

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020 5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Jack Roesner
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Brent Patrick
Councillor Tim Schison
CAO Annette Gilchrist
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS None

GALLERY 3

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

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA - None

20.056 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

That: The agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting for approval.

20.057 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 21, 2020, as amended/presented be hereby adopted. Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) **Correspondence "A"**

(B) **Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Township of North Dumfries – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing
- (ii) Township of North Dumfries – Tourism Orientated Destination Signage Fee Increases
- (iii) Corporation of the Township of Midland Corporation – Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020
- (iv) Community Gardens Town of Gravenhurst Resolution Letter
- (v) Community Gardens Muskoka District Resolution

(C) **Correspondence "C"**

20.058 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: the Correspondence be filed. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

1. 2019 Draft Financial Statements

20.059 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The 2019 Financial Statements and the 2019 Financial Information Return from Mackillican & Associates, Chartered Accountants be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Official Plan Amendment

20.060 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS the Notice of Decision given on March 27, 2020 under Subsection 17(34) of the Planning Act with respect Official Plan Amendment #25 (OPA 25) to the Renfrew County Official Plan was received on March 30, 2020;

And Whereas this decision became effective March 26, 2020;

And Whereas Pursuant to subsections 17 (36.5) and (38.1) of the Planning Act, this decision is final and not subject to appeal;

And Whereas this decision will have a negative impact on development and the economy within Renfrew County including matters of provincial interest such as affordable housing, employment planning, growth management, asset management and economic development;

And Whereas the province is in a state of economic recovery due to the impacts of COVID-19;

And Whereas the municipalities are already under a tremendous amount of strain due to a loss of revenue, increase in expenses, lack of resources, work from home conditions and local businesses and development being shut down.

And Whereas development applications already underway will either not materialize or experience extreme delays due to the excessive requirements under this decision;

And Whereas an extension to September 28, 2020 for the effective date of these provisions would allow municipal staff the time to incorporate these changes and support economic recovery to allow applications currently in the works to be completed at a time when development will play a crucial role in the recovery of Renfrew County and Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley implores the Province of Ontario to amend the effective date of the decision with respect Official Plan Amendment #25 (OPA 25) to the Renfrew County Official Plan to September 28, 2020 to assist in the economy recovery of Renfrew County and Ontario;

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, the County of Renfrew and all of its Lower Tier municipalities.

Carried

BYLAWS

20.061 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

- (1) By-Law 2020-028 Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with Municipal Government Wayfinders Ltd;
- (2) By-Law 2020-029 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

MEDIA SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

20.062 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist