

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

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

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **20**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Tim Schison called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of a closed session item regarding an identifiable individual. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF –**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on August 9, 2022 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Carmen Krogh – Updated Committee on Wind Turbines

Tammy Beauchamp presented her Animal Shelter Proposal to take over operations of the Shelter.

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff are flushing and checking fire hydrants operations;
- c) NSF – IRS carried out a remote audit on August 15, 2022 for the Water Plant Operations;
- d) Staff would like the 2004 Ford half-ton truck declared surplus;
- e) Fire hydrants being painted;
- f) Harrington Mechanical has done the measuring for the replacement of a 6" inlet at the Water Plant;
- 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) Painting of the hand rails and catwalk on the number one treatment plant;
- i) Painting at the North Side Pumping Station inside and outside;
- j) Removed the sewage Geo-Tube that was put in place in 2019 from the greenhouse. Two bags remain. The roof on the green house needs to be replaced before the winter.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

### **Works & Waste Department**

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

- a) Jason Zohr had a site meeting on Tranquility Bay Drive with their Roads Association, the ATV Club and the Snowmobile Club;
- b) The New Holland Tractor has been repaired;
- c) Staff would like the 09-01 2009 Ford half-ton declared as surplus;
- d) Damage done to Western Drive. The OPP are involved;
- e) As of August 25<sup>th</sup> the Snodrifters Waste Site is now closed weekdays;
- f) Grinding at the waste sites is now complete;
- g) The cement footings and first pour has been completed and the second cement pour will take place the week of September 5;
- h) Committee directed staff to purchase a new 911 sign for Richards Lane, where it indicates which numbers go in which directions;
- i) The speed limit on Wittke Road is 60 km/hr but on the private portion of the road the speed limit is 40/km /hr;
- j) Speeding Concerns on Wentland Road – Committee recommends that the speed sign be placed on Wentland Road in incognito mode to gather speeding data.

*Works Department Report Received.*

### **Fire Department**

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

- a) The department has had forty-five calls for service in 2022;
- b) The recruiting process is ongoing. Two new recruits were hired in August and are on probation;
- c) All maintenance activities are continuing. All apparatus and equipment remain service ready. Staff are continuing to renew and upgrade equipment when required;
- d) Training Committee continues to maintain an active schedule;
- e) In person inspections and public assistance requests continue;
- f) Dealer training on the new extrication equipment is complete and the extrication equipment is in service;
- g) There is a new Ontario Grant for firefighter certification;
- h) Open House is being held at the Eganville Fire Station on Saturday September 10 from 11am to 2pm

*Fire Department Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- (i) Cunningham Swan – Save the Date Legal Seminar
- (ii) EACDG – Thank you to Staff
- (iii) Bonnechere Union Public Library – Thank-you Bonnechere's Author's Festival

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

- (i) Bonnechere Union Public Library – Thank-you and Request for Old Firehall for 2023 Book Sale
- (ii) Town of South Bruce Peninsula – Mandatory Fire Fighter Certification
- (iii) Letter from Margaret Jackson – Cats
- (iv) Hanover – Support Resolution of South Bruce in Health Care Worker Shortages
- (v) Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council – Firefighter Certification Grants
- (vi) Municipality of Port Hope - Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022
- (vii) Town of Aylmer - Warming and Cooling Centres
- (viii) Owen Sound resolution for Changes to Amber Alerts
- (ix) Request from Tranquility Bay Association
- (x) OPP Contract Renewal Request
- (xi) Cormac Road Request

- (xii) Affordable Housing Alliance Request
- (xiii) Northumberland County Resolution – Former Mohawk Institute
- (xiv) Letter to Minister Clark – Strong Mayors Building Homes Act
- (xv) Thank you from Tour de Bonnechere
- (xvi) Petition to maintain current pound and animal control services
- (xvii) Request to name the Bandshell

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

- Bi) Committee approves the request of the Bonnechere Union Public Library to use the old firehall for their 2023 book sale;
- Biii) Committee gave staff direction to the CAO to respond to Ms. Jackson’s request regarding cats;

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(1) Mayor’s Report – Jennifer Murphy updated Committee;**

- In the month of August the Mayor attended twenty-three meetings, the AMO Conference and various community events on behalf of the Township of Bonnechere Valley and the County of Renfrew;
- The Bonnechere Youth Action Committee met in subgroups to plan their fall events. A Scavenger Hunt will take place on Saturday September 24 at 1pm in Centennial Park. An Archery Program is being ran in conjunction with the Eganville and District Sportsman Club it starts September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The After School Learning Centre, geared towards teenage groups, opens on September 21, courses to be offered include managing finances and how to start a business, more programming will be added as the year goes on;
- The Official Opening of Bonnechere Valleys Truth and Reconciliation Garden will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. A huge thank-you to Sherry Miller and her gardening crew and to John Park-Wheeler for the new bench;
- Eastern Ontario Regional Network board is pleased to announce that Jason St. Pierre has been named Chief Executive Officer, effective July 11, 2022.
- Rogers has done 2016 uplifts since July 2022 and 10 new co-locations;
- Ontario Winter Games are scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023;
- Curling Club renovations starting today, September 7<sup>th</sup> which bring the facility up to date and accessible; the Township is so thank-full for the grants received;
- EACDG is very excited that the fishing dock and fence are now complete;
- Met with Chad Patrick from PFT Construction regarding the new builds in our community. Construction will begin on the old convent property on October 10<sup>th</sup> for a 60 unit apartment complex. Construction for a 20 unit apartment complex will begin on the old school property, with the foundation being poured in October, and will be completed in 2023. He also indicated that his company is working on an environmental assessment, site plan and re-zoning on the creamery building. The company has also purchased a 14 acre parcel of land behind Legion Field and it will also be serviced on our water and sewer system;
- Road construction on the western portion of Highway 512, is underway, all issues have been resolved;
- Bonnechere Valley had the fifth lowest tax increase for 2022;
- County of Renfrew CAO Paul Moreau has now retired and Craig Kelly has taken over as CAO;
- The County had the opening of their Truth and Reconciliation Garden. This was a beautiful event. Amy Bailee spoke to the 7 Grandfather/Grandmother pillars which include Love, Bravery, Truth, Honest, Humility, Respect, and Wisdom. Jennifer encouraged everyone to take a moment and visit this Garden outside of the County building;
- Jennifer Murphy attended the AMO Conference with Annette Gilchrist, CAO in person for the first time since 2019. It was well attended and the plenaries were

exceptional, with a few geared specifically for Women in Politics. Jennifer and Annette had three delegations;

They met with Minister Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister for Mental Health and Addictions. We revisited our grass roots movement in partnership with Connect Well, West Champlain Family Health Team and the Phoenix Centre. The request was for approximately \$900,000 to hire more therapists but no bricks and mortar since there is space in our two clinics that will accommodate. We are waiting to hear from Minister Tibollo's office for this funding;

They met with Parliamentary Assistant Stephen Crawford from the Ministry of Finance with regard to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. It is confirmed that this fund will continue into 2023. This fund is crucial to Bonnechere Valley's budget pressures;

They also met with Parliamentary Assistant Anand from the Ministry of Labour with regard to the shortage of DZ licensed drivers in our private sector as well as our Municipality. Since the overarching theme of labour shortage was education and health care, we thought we would shine a light on another sector that is in serious need especially post-pandemic. PA Anand's staff gave us some avenues to look at to boost this sector. Annette will be following up with these avenues. Just this morning, Minister McNaughton's staff reached out for a meeting with Jennifer and Annette next week to discuss immigration employment opportunities;

The EORN Board met with PA Sandu from the Ministry of Infrastructure to advise on our progress with Duty to Consult our First Nations and to remind the Ministry of the importance of our partnership with the Province on our cell gap project and the need for broadband infrastructure;

At the Ministers' Forum, the Mayor asked the Solicitor General Michael Kerzner about the deadlines for Firefighter Certification. She also attended a plenary on this subject. Although it appears on the surface that we will be okay for the near future, there is still the unknown about recruitment at a later date;

Jennifer and Annette also had a delegation scheduled with Hydro One during the AMO Conference but they were not able to meet them. They did however meet with them on August 25<sup>th</sup> regarding electric car charging stations, the Ivy Charging Network. The Ivy presentation is in your package for discussion;

- (2)** EGC Update – Tim Schison updated the Committee on the Eganville Generation Corporation. The water draw down has started on Round Lake;
- (3)** Tax Adjustment Report – Committee recommends that the application for an adjustment of taxes for 32059 Highway 41 be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$60.27 for 2022 and \$59.71 for 2021 be made to the property;
- (4)** 06-01 Tandem Truck Surplus – Committee recommends that the 06-01 Tandem Truck Surplus is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes, and that it be declared surplus
- (5)** 09-01 Ford Half Ton Roads Surplus – Committee recommends that the 09-01 Ford Half Ton Roads is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes, and that it be declared surplus
- (6)** 2004 Ford Truck Water/Sewer Surplus – Committee recommends that the 2004 Ford Truck for Water/Sewer is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes, and that it be declared surplus;
- (7)** 07-01 Chevy Half Ton Rec Surplus – Committee recommends that the 07-01 Chevy Half Ton Rec is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes, and that it be declared surplus;
- (8)** Ivy Charging Station Presentation – Committee recommends that this item be tabled to the next meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>;
- (9)** Recreation Agreement With Admaston Bromley – The Recreation Agreement with Admaston/Bromley expired in 2021. In the Fall of 2020 Council had directed staff to propose an amendment to the current agreement establishing a new agreement from 2020 to 2024 whereby a straight donation would be received by the Township of Bonnechere Valley in the amount of \$3000 per year for 2020, increasing at a rate of 2% each year rounded to the nearest dollar ending with 2024 being \$3247.00.

This would increase the cost to Admaston/Bromley, decrease the revenue to Bonnechere Valley, however it would save us administration time and save Admaston/Bromley residents their share as we have received multiple complaints regarding this charge. This agreement reflects similar agreements we have with other neighbouring Townships who participate on a donation basis instead of a user fee basis. Admaston/Bromley responded that they would like to maintain the agreement for 2021 and negotiate any changes in 2022. The same request was sent to Admaston/Bromley in July 2022, and they responded that their Council has decided to remain status quo and will pay \$100 towards the user fees for AB residents as we have done for the past year. Their Council did approve that staff meet with our staff to negotiate an agreement for next year 2023. Committee gave staff direction to remain the status quo for 2022 and to negotiate a new agreement with the Township of Admaston/Bromley for 2023;

- (10) Request from Tranquility Bay Association – The Tranquility Bay Association requested the use of the former railway bed from Tranquility Bay Road to Zadow Road, that belongs to the Township. This would allow for year-round access to their homes and cottages on Tranquility Bay Drive and would allow for safe travel for emergency response vehicles. The association offered to either purchase the one kilometer stretch of road and maintain it year-round at their expense or they would be willing to enter into a lease agreement or a land use agreement with the Township. The association would maintain the road year-round with grading and snow removal, provide liability insurance and post proper signage (not a through roadway). The association would also create a new trail beside the existing railway bed on the south side to accommodate ATV and snowmobiles from Tranquility Bay Road, east to Zadow Road at their expense. Committee provided direction to staff to work with the residents and the two user groups and move forward with the associations request and to lease the railway bed from the Township. Jason Zohr would oversee the construction of the new trail beside the existing railbed;
- (11) OPP Contract Renewal – Committee approves the OPP contract renewal for a two year period;
- (12) Request For Cormack Road – Committee received a request from the owners of 441A Cormac Road to deed a small portion of their property back to the Township. Owners would be responsible for all costs associated with the work. Committee recommends granting the request and will bring a by-law back to Council for approval;
- (13) Request from Affordance Housing Alliance – Committee recommends support of this initiative. Proposed dates for the meeting are Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, staff will work out the details and inform Committee;
- (14) Request to Name the Bandshell – Committee approves the request to rename the Bandshell in memory of Guy Jamieson. Committee provided staff direction to check with the family as to what they want it named; and
- (15) Expanding Designated Materials for Recycling – Committee received the information.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Chair, Tim Schison called the meeting to be recessed at 5:02 pm with the intention to reconvene after the Public Planning, Committee of Adjustment and Council meetings scheduled from 5:10 to 5:30.

Chair, Tim Schison called the meeting back to order at 5:43 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED 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:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

**MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy**

**THAT:** Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding the closing of the Animal Shelter, the Boat Launch at Opeongo Mountain Resort, Damage to a road caused by the use of equipment in contravention of the Highway Traffic Act and to approve minutes from August 9, 2022. Carried

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY Brent Patrick**

**THAT:** the meeting adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried

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Tim Schison, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO