

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 16th, 2015 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Bob Peltzer
Councillor Jackie Agnew
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Meredith Jamieson
CAO Bryan Martin

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CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

15.100 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

That: The agenda be accepted as amended/presented. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting for approval.

15.101 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: The minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 2, 2015, as amended/presented be hereby adopted. Carried

DELEGATION – None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Eganville & District Seniors – Annual General Meeting

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Tracy Keller - Request
- (ii) Town of Newmarket – Community Mailboxes
- (iii) Keep Hydro Public - Resolution
- (iv) Renfrew County & District Health Unit – Second Hand Smoke
- (v) Eganville & District Seniors – Golf Tournament

(C) Correspondence "C"

15.102 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: the Correspondence be filed. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

(1) Keep Hydro Public

15.103 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: Municipal Resolution to express opposition to the privatization of Hydro One.

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity;

AND WHEREAS experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity;

AND WHEREAS a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer, or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act*, or the *French Language Services Act*;

AND WHEREAS our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on;

AND WHEREAS the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One;

AND WHEREAS opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of Bonnechere Valley call on the provincial government to:

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;
- Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of Bonnechere Valley communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of Bonnechere Valley work through AMO to encourage other Ontario municipalities to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One.

Carried

