

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 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 **None**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of a closed session item regarding an identifiable individual and Item#1 Mayor's Report under New Business.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on September 19, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

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) There was a water service repaired on Wellington Street South and an 8 inch water main break along with two water serves on Bonnechere Street West;
- c) The flow meters at the Water Plant were calibrated by ABB Kent;
- d) The Quality Management System auditor James Pang was onsite last week. The final report has not been received yet, but the auditor indicated that the Department will get its certification;
- 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) Six sewage manholes had their access lids raised and were repaired by the Works Department;
- g) Harington Mechanical installed two sludge lines in the #1 and #2 Plant and now they are preparing to install two valves on two sludge transfer lines; and
- h) Two geo-tubes were removed and disposed of at the Landfill.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works & Waste Department

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

- a) The Speed Sign has been collecting speed and traffic volume data. We have data since the last report on the following roads:
 - McGrath Road – Average speed was 73 km/h in the 80 km/h zone.

- Scotch Bush – Average speed was 68 km/h in the 50 km/h zone.
 - Augsburg Road – Average speed was 63 km/h in the 50 km/h zone.
 - Crimson Maple Road – Average speed was 65 km/h in the 80 km/h zone.
- b) There were some waste site closures and some that are coming up.
- All the waste sites were closed on Saturday, September 30th for the National Truth and Reconciliation Day.
 - The Sand Road Waste Site will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Thanksgiving. We will be starting Winter Hours at the Waste Sites after Thanksgiving.
- c) Summary of Vehicle Counts at the Waste Sites for summer hours (after May long weekend to present).

Waste Site	Vehicle Count – May	Vehicle Count – June	Vehicle Count – July	Vehicle Count – August	Vehicle Count – September	Total Count
Highway 41	32	213	271	339	181	1036
Lake Clear	89	255	424	328	105	1201
McGrath	94	180	284	255	139	952
Ruby	98	336	488	430	94	1446
Sand Road	378	990	1150	858	187	3563
Totals	691	1974	2617	2210	706	8198

- d) The Public Works crew have returned to 5 days a week with 8 hour days as of September 25, 2023. Morale for the 4 days 10 hour shift days appeared good;
- e) The Verch's will be submitting three name choices for the new branch of road for Council's consideration;
- f) There will be no name change to Harry Dick Road. After receiving comments from the residents on the road, we are not moving forward with the name change. Staff will continue to seek alternative measures to lower the number of times that the sign goes missing;
- g) Contract with John K. Reinert Sand & Gravel Ltd. for snow removal for the 2023/2024 season;
- h) The crew has been busy brushing and grading as well as hot box patching on various municipal roads;
- i) Catch Basin Maintenance is underway. The Roads crew has been ripping out and installing risers or framing catch basins;
- j) On Friday, September 15, 2023 there was a fire at the Sno Drifters Site in the Construction and Demolition materials. Both the Bonnechere Valley Fire Department and the North Algona Wilberforce Department arrived on scene. The cause of the fire is unknown and the site remained closed for the weekend to ensure the fire was out and to ensure the site was safe for public use. Staff provided an Emergency Situation Report to the Ministry of the Environment. Thanks to both Fire Departments for assisting with the blaze and responding so quickly;
- k) Fall Curbside Leaf Pickup in the Village of Eganville residents will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023;
- l) Sno Drifters Waste Site will be open on Thursdays, starting Thursday October 12th until Thursday December 28th the Sno Drifters Waste Site will be open from 12 pm (noon) until 3 pm. This will be a trial project as a number of contractors felt it would be beneficial to have the site open one day during the week in addition to the regular Saturday date during the winter months;
- m) Parking for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Suggestions for potential locations;
- Tourist Booth (where the Christmas Tree is). Site would require a retaining wall, fill, guardrails and asphalt. Staff are waiting for quotes on the cost of the work. A challenge is that there are water and sewer lines in the area.
 - Tourist Booth (beside where the current handicapped parking is). Would require digging around the back of building and bringing the hydro line under the pavement to the charging station.
 - Municipal Office as a potential location for parking. Would require a new trench to back of lot and new asphalt.
- n) Waste Update Handout – The Works Department with assistance from the Administration Department revised and updated the "Waste Update" handout as we hope to eliminate some of the everyday questions being asked.

Works Department Report Received.

Building & Fire Department

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

- a) The Department had sixty-nine calls for service in 2023;
- b) Fire fighter recruitment is ongoing;
- c) The Framework for the Junior firefighter program was provided to Committee;
- d) Attended the Ontario Building Officials Association Annual Meeting Technical Session in Niagara Falls; and
- e) Building numbers are down slightly compared to last year.

Fire Department & Building Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile - September 21, 2023
2. County Council Summary
3. AMO Watchfile September 28 2023
4. AMO Policy Update
5. ROMA Communications

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Request for Illegal Car Rally - Provincial Task Force
2. Request from Legion Branch 353
3. MFIPPA Review Request
4. Request to support Guaranteed Livable Income

(C) Correspondence "C"

- B.2 Committee recommends support of the Eganville Legion's Request to have a marching contingent of the Canadian Forces Base Petawawa Parade from the parking lot of St. James Catholic Church to the Royal Canadian Legion.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Report - Since the last Mayor's Report, the Mayor attended 24 meetings and several events. Some of the highlights are as follows.

The Mayor attended a ROMA Board meeting. The ROMA Board met in Waterloo on September 14th and 15th. On Thursday, September 14th, they had a Strategic Plan brainstorming session led by Pat Vanini. It was a very interesting and fast paced meeting. The new Strategic Plan will be completed in December 2023. On Friday, September 15th, they had our Board meeting which included a report on Trains and Drains, the Teeny Tiny Summit and discussion around the 2024 meeting dates and places.

AMO policy updates were provided on the following:

Provincial Policy Statement submissions were collected. The majority focused on Agriculture, Farm severances and Natural Heritage.

Public Health reverting back to the 75/25 split but details have not been revealed. There is a push to have Health Units amalgamate.

MPAC appears to be stalled by the Province and could be in a holding pattern until 2027 due to election cycles.

They were provided an update on Access to Services in Rural Ontario by Kathy Wood. There were 186 responses which showed that the biggest concerns are Homelessness, Primary Care Physicians, the need for Walk In Clinics, and Mental Health and Addiction resources.

A copy of the slide deck from the Region of Waterloo which outlines one of their initiatives for the homelessness population in their area was provided to County Council. It is an interesting presentation. The Region owned the land but the 50 homes and the main building cost approximately 2.3 million dollars, all of which was paid by municipal taxation.

A delegate from the BIA Uptown Waterloo presented some initiatives that some of the Region's business owners have partnered on, including Program Street Outreach and Tiny Home Takeouts

The ROMA Conference themed "Closer to Home" will take place from Sunday, January 21st to Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. The ROMA Board continues policy and advocacy development on ensuring rural communities have access to services Closer to Home

A copy of the County Council Summary was provided to Committee in correspondence.

A Notice of Motion was brought forward by Mayor Serviss of Petawawa in regard to the Fire Dispatch System cost sharing. The Town of Petawawa includes Garrison Petawawa which has its own Fire Department and the Town of Deep River includes CNL which also has a Fire Department. This issue will be discussed at our October County Council meeting. This could increase our share but minimally.

The Mayor will email the Paramedic Service Power Point on a Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Hub Response Partnership.

EACDG - Although we had to postpone the Beer and Wine event, the community event held on September 23rd raised a small amount of money and the Fireworks were a hit! The public skating was very popular. Of note, George and Leah Pezoulas, owners of Rio Tap and Grill donated all of the chili, chicken soup and buns. Thanks to Rio and all the volunteers from EACDG!

Planning for next year, thoughts were an accessible picnic table for under the sunshade at Legion Field, a playground structure for Legion Field and holding the Beer and Wine Fest in June.

CIP - The Mayor is happy to receive the two façade improvement applications through our Community Improvement Plan from RIO Tap and Grill and Our Space for approval later today.

The Mayor also attended the following events:

On September 10th, the Mayor attended the Signature Team Realty's 10th Anniversary and presented them with a congratulatory certificate.

On September 17th, the Mayor, along with Councillor Buckwald, attended the opening ceremonies of Eganville Legion Branch 353's Legion Week. The banners honouring veterans from our area were on display. Thanks to Hydro One for donating their time to install the banners which will be on display until after Remembrance Day. Thank you to Jason, Emma and Kevin for liaising with Hydro One to get this done.

On September 23rd, the Mayor attended the retirement of Firefighter Tom Kadditz at the Legion. Tom served our Fire Department for 25 years. Thanks to Tom for his service to our community.

On September 23rd, the Mayor, along with Councillors Sanderson and Epps, attended the Community Event and Fireworks. Thank you to Annette, Kevin and EACDG for making this event great.

On September 24th, the Mayor, along with Councillor Epps, attended a private home to greet the Austrian Ambassador to Canada, Sylvia Meir-Kajbic. It was a lovely event and a beautiful day for her and her staff to be in Bonnechere Valley!

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 24, 2023

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

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

THAT: Committee moves out of Closed Session to rise and report that Committee met to receive information regarding resident concerns over a fence and property boundary dispute and shared services with North Algona Wilberforce as well as to choose candidate for Warden's Community Awards application and to approve minutes from July 11, 2023.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY **John Epps**

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 3:38 p.m.

Carried

Brent Patrick, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO