

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 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

**REGRETS** None

**GALLERY** None

**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** The addition of Item #3 Seasonal Residents and Item #4 Septic Inspections. There was a moment of silence to remember the 3 women (Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam) who tragically lost their lives on September 22, 2015 due to domestic violence.

**20.133 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**That:** The agenda be accepted as amended. Carried

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from September 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**20.134 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 1, 2020, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Minutes from September 11, 2020 Special Council Meeting for approval.

**20.135 MOVED BY** Jack Roesner  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:** The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 11, 2020, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

(A) **Correspondence "A"**

- (i) Ministry of the Solicitor General – Amendment to the Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)
- (ii) Eganville Legion – Thank you Card

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Town of Puslinch – COVID-19 Funding Support
- (ii) Joe Legris – Roadside/Curbside Pickup
- (iii) Municipality of Tween – Cannabis Act

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

**20.136 MOVED BY** Brent Patrick  
**SECONDED BY** Jack Roesner

**THAT:** the Correspondence be filed. Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**1. Support Resolution – Farm Class Rate Program**

**20.137 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Tim Schison

**THAT:** Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Township of Huron-Kinloss in their request that: The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine:

- a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
- b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program;
- c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
- d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
- e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province wide.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, AMO and ROMA.

Carried

**2. Municipal Comments Approval – Dergunov & Shteyngart**

**20.138 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:** Council approves in principle the consent application for Alexander Dergunov & Anna Shteyngart, B02/19.

Carried

**3. Seasonal Residents**

Council discussed the probability of seasonal residents staying over the winter months due to Covid-19 and a move towards more Rural locations in Ontario

**4. Septic Inspections**

Council discussed the process of Septic Inspections being performed throughout the area.

**BYLAWS**

**20.139 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:**

- (1)** By-Law 2020-053 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning By-Law 2006-28 of the Township of Bonnechere Valley as amended – Tomlinson;
- (2)** By-Law 2020-054 Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement to participate in the Ministry of Employment and Social Development’s Enabling Accessibility Program – Eganville Curling Club Accessibility Project;
- (3)** By-Law 2020-055 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**

**20.140 MOVED BY** Brent Patrick  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist