

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2016 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

REGRETS None

GALLERY None

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

PECUNIARY INTEREST

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

16.177 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting for approval.

16.178 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: The minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 6, 2016, as amended/presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) County of Renfrew – Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan
- (ii) Ontario Provincial Police – ROMA Conference

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Township of South Stormont – Pupil Accommodation Review
- (ii) Knights of Columbus – Sale of Raffle Tickets
- (iii) Richmond Hill – Support Postal Banking
- (iv) Township of Zorra – Re-Evaluate the Structure of Hydro
- (v) Eastern Ontario Ball Hockey League

(C) Correspondence "C"

16.179 MOVED BY Meredith Jamison
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: the Correspondence be filed. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

(1) Municipal Fire Services as Critical Infrastructure

16.180 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS there are a total of 449 Fire Department operating in the province comprised of 32 Full-Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-Time Fighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments;

AND WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Federal of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

(2) Cost of Hydro for Rural Residents

16.181 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

WHEREAS there is inequity between the cost of hydro for rural residents as compared to urban residents due to higher distribution charges;

AND WHEREAS this practice targets and negatively affects rural residents, especially those who are already unable to pay for the high cost of hydro;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley request the Province to re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
Carried

(3) Raffle Tickets – Knights of Columbus

16.182 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The Township of Bonnechere Valley authorizes the Knights of Columbus, Eganville Council 1549, to sell their annual raffle tickets within our township between now and July 13, 2017.

Carried

BYLAWS

16.183 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2016-057 Being a By-Law to decrease the speed of motor vehicles from the statutory speed limits;
- (2)** By-Law 2016-058 Being a By-Law to designate community safety zone in the Township of Bonnechere Valley; and
- (3)** By-Law 2016-059 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

16.184 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: the accounts for the month of December in the amount of **\$764,980.73** be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.

Carried

MEDIA SESSION None

CLOSED

ADJOURNMENT

16.185 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Bryan Martin