;
- j) The wooden fence on the west side of Centennial Park is falling over. One of the homeowners has requested that the Township repair or rebuild the fence. Committee requested that Kevin McGrath add this to next years budget;
- k) Two sides of the Ballfield Building have been re-shingled;
- l) The ball fields are both locked up for the winter;
- m) The lights will be up on the bridge on before November 26;
- n) The Tree Lighting at the Tourist Booth is on November 26 at 6:30, hot chocolate will be served;
- o) The Dog Park Committee is offering sponsorship of the park;
- p) Gerber's Nursery is doing work on the Geo Trail renovating the railing and sweeping the rock ledge to expose more fossils;
- q) Staff are working on applying for a grant for the Curling Club, through Cimco Refrigeration, (Path to Net Zero Study) for updating the ice pad, brine lines and to make it more energy efficient;
- r) Canteen – Staff placed an ad in the Eganville Leader looking for canteen students. Committee directed Kevin McGrath that if he cannot get enough staff to operate the canteen that he look into options for leasing out the canteen or adding additional vending machines to the arena lobby.

Recreation, Community Development and Planning Report Received.

Building & By-Law

Mark Schroeder, CBO and By-Law Enforcement Officer was present and gave his report.

CBO and By-Law Enforcement Report Received.

Administration & Finance

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

- a) The October financial reports are in your packages;
- b) Following receipt of the withdrawal of North Algona Wilberforce from the Animal Shelter Agreement, Council requested a review of the revenue and expenses of the facility to ensure we are not operating at a loss. Provided to Committee were the revenues and expenses allocated to the Animal Shelter, however only 75% of the wages and benefits can be attributed to the shelter. 25% are for animal control assistance. The total cost less the 25% for animal control is \$31,250. The total revenue without North Algona Wilberforce would be \$28,140. Committee recommends that staff to send a letter to the remaining municipalities notifying them of an increase to \$375 per month commencing January 2022;
- c) The County of Renfrew passed their Covid-19 vaccination policy. Whitewater Region, Pembroke and Arnprior have also passed similar policies. Most of the local tiers are following the County's lead on this. Committee agreed that they will not implement a vaccination policy at this time and directed the CAO to bring the item back to the table if there is a significant increase in cases in Renfrew County;
- d) Christmas Holiday Hours – The Township Office will be closed on Friday December 24 and reopen on Tuesday January 4, 2022. The Waste Sites will be closed on Saturday December 25th, Sunday December 26th and Saturday January 1. The Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedule is not affected;
- e) DelCan ReZoning – Staff are waiting on Delcan to submit their Site Plan; and
- f) Echo Centre Christmas Dinners – Council sponsored 50 Christmas Dinners for the Echo Centre fundraiser. They will offer the Christmas Dinners up to families in need and if there are still some left, as people call in to order their dinners they will tell them the Township has sponsored the dinner unless they want to pay it forward.

Report and Financial Report Received.

Jennifer Murphy left the Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Child Poverty Action Network – Festival of Trees Snowflake Soiree
- (ii) Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario – Member Newsletter August 2021
- (iii) Cunningham Swan Lawyers – Municipal Law 2021 Newsletter
- (iv) AMO -Advocacy Update Fall Economic Statement
- (v) AMO - Watch file
- (vi) AMCTO-Local Government Priorities For the 2022 Provincial Election

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) City of Kitchener - Renovictions
- (ii) County of Renfrew - Growth Related Projects
- (iii) City of Kitchener - Vaccine Passport Program
- (iv) Michael Lovett – Corrigan Road Allowance Purchase
- (v) Heather Park-Wheeler – Dog Park Platinum Sponsor
- (vi) Heather Park-Wheeler – Dog Park Signage
- (vii) Municipality of Mattice – Val Cote – Property Assessment

(C) Correspondence "C"

Biv) Committee agrees to enter into an agreement with Michael Lovett to use the unopened road allowance as an ATV trail. A land survey would be required as part of the agreement.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Library Board Update – Brent Patrick updated the committee on the business of the library. The library is hosting another online auction it starts November 17. They have posted internal for a new CEO;
- (2)** Whittaker Tax Adjustments Report – Committee recommends that the application for an adjustment of taxes for 356 Wieland Shore Road be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$871.83 be made to the property; and
- (3)** Rogers Tower Consultation Request for Concurrence Letter – Committee approved this request to send a letter as long as the Roads Superintendent has no issues. If he has any concerns Committee directed staff to bring this item back to the table for further discussions.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 1:30 pm

MEDIA SESSION

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **Tim Schison**

That: the meeting adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO