

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY**
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2025 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM
CONFERENCING

PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor John Epps
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Brent Patrick
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist

REGRETS

Councillor Tracey Sanderson

GALLERY

None

CALL TO ORDER **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair, Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

That: The agenda be accepted, as amended, with the removal of Item 8.1 Mayors Report and 8.2 Library Update. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **John Epps**

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on March 18, 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Councillor Brent Patrick assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

DELEGATIONS **None**

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) The coating contractor has 95% of the painting completed in the GAC filter compartments;
- c) Harrington Mechanical was onsite to fabricate and install three stainless steel discharge pipes from the pumps towards the splitter box. It was previously iron piping;
- d) Dillon Holly attended an Entry Level Drinking Water Operators Course in Ottawa;
- e) Irvcon Heating & Air Conditioning was on site to repair the heating pump in the Water Plant;
- f) Staff are building safety railings for the room above the chlorine room;
- g) Staff flushed the water main on John Street;
- h) The Eganville Wastewater System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements as set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- i) A new set of taps was installed in the Chemical Building;
- j) Replaced water line inside the chemical room.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works & Waste Department

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

- a) The Public Works Department advertised for opening in the Public Works Department for an Equipment Operator/Labourer. The deadline to receive applications was on April 2, 2025. We received 29 applications. Staff will conduct interviews the week of April 7, 2025 and hope to have the new hire in place by May 1st, 2025;
- b) Routine Maintenance - The month of March kept our department very busy with amount of snow plowing, salting and sanding that was taking place with the variation in temperatures. With the warmer temperatures that we saw, comes spring thawing. Water started to accumulate in our streets, rural areas, ditches and culverts. Our crews were out steaming catch-basins, storm drains and culverts to address drainage issues caused by water from freezing/thawing temperatures. The hot steam melts the ice that is blocking the water from flowing. Some culverts and catch-basins can take anywhere from 15 minutes to a few hours to thaw. We also experience these refreezing during the freeze thaw cycle that happens with changes in temperatures. For example, the crews can thaw a culvert during the day and by nightfall it can freeze over again;
- c) Lakes, Ditches & Community Clean-up Days 2025 - On Saturday, April 19 and Saturday, April 26, 2025 any Bonnechere Valley resident who assist in cleaning up our township lakes, ditches and community can take their bag of garbage for FREE to the Sand Road Waste Site. We are doing our part as Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025;
- d) Easter Waste Site Hours:
 - Saturday, April 19, 2025 – Sno Drifters, Sand Road, Hwy 41 and Ruby Road Sites are OPEN
 - Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Lake Clear and McGrath Road Sites are CLOSED for Easter
 - Monday, April 21, 2025 – Sand Road Waste Site is CLOSED for Easter Monday.

Works Department Report Received.

Building & Fire Department

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

- a) The Department had eighteen calls for service from January to March 2025;
 - b) Fire fighter recruitment is ongoing.
- Fire Department & Building Report Received.*

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Policy - New Cabinet
2. AMO Watchfile March 20
3. AMO Watchfile March 27
4. FCM March 25
5. County Council Summary March 2025
6. MOH Report to the Board Final
7. Algonquin Park Forest Annual Work Schedule
8. Ottawa Valley Forest Annual Work Schedule

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Resolution - Child Welfare Funding
2. Resolution - Buy Local and Canadian
3. Request from the Farmers Market
4. Request for Legal Opinion

(C) Correspondence "C"

- A.1 Mayor Murphy reported that MPP Billy Denault has been appointed as Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.
- B.3 Committee agrees to the request from the Farmers Market and directed staff to proceed for the 2025 season.
- B.4 Committee denied the request for a Legal Opinion as not being required at this time.

NEW//UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 22, 2025.

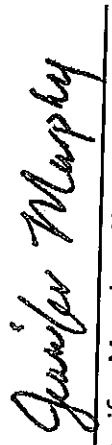
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CONCLUSION

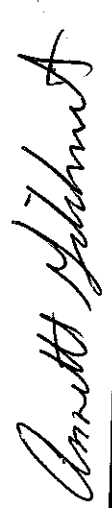
MOVED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 1:53 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Chair



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk