

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 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**

**GALLERY**            **None**

**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 removal of Item #8.1 Mayor's Report; the addition Item #8.1 Bonnechere River Water Management Plan; and the addition if Item #8.3 Opeongo Mountain Resort Agreement. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY**            **Tracey Sanderson**

**That:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on October 24, 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

Jay DeBernardi Emergency Management Coordinator Canadian Red Cross

**REPORTS**

**Water & Sewer Department**

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Manager was not present. Report submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) The fourth quarter water samples were completed and almost all of the results are back. Staff will start collecting again in January;
- c) Replaced polymer systems feed lines on the Raw Water Intake pipe;
- d) The Department has received their Water Quality Certification from NSF;
- e) The Eganville Sewage System continues to operate in full compliance according to the Provincial Guidelines that are set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- f) Staff replaced the piping on the sodium bi-sulphate system;
- g) Staff are preparing the Sewage Plant for winter.

*Water & Sewer Report Received.*

**Works & Waste Department**

Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent was not present. Report Submitted.

- a) EV Charging Station - An acceptable location for the charging station from the Roads Department would be in front of the Township office where the flags and flower boxes are located;
- b) Plan for More Parking in Eganville Update - At this time there is no plan for additional parking in Eganville. The only municipal land that we own is behind our current parking lot at the main municipal office (1.35 acres).

- In the past there has been mention of additional parking on Water Street. However, it is currently not wide enough to ensure public safety. Expanding parking to meet safety of the public means going near the shoreline which would require retaining walls, guardrails etc.;
- c) Harry Dick Road & Hydro - Hydro is not receptive to having the road sign hang from the power line;
  - d) Signage for Parking at Lake Clear near Opeongo Mountain Resort Boat Launch - Staff went out and assessed the area and in the future there will need to be parking signs placed;
  - e) Flexible Work Week Update - The Public Works Department participated in a flexible work week in which staff worked 10-hour days Monday to Thursday and were off on Fridays. This pilot project ran for a total of 14 weeks beginning on June 19, 2023 and ended on September 22, 2023. A total of 53 hours of sick time was used among the 8 employees during the 14 weeks. We found in the department morale and productivity increased. The employees liked the pilot project and there will be further discussions with staff;
  - f) The trial project of the Sno Drifters Site opening Thursdays started October 12 and runs until the end of December from 12 pm (noon) until 3 pm has begun. Since start of trial the following usage at the location:
    - October 12<sup>th</sup> – 10 vehicles, 4 free passes used
    - October 19<sup>th</sup> – 5 vehicles, 1 free pass used
    - October 26<sup>th</sup> – 6 vehicles, 2 free passes used
    - November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 vehicles, 2 free passes used
 Total of 25 vehicles, 9 free passes;
  - g) Fall Leaf Pickup - The annual curbside leaf pick up for the Village of Eganville residents will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023;
  - h) The Public Works crew has been busy getting the trucks, buildings, roads and village ready for the winter season prior to deer hunting season. Thanks to the crew for all their hard work and dedication;
  - i) Equipment Operator/Labourer Position – Staff are in the process of interviewing three people;
  - j) Christmas Schedule for Waste Sites – The Sand Road site will be closed on December 25 and January 1. There will be no curbside recycling on December
  - k) Christmas Hours at Public Works Office - The Roads Office will be closed from December 22, 2023 to January 1, 2024. Dana Barkley will be back in the office on January 2, 2023;
  - l) 2024 Freightliner Plow Truck - The new plow truck has been delivered to the Public Works Garage and is getting ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> snow fall;
  - m) Santa Claus Parade – Roads staff met with the Rotary Club to determine necessary action items for our department to undertake for the Parade;
  - n) Emergency Management - Jason Zohr and Dana Barkley participated in the Emergency Management session on October 24, 2023 at the Eagle's Nest;
- Works Department Report Received.*

### **Building & Fire Department**

Darryl Wagner, CBO & Fire Chief, was present and gave his report.

- a) The Department had seventy-eight calls for service in 2023. Six calls since November 1<sup>st</sup>;
- b) Fire fighter recruitment is ongoing;
- c) The changes to the framework for the Junior firefighter program was completed;
- d) As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are no longer in the Legislated Provincial Burn Season. Daytime burning is permitted with a valid permit;
- e) Building numbers are close to last year's numbers;
- f) Darryl has concern with property owners building without a permit. Committee requested more information be brought back to a future meeting for further discussion.

*Fire Department & Building Report Received.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. AMO Policy Blast Oct 23
2. AMO Communications Oct 26
3. EOWC - News Release
4. AMO Policy Blast Oct 31
5. AMO Communications Nov 2
6. FCM Communications
7. AMO Policy Fall Economic Statement
8. County Council Summary
9. AMO Communications Nov 9

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

1. Childcare availability in Ontario
2. Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act
3. Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income
4. Letter of Request to BV council re bridge banner
5. National Medical Laboratory Week Request
6. Support Automated Enforcement System
7. Support Water Training
8. Amend Legislation Act. Digital Publication
9. Support Tax Credit Firefighter
10. Request for Support Pembroke Symphony Orchestra
11. Request from Businesses

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

- B.4 Committee recommends approval of the request from the Bonnechere Cup Inc. to hang their bridge banner over the Bridge, at no charge from December to February.
- B.5 Committee recommends and supports the request from the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory, that National Medical Laboratory Week 2024 be placed on the Electronic Sign to recognize medical laboratory professionals across Canada.
- B.11 Committee waived the Hall Rental fee for the Eganville & Area Business Owners Group to host a Business Christmas Party at the Eagle's Nest on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (1)** Bonnechere River Water Management Plan – Committee agreed to allow Mayor Murphy to send a letter to the Mayor of Killaloe Haggarty & Richards requesting him to not re-visit or make changes to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan;
- (2)** Community Development Update – We have received the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant in partnership with the Eganville Curling Club. An event recognizing the funder will need to take place;
- (3)** Opeongo Mountain Resort Agreement – CAO Annette Gilchrist provided an update to Committee on the twenty-five agreement with the Owners of the Opeongo Mountain Resort regarding the Boat Launch that is located on Lake Clear adjacent to their Resort. Adam Kasprzak surveyed the area at the Township's request. The sketch clearly indicates that the boat launch and the beach along Lake Clear Road is on the shoreline road allowance. The agreement leases the land to the Resort while allowing the public to use the boat launch free of charge. However, there may be a fee for parking at the resort as this area is private property.

**ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 28, 2023

**MEDIA SESSION**

**CONCLUSION**

**MOVED BY**        **John Epps**

**THAT:** the meeting adjourns at 3:05 p.m.

Carried

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Brent Patrick, Chair

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Annette Gilchrist, CAO