

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2016 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**REGRETS** None

**GALLERY** 25

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

**PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None

**ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**16.086 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Meredith Jamieson

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

Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting for approval.

**16.087 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Bob Peltzer

**THAT:** The minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 17, 2016, as amended/presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**PRESENTATION**

Council made a presentation to Mrs. Doyne Ahern honouring her for being the 2016 Senior of the Year.

**2016 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Bryan Martin presented the 2016 Budget

**DELEGATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) Eganville & District Seniors – Annual General Meeting
- (ii) Golden Lake Property Owners Association - AGM

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Township of Killaloe Haggarty & Richards – Fort McMurray
- (ii) Tay Valley Township – Lyme Disease
- (iii) Town of Amberstburg – Highway 3 Widening

- (iv) Township of Gillies – Lyme Disease
- (v) Township of Gillies – Bill 180 Workers Day of Mourning Act, 2016
- (vi) Township of Gillies – Private Supportive Living Accommodations
- (vii) Champlain Township – Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016
- (viii) Town of Whitby – Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016
- (ix) Dr. Blair Bromley – Westmeath Public School
- (x) Municipality of Calvin – Reconsider Suspension of the Rural Economic Development Program
- (xi) Chatham-Kent – Climate Change Action Plan
- (xii) Ontario Provincial Police

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

**16.088 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

**THAT:** the Correspondence be filed.

Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**(1) Ice Rental Rate - Increases**

**16.089 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

**THAT:** Ice rental rates be increased for minor sports from \$115/hour to \$120/hour and that the Adult rates be increased from \$162/hour to \$165/hour.

Carried

**(2) BV16-05 Surface Treatment Double & Single & Pulverizing Existing Road Base**

**16.090 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** Tender BV16-05 Surface Treatment Double & Single and Pulverizing Existing Road Base be awarded to Greenwood Paving Pembroke Limited in the amount of \$287,093.67.

Carried

**(3) Resolution MPAC**

**16.091 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

**Preamble:** Municipalities and schools across Ontario are primarily funded by a property tax levied on a single type of property; real estate. This is a traditional form of taxation designed to tax wealth not necessarily captured by taxes on income or consumption. However it neglects other forms of property wealth such as vehicles, art, inventories and other personal possessions. In an attempt to make the system fair, the Municipal Property Tax Assessment Corporation was created and tasked with defining the actual market value of all real estate on a periodic basis. However, these values, while based upon the best statistical science available, do not capture the actual wealth of the

property owners or their ability to pay taxes. Furthermore, the assumed market value assessment established by MPAC assumes a willing seller and a willing buyer which only exists when the real estate owner decides to sell. Market conditions also create a disparity in which two identical homes can often pay widely different amounts of municipal taxes. Due to the sometimes rapidly changing real estate market, a property owner may pay taxes on an inflated value of wealth that he or she never receives. This prompts the question; should a person's tax liability be controlled by the speculation investments of others and who shall refund them their artificially inflated taxes when the speculation bubble collapses?

This ancient system of taxation has become unfair to a point where many people are being forced leave lifelong homes and communities. It fosters gentrification of well established, affordable neighbourhoods. It also discourages home ownership among lower income families. Reform of this system is long overdue. Therefore, we propose the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** market value assessment is used by MPAC to establish and periodically re-value real estate in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** this assessment forms the basis upon which municipalities and school boards collect taxes from real estate owners; and

**WHEREAS** these values can change over a wide range depending upon factors that are beyond the control of the real estate owner resulting in a property tax liability that can double or triple over a four year assessment cycle; and

**WHEREAS** this change often results in very similar properties paying widely different amounts of municipal and school taxes with no consideration given to the property owner's income level or ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS** speculation and unchecked market demand can result in taxes being paid on property value that is never realized by the person paying the taxes;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that we call upon the Province of Ontario as the only authority with the power to do so, to strike task force to reform the system for funding Ontario's municipalities in a way that protects a person's ability to own and retain their primary residence and allows the municipal tax burden to be more fairly distributed with consideration for the income level of the taxpayer. Furthermore, we request some form of immediate, income based tax relief for those already facing possible sale of their homes due to unaffordable inflated assessment.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and the municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

#### **(4) South Dundas Support Resolution**

**16.092 MOVED BY** Jackie Agnew  
**SECONDED BY** Meredith Jamieson

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the following resolution by the Municipality of South Dundas passed at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2016 which states:

**WHEREAS** in the 2016 Ontario Budget, the government of Ontario has suspended current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development Program and has indicated that it plans to integrate the Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is narrowly focused and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners, which prevents access to funding for rural municipalities and others who formerly benefitted from the Rural Economic Development Program. The emphasis on large projects that meet either of minimum

\$5 million or \$10 million in eligible project costs thresholds, will significantly restrict benefits from this fund; and

**WHEREAS** in contrast, the Rural Economic Development Program supported a number of capacity building projects including but not limited to "Business Retention and Expansion" and "Downtown Revitalization" projects and "Economic Development Strategic Planning" projects for small rural municipalities who were looking to improve their local economy. Also of note is that because the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is not specifically designated for rural areas, that funds from this program will likely favour more urban areas of the province.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT** resolved that the Township of Bonnechere Valley asks the government of Ontario to reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view to ensuring that the Rural Economic Development Program stays as an intricate funding program of the province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario.

**BE IT FURTHER** resolved that this resolution be circulated to all municipal and regional councils in Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Carried

**(5) Amend Schedule For Parking At Wieland Shore**

**16.093 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** Schedule "A" to By-Law #2005-27 be updated as follows:

**No Parking Zones**

1. Bruce Street, both sides, from the Village limits to the intersection of Bonnechere Street;
2. Jane Street, north side, from the Village limits easterly to the intersection of Elgin Street;
3. Pontiac Street, west side from Alice Street northerly to the intersection of Queen Street;
4. Raglan Street, east side from the intersection of Victoria Street to the intersection of Wallace Street;
5. Victoria Street, north side from the intersection of Bruce Street westerly to the intersection of Elgin Street;
6. Wallace Street, south side, from the intersection to Bruce Street westerly to the intersection of Raglan Street;
7. Wallace Street, south side, from the intersection from Bruce Street easterly to the intersection of Knox Terrace.
8. Wellington Street, north side, from the intersection of James Street Easterly to the intersection of Louise Street.
9. Queen Street Southward from the Intersection of Louise Street to the Intersection of Patrick Street as posted with signs.

10. Bridge Street North side from the Intersection of John Street south to the Intersection of Queen Street.
11. Museum Building, Parking Lot around Building, Employee/ Patron Parking Only.
12. Lake Clear Road, lake-side from part the intersection of French's Road South to the Intersection of Ronski Way in the Township of Sebastopol as posted with signs.
13. Buelow Road, lake side from part Lot 20 to part Lot 21, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Sebastopol as posted with signs.
14. Wieland Shore Road from the Intersection with County Road 64 (Opeongo Road) to the furthest limits of the Municipally owned roadway at the intersection with Shepherds way (UTM 45.4217 by -77.1828) as posted with signs.

Carried

### **BYLAWS**

**16.094 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Meredith Jamieson

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2016-029 Being a By-Law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal purposes during the year and to strike the rates of taxation for the year 2016 and the 2016 area rates;
  - (2) By-Law 2016-030 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council.
- BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

### **ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION**

**16.095 MOVED BY** Jackie Agnew  
**SECONDED BY** Bob Peltzer

**THAT:** the accounts for the month of **May** in the amount of **\$187,731.89** be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.

Carried

**MEDIA SESSION** None

**CLOSED** None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**16.096 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Meredith Jamieson

**THAT:** This Council meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Bryan Martin