

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2017 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

17.017 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting for approval.

17.018 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: The minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 24, 2017, as amended/presented be hereby adopted. Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs – Rural Economic Development
- (ii) Patrick Brown, MPP – Ontario’s Natural Gas
- (iii) Is There a Remedy for People Suffering – Re Wind Turbines

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Head, Clara & Maria – Proposed Changes to the Building Code
- (ii) Canadian Postmasters – Resurrection of the Postal Bank
- (iii) Peter Van Loan – Heritage Infrastructure

(C) Correspondence "C"

17.019 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the Correspondence be filed. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

(1) School Discounted Arena Rental Rate

17.020 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: A school daytime ice rental rate be established at \$50 per hour including HST. (\$44.25 + \$5.75 = \$50.00). This rate would be available to the schools on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All day Monday and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Carried

(2) Use of Lottery License for Municipal Fundraising

17.021 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has asked local governments to put forward new "revenue tools" for municipalities through public discussion;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, in its "What's Next" survey dated August 17, 2015, projected that with all other revenues remaining stable and service levels unchanged, property taxes will need to increase by 4.51% per year for the next ten years just to meet current levels and standards;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are facing an estimated \$60 billion infrastructure investment gap;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians still pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS the revenue raising capacity of property tax is extremely limited for many communities;

AND WHEREAS the National Bank of Canada noted in June 25, 2015, "The municipal sector generally bears the greatest burden when it comes to addressing Canada's infrastructure deficit. Local governments are responding to this infrastructure challenge as best they can;"

AND WHEREAS members of the public, staff and council participated in a public opportunity to identify and assess new revenue tools for the Township of Bonnechere Valley through open discussion;

AND WHEREAS the use of lotteries to raise funds for municipal purposes was brought forward;

AND WHEREAS many communities nationally and internationally have experienced overwhelming success raising funds for infrastructure needs with local lotteries such as "Chase the Ace;"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley does hereby request that the Province of Ontario strongly consider allowing municipalities in Ontario to hold municipal lotteries for the purpose of generating funds for local infrastructure needs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

Carried

(3) SCBA's for the Fire Department

17.022 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: The Fire Chief and the CAO are authorized to proceed with the purchase of new SCBA's for the fire department.

Carried

BYLAWS

17.023 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2017-008 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council;
- (2)** By-Law 2017-009 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning bylaw 2006-28 Johnson;
- (3)** By-Law 2017-010 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning bylaw 2006-28 Schauer.

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION

17.024 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: the accounts for the month of **January** in the amount of **\$369,921.10** be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.

Carried

MEDIA SESSION None

CLOSED

ADJOURNMENT

17.025 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Bryan Martin