

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 4, 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
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr**

REGRETS **None**

GALLERY **None**

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Tracey Sanderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**
THAT: The agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY **Jennifer Murphy**
That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on February 18, 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

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 is on site preparing for the recoating of the filter compartments;
c) The 2024 Annual Compliance Report for the Water Treatment Plant is completed;
d) Committee recommends that the Eganville Drinking Water System 2024 Annual Report be accepted as presented;
e) Staff located and hand shoveled out the fire hydrants twice in the month of February;
f) Irvcon Heating & Air Conditioning was on site working the heating system in the Water Plant. They have not had heat in the office and the lab for the last three weeks;
g) Committee recommends that the Eganville Sewage System 2024 Performance Report be accepted as presented;
h) The annual compliance report for the Wastewater Plant is approximately 75% complete.
Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works & Waste Department

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

- a) The first huge snowfall of the winter occurred on February 13, 2025 and continued off and on until February 16, 2025. Jason Zohr gave the public works crew kudos for their hard work in ensuring roads were safe and cleared in a timely fashion. Staff are still doing clean up and are striving to remove snow from village and thank our residents for their patience and for the kind comments received;
- b) Lakes, Ditches & Community Clean-up Days 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. Committee recommends that staff continue with this initiative as done in the past and the recommended dates are: Saturday, April 19, 2025 and Saturday, April 26, 2025, as Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025;
- c) 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 CLOSED for Easter Monday.
- d) OCIF Annual Financial Report - Staff completed and submitted our OCIF Annual 2024 Financial Final Report on the Zadow Road Construction Project;
- e) Annual Waste Site Reporting - Staff gathered and submitted information to our consultant firm, Cambium Environmental, for them to prepare the 2024 Annual Waste Site Reports.

Works Department Report Received.

Building & Fire Department

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

- a) The Department had 5 calls for service in February 2025. Eight calls in 2025;
- b) Fire fighter recruitment is ongoing;
- c) We will be interviewing four candidates for fire fighter positions.

Fire Department & Building Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. February ROMA Board Update
2. AMO Policy Feb 7
3. AMO Policy Feb 11
4. AMO Watchfile Feb 13
5. AMO Watchfile Feb 20
6. AMO Watchfile Feb 27
7. County Media Release Sport 4 All Fund
8. Media Release - 2025 County of Renfrew Budget Approved
9. Invite to Inclusive Communities Event
10. EOWC Election Priorities
11. County Web Campaigns
12. Ministry of Health Report to the Board

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs
2. Ministry - Support Resolution - Ride Share Services

3. Support the Town of Halton Hills - Sovereignty of Canada
4. Buy Canadian Policy
5. Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy
6. Notice of Motion - Cell Towers and their associated maintenance
7. Residual Waste Services for the City of Toronto
8. Request from Eganville Minor Hockey
9. Request from Eganville Skating Club
10. Resolution Re: Speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving

(C) Correspondence "C"

A.7 Committee provided staff direction for the Sport 4 All Fund.

B.8 Committee agrees to the request from Eganville Minor Hockey to use the ice on Sunday March 16, 2025 for the Lisa Sharpe Memorial 4 on 4 Event to waive the fees.

B.9 Committee agrees in principle to the request from Eganville Skating Club to use the hall.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Report – Since her last report, the Mayor has attended 22 meetings and several events;
- (2)** Museum Update - Laurel Cook has been working on the Museum's strategic plan and will submit a copy to council when it is completed. The Museum Board has requested some upgrades of their building. Laura is applying for a Trillium Grant to support the following initiatives: an electric sign out front, removal of the carpet from the walls and replace with drywall and paint the main floor, replace the kitchenette upstairs with a new unit, change the light fixtures through the building, restore the exterior wood doors and repair of the open gaps in the doors. The Museum lease is expired and the museum has submitted a letter of intent for an extension of 5 years;
- (3)** CAO Report Deferred from last meeting – Annette Gilchrist provided her report from the February 18th meeting to Committee, due to her absence from the February 18th meeting;
- (4)** Annual Ratepayers Meeting – Committee discussed various ideas for a Town Council. Brent will bring back terms of reference for further discussion;
- (5)** Clean-the-Lake Event – Committee discussed starting a potential 1 day event in various areas over the township, over ten year revolving term, for pick up of bulky household items. Committee directed staff to come up with more information and report back to Committee;
- (6)** Request for support of application to All Sport – Committee recommends support and provided direction to staff to support this application.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18, 2025.

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY **Brent Patrick**

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 employees

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations
Carried

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Council moves out of Closed Session at 3:47 p.m. to rise and report that Council met to receive information and give staff direction regarding upcoming 2026 union negotiations and approved minutes from December 17 2024. Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 3:48 p.m. Carried

Tracey Sanderson, Chair

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk