

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
Monday September 12, 2022 3:00 P.M.**

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

REGRETS

GALLERY 1

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Jack Roesner declared a conflict of interest for today's meeting regarding the Multistream property along Fourth Chute.

NEW BUSINESS

CAO Annette Gilchrist reported that on August 12, 2020 there was a picture on the front page of the Eganville Leader promoting this location as "A local beauty spot". Upon reading this Multistream indicated that it has no issues with promoting a park, but if it is a park this requires that Bonnechere Valley's property has to be properly fenced to prevent people from using Multistream's property as part of the park.

September 1 2020 Norm Guy from Multistream reached out to the Township and Jason, Kevin and I discussed his request to fence the municipal property. I sent him the below email.

Further to our telephone conversation, please see the attached map. The township property is marked with a blue dot. And is bound by 2 roadways therefore it appears to be well marked for those visiting. As discussed the sign was installed to prevent overnight campers, fires, and in light of safety and controlling public use. The property was being used as a park historically and the signage was installed as a control mechanism not for park creation. That being said we would be happy to put up a sign "use at your own risk" and stating that we are not liable similar to Admaston/Bromley's Douglas Beach sign which may offer some protection should an incident happen.

May 31, 2021 Multistream asked if we had a policy where we had to fence our parks. I replied in an email that some other municipalities have a fencing policy which includes fencing parks. BVs only policy pertains to livestock. The only other relevant law I could find is the Line Fences Act which allows one owner to request a fence be built and share the cost with the adjacent property owner. Not sure if this is an avenue but could get you a fence if you want one at a shared cost. A form 1 Request under the Line Fences Act was never received.

July 7, 2021 we received notice that multistream was going to fence their property due to liability issues. They sent us an R-Plan (attached to this report) showing their property lines. I asked Jason and Kevin to investigate to determine what the meant for our property boundaries.

