

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY MAY 9, 2023 1:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT**            **Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald  
Councillor Brent Patrick  
Councillor John Epps  
Councillor Tracey Sanderson  
CAO Annette Gilchrist  
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

**REGRETS**            **None**

**GALLERY**            **5**

**CALL TO ORDER    COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted, as presented, with the addition of Item #8.4 Museum Board Update; Item #8.5 Police Service Board Meeting Update; Item #8.6 Spring Freshet; and Item #8.7 Waste Management. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY**            **Merv Buckwald**

**That:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on April 25, 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**    **None**

**REPORTS**

**Works & Waste Department**

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

- a) Staff received a request from the Eganville Legion to sweep their parking lot free of charge. Committee recommends support and directs staff to sweep the parking lot at no charge;
- b) The steep hill sign has arrived and will be installed shortly. Committee requested that a directional Pembroke sign be added to the sign at the traffic lights;
- c) With the rapid snow melt this spring, the Roads Department had a few issues with high water, but it did not reach a level where it caused any major damage;
- d) Staff began sweeping the streets in the Village of Eganville. Committee requested that the bridge be washed down; it has already been scheduled;
- e) Staff met with our Consultant on the Stormwater Management Plan, where they discussed procedures and policies that the Township will follow to be in compliance with ECA, EPA and OWRA.

*Works Department Report Received.*

**Water & Sewer Department**

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

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) The second quarter water samples were collected and submitted for analysis. Results came back and everything was in the allowable limits;

- c) Thirty-two fire hydrants were flushed and checked;
- d) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- e) The transfer switch has failed on the backup generator at the North Side Pump Station. Staff are having a hard time finding a compatible replacement switch;
- f) The spring water flows were up during the thaw, but nothing compared to recent rainfall. Illegal hook ups of sump pumps, roof and footing drains hooked into the sanitary sewer system is a big concern for the Township. There is a very noticeable increase in the flow approximately six hours after it starts to rain. The pumping station normally cycles 2 times per day and that increases to 10 times per day. The other pump goes from 45-50 cycles/day to 90 -100 cycles/day. This results in significant increases in hydro and chemical costs because of this extra ground water flowing into the sewer system. In the future, staff may have to do some smoke testing, to find out where storm water has been hooked into the Sanitary Sewer System. Committee recommends an insert in the next water and sewer bill to notify residents of this issue and to disconnect from the sewer system as well as our social media channels.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

### **Finance**

Sandra Barr, Deputy CAO, was present and gave her report.

- a) 2023 Budget Presentation;
- b) Unfunded Budget Amounts Report – Committee confirmed that it chose not to include amortization costs, postemployment benefit expenses for payout in a future year and unfunded landfill closure and post closure costs in the 2023 budget.

*Finance Report Received.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- 1. AMO – Waste Update
- 2. AMO – ROMA Update
- 3. County Council Summary April 2023
- 4. AMO – Policy Update
- 5. Cunningham & Swan – Annual Report
- 6. AMO Communications
- 7. Emergency Management Compliance Letter

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

- 1. Royal Canadian Legion - Parking Lot Sweeping Request
- 2. Pflag Canada - Request to Fly Pride Flag
- 3. Municipality of Shuniah - Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 4. Fairfields - Parking Lot Sweeping Request

#### **(C) Correspondence "C"**

- B.1 Committee recommends support of the Royal Canadian Legion - Parking Lot Sweeping Request;
- B.2 Committee recommends support of the Pflag Canada Request to Fly Pride Flag. The Township will display the Pride Flag on the electronic sign located at the municipal office for the month of June. Staff will request that the Bonnechere Museum fly the flag on their flagpole which is more central location;
- B.4 Committee recommends support of the Fairfields - Parking Lot Sweeping Request

## **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1) Committee of Adjustment Minor Variance Meeting at 5:15 pm – Reminder
- (2) Mayor's Report – The Mayor attended twenty-one meetings and several events in the month of April. Some of the highlights are as follows:

Jennifer Murphy attended a ROMA Board meeting on April 14, 2023. The main discussion points were Rural Access to Services, Broadband, Railways and Drainage Act, and Cyber Security. Each Zone representative will be sending out introductory letters to our Zone Municipalities through our communications firm, Redbrick, to ensure that messaging is consistent. The Board discussed the ever-changing Planning Act including Bill 97 which will consolidate the Provincial Policy Statement and the Places to Grow Plan. This will inevitably cause serious changes to Official Plans across Ontario.

The portal for Justices of The Peace is now open on the Solicitor General website, however, Renfrew County is not listed as an area in need of more JPs.

The Board discussed Bill 5; the new Codes of Conduct for Council Members. This issue is in the hands of AMO at this time.

On April 20, 2023, the Mayor attended, as a delegation, to Admaston/Bromley Council to give an update on the EORN Cell Gap project and Broadband projects through the province's reverse auction.

On April 21, 2023, Mayor Murphy, along with Annette, Sandra, Dana, and Brent, attended a farewell party for William Enright at the Echo Centre. It was a lovely evening filled with memories and well wishes.

On April 26, 2023, County Council hosted three delegations:

County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan presented Chief's Commendations to Dr. Robert Cushman, former Acting Medical Officer of Health, Renfrew County and District Health Unit and Leah Levesque, President and CEO, Arnprior Regional Health, to recognize their contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic and throughout the development and early days of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre.

Darrel O'Shaughnessy, founder of the Arnprior McNab/Braeside Men's Shed, spoke about his group, which he called a social healthcare innovation. Men's Sheds help senior men lead healthy, active lives and stay connected with their communities through companionship and fun. They provide a place to hang out, tinker on projects, connect and tell stories. They also help to form age-friendly communities. The Arnprior McNab/Braeside Men's Shed, which began with five members, now boasts about 50 regular members and is the fastest growing Men's Shed in Canada. He asked members of County Council to help promote the Men's Shed concept in their own communities and consider establishing new Men's Sheds across the County of Renfrew.

Dr. Jason Morgenstern, the new Medical Officer of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, attended the meeting and introduced himself to members of County Council. This marks the first time since 2015 that the RCDHU has had a full-time and permanent MOH. Dr. Morgenstern was the Associate MOH for Halton Region and earlier in his career worked in Southern Ontario. This is a homecoming of sorts since Dr. Morgenstern spent his childhood in Renfrew and Lanark Counties. On the job since April 3, 2023, Dr. Morgenstern indicated his focus is listening and learning, getting to know the community, getting to know the programs and partners better and introducing himself to County Council is an important part of that.

The reconstruction of County Road 512 (Foymount Road) is being impacted due to the delays in the relocation of utility poles on the road. The Design Consultant has recommended that the tender for the road works in 2023 include both Part 1 [from Harrington Creek (B257) to Buelow Road (2.88km long)] and Part 2 [from Buelow Road to Miller Road (3.96km long)] but specify a completion date in 2024. The tender would note the operational constraints as follows:

- Utility relocations for Part 2 will not be complete until October 1, 2023 (this is a conservative date to make sure utilities will be done);

- No section of roadway shall be left without base course asphalt over any winter shutdown period;
- All paving shall be completed prior to November 15, 2023.

Staff has requested that the consultant proceed with tender preparation on this basis; and is continuing discussions with Hydro One and Bell to attempt to move up the October 1 utility date to complete as much roadwork as possible in 2023.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Warden Emon and Mayor Murphy met with the Vice President of Distribution for Hydro One. The County expressed our disappointment and insisted that the work required by Hydro for the rehabilitation of Highway 512 be done as soon as possible. They will have by-weekly follow up meetings with the Vice President.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, EACDG were updated on the fishing dock and sign which will be in by the May 24 weekend and the installation of the murals will also be completed by the long weekend. There are also plans for a wine and beer event outside of the Museum in September.

The Mayor passed it over to Annette to update Committee on the staffing changes in the municipal office. The Roads Department Administrative Assistant is retiring at the end of August 2023. The job was posted internally. Dana Barkley was the successful candidate and is now the new Roads Department Administrative Assistant. The job duties that Dana was performing have been realigned with Erica Rice taking over the Planning Coordination and Sarah Schuster taking over the Community Development duties;

- (3) EGC Board Meeting – Reminder the Board meeting will follow the Committee meeting on May 9, 2023;
- (4) Museum Board Update – Tracey Sanderson updated the Committee on the new Museum Board. Jack Rosien, Suzanne Scheer, Sharon McMillan, Abby Burch, and Helene McMaster left the board. The new executives are Kayla Desjardins, Tracey Sanderson, Gerald Priestly. The directors are Allan Dittburner, Laura Zdyrko, Stuart Tiedemann, John McMaster, Michelle Hyrski and Eric Saumer;
- (5) Police Service Board Meeting Update – Merv Buckwald updated the Committee on the last meeting of the Police Service Board;
- (6) Spring Freshet – Water levels are receding in Golden Lake;
- (7) Waste Managements – Merv brought forth concerns regarding the new Federal Regulations on landfill methane emissions. The new regulation only affects closed landfills that accepted any quantity of MSW for disposal after Jan 1, 2009 and have more than 450,000 tonnes of solid waste in place (total waste disposed). Or any open landfills that have more than 100,000 tonnes of MSW in place; or accepted more than 10,000 tonnes of MSW for disposal per year in any year following the coming into force date of the regulations.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 23, 2023

### **MEDIA SESSION**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy**

**THAT:** Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, section 239.2 to deal with the matters as indicated below:

- (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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations; 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 Boat Launch at Opeongo Mountain Resort, Employee Negotiations, Library Lease and to approve minutes from April 11, 2023.

Carried

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY John Epps**

**THAT:** the meeting adjourns at 3:45 p.m.

Carried

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Brent Patrick, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO