



**Arrival of lambs a welcome sign of Spring during these times of uncertainty**

The Schmidt family have been busy the last few weeks with the arrival of 66 spring lambs on their Alder Creek Farm in North Algona Wilberforce Township outside Golden Lake. The family rounded up five of the new members for this photo on Sunday as they prepared for the final four ewes to deliver this week. From left to right are mom, Kim Groskleg, children Riley, Josh and MacKenzie Schmidt, and dad, Gary Schmidt. The Schmidts say their business continues to grow and next year they expect to expand their flock to over 75 sheep.

## Concerns expressed for waste truck workers

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**Eganville** – Members of Bonnechere Valley Council expressed concern over the safety of garbage truck attendants in the village and ensuring they have the proper equipment and are wearing it during the COVID-19 outbreak. Of special concern was the visors, which it seems are not being worn as much as council would like.

“This is about the safety of our employees,” Mayor Jennifer Murphy said during a committee meeting of council held on Tuesday afternoon via ZOOM technology. “Our employees and our residents are the foremost on my brain.”

The mayor introduced the topic of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)s for the employees on the garbage truck, asking Acting Works Supervisor Jason Zohr if they had the proper equipment.

He told council they have equipment and the PPE is all staying in one centralized location for them.

“Wipes, paper towels, hand sanitizer used to make sure the equipment is cleaned,” he said.

Mayor Murphy asked about gloves and masks and was told there were rubberized gloves and masks.

“They have shields,” Mr. Zohr said. “They wore them one day and not since.”

“Why not?” questioned the mayor. “I have no idea,” Mr. Zohr said, adding glasses and masks are being worn.

Councillor Tim Schison said the visors were also an important part of the safety equipment.

“When they were compacting, there is a lot of stuff spraying,” he said. “The shields are there for a reason.”

He suggested the spray from the compacting on the truck could be an issue without the shields for staff.

Mayor Murphy suggested they wear the shields while compacting at least.

“You can stand back from the truck,” Mr. Zohr noted. “They have been doing it for 11 years. They should know what the operation is.”

He said in the future, he would make sure they would wear their shields.

“They are the ones who demanded them,” he added.

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