

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

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

REGRETS None

GALLERY 5

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

21.057 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

That: The agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting for approval.

21.058 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 16, 2021, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Minutes from March 24, 2021 Special Council Meeting for approval

21.059 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

THAT: The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 24, 2021, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMO – Policy Update
- (ii) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Update
- (iii) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force3 – Update #9
- (iv) Ottawa Valley Forest – 2021 Annual Work Schedule
- (v) Cunningham Swan – Integrity Commissioner Services – Annual Report 2020
- (vi) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – March 26, 2021

(vii) COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Update #10

(B) Correspondence “B”

- (i) Solicitor General – Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
- (ii) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Coloured Coded Capacity Limits
- (iii) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Carbon Tax
- (iv) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Ontario Fire College
- (v) Municipality of Leamington – Ontario Fire College
- (vi) Municipality of Tweed – Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Severed Liability
- (vii) Township of Terrace Bay – Community Safety & Well-Being Extension Request
- (viii) Township of Black River-Matheson – Economic Development Survey Results
- (ix) Municipality of Grey Highlands – Ontario Fire College
- (x) Towns of the Blue Mountains – COVID-19 Recovery Funding
- (xi) EORN – Support for Gig Project
- (xii) Town of Fort Erie – COVID-19 Economy Recovery
- (xiii) Town of Fort Erie – Coloured Coded Capacity Limits
- (xiv) Town of Fort Erie – Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement
- (xv) Township of Madawaska Valley – Extreme Terrain Vehicles
- (xvi) Township of Pickle Lake – Municipal Elections Act
- (xvii) Town of Orangeville – Bill 257
- (xviii) Town of Cochrant – MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure
- (xix) Municipality of Calvin – Universal Paid Sick Days
- (xx) Debbie White – PTSD Awareness Month
- (xxi) Town of Kingsville – Bill C-21
- (xxii) Letter of Support – Municipal Insurance Rates

(C) Correspondence “C”

21.060 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: the Correspondence be filed. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

1. EORN – Support for Gig Project

21.061 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS residents and businesses across Bonnechere Valley and our region regularly need access to modern and adequate access to high-speed broadband services.

AND WHEREAS the demand for high-speed broadband services will continue to grow year after year.

AND WHEREAS our residents, businesses and our neighboring municipal partners should not continue to be disadvantaged by the lack of access to high-speed services.

AND WHEREAS our community is a service hub for health, commerce and education to our surrounding rural community and needs to ensure we can meet the needs of our enlarged and rural service community with the assistance of high-speed broadband services.

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) has submitted a

comprehensive regional project to deliver a Gig (up to 1,000 Mbps) of speed that will serve our residents and businesses long into the future.

AND WHEREAS EORN's approach has proven itself very successful and represents an efficient and effective way to solve our broadband needs.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley request both the federal and provincial governments to immediately fund the EORN Gig Project.

AND FINALLY THAT a letter of support with a copy this resolution be sent to Minister Monsef and Minister Scott with copies to Member of Parliament Cheryl Gallant and Member of Provincial Parliament John Yakabuski.

Carried

2. Eganville Drinking Water System

21.062 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: As the Owner and Operating Authority, we commit to and endorse the Quality Management System Operational Plan for the Eganville Drinking Water System.

Carried

3. PTSD Awareness Month

21.063 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS, June has been declared as PTSD Awareness Month each year around; and

WHEREAS, for centuries we have recognized post traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, PTSD can affect all ages, children through to seniors; and

WHEREAS, treatment for PTSD is available; and

WHEREAS, it is up to each of us to know that the PTSD Assessment form is a major tool to seek medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, PTSD Awareness Month urges all to seek help for those who may have PTSD requiring medical assistance; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley do hereby proclaim June as PTSD Awareness month in our municipality and encourage the residents of the township to actively learn about the PTSD Assessment form written by the Centre for PTSD Research as a tool to assist those affected by PTSD to obtain medical assistance.

Carried

4. Support for Ontario Northland Transportation Services

21.064 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS: Council received a resolution from the Township of North Algona Wilberforce to sign a letter of support for bus service in North Algona Wilberforce;

AND WHEREAS: The Township of Bonnechere Valley recognizes the need for Ontario Northland to assist and accommodate for the lack of bus services for our Mennonite Community as they depend heavily on services of the Ontario Northland;

Now therefore be it resolved that council authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support for bus service;

And Further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Ontario Northland Service, and Township of North Algona Wilberforce.

Carried

BYLAWS

21.065 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2021-019 Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement to participate in the Office of the Fire Marshall – Fire Safety Grant Program;
- (2)** By-Law 2021-020 Being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell a portion of an unopened road allowance between Range D South & Range D North, Fronting Lots 59 & 60, geographic Township of Grattan, now in the Township of Bonnechere Valley (Sluiman);
- (3)** By-Law 2021-021 Being a By-Law to amend By-law Number 2006-28 of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley as amended;
- (4)** By-Law 2021-022 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

ADJOURNMENT

21.066 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

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

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist