

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 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 3

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was postponed due to additional time required for the preceding public meeting. A follow up public meeting has been called for Friday March 19th 2021 at 10:00 am.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

21.025 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

That: The agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting for approval.

21.026 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2021, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO – E-Meetings Guide

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Township of North Glengarry – Support for Reopening of Small Business
- (ii) Township of Augusta – Ontario Fire College
- (iii) OPSEU Local 317 – Closure of Ontario Fire College
- (iv) Township of Terrace Bay – Ontario Fire College
- (v) Township of Lake of Bays – Ontario Fire College
- (vi) Township of Baldwin – Ontario Fire College
- (vii) Town of Gore Bay – Municipal Insurance
- (viii) Guelph and Eramosa Township – Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA legislation
- (ix) Township of Asphodel Norwood – Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

Extension Request

- (x) Township of Lake of Bays – Repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229
- (xi) Township of Lake of Bays – Revisions to the Municipal Elections Act
- (xii) Township of Lake of Bays – Municipal Infrastructure Funding
- (xiii) Township of Terrace Bay – Tax Rate for Railway Rights-of-Way
- (xiv) County of Renfrew – Ontario Winter Games
- (xv) General Hillier Memo Feb 5, 2021
- (xvi) Vaccine Distribution Task Force Update Feb 5, 2021

(C) Correspondence "C"

21.027 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: the Correspondence be filed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

1. Eganville Horticultural Society \$1000 Donation - Resolution

21.028 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: The Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley donate \$1000 to the Eganville Horticultural Society for their spring planting.

Carried

2. Black History Month – Resolution

21.028 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

Whereas the Government of Canada is celebrating Black History Month in February, with this year's theme being "The Future is Now;" and

Whereas the Province of Ontario also recognizes Black History Month and its significance in February; and

Whereas the Township of Bonnechere Valley understands the importance of recognizing individuals in Bonnechere Valley, both past and present, who are members of the Black community; and

Whereas during Black History Month, we commemorate and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians, who throughout our history have shaped our country's heritage and identity; and

Therefore, I, Jennifer Murphy, Mayor of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, do hereby proclaim February 2021, as Black History Month in the Township of Bonnechere Valley. I urge all Members of Council, staff, and residents of the Township of Bonnechere Valley to celebrate and learn of the great accomplishments brought by members of the Black community to the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

Carried

3. Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Implementation Project Stream - Resolution

21.029 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: The Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports that an application be submitted to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Implementation Project stream for digital modernization, service integration and the streamlining of development approvals in our various departments.

Carried

4. Extreme Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Motorcycles - Resolutions

21.030 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

WHEREAS on September 1st 2020 the Township of Bonnechere Valley passed a By-Law to permit extreme terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles in addition to all terrain vehicles on all highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley in accordance with the provisions of Ontario Regulation 316/03;

AND WHEREAS these changes to the existing list of off road vehicles permitted on road by the Ministry of Transportation only apply to certain off road vehicles that meet the requirements of Regulation 316/03;

AND WHEREAS these requirements do not include tracked vehicles. These off road vehicles are not permitted on the highway;

AND WHEREAS the definition of 'highway' under Ontario's Highway Traffic Act 'includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof.' In other words, all that land (roadway, shoulder, ditches/land) from fence/property-line to fence/property-line;

AND WHEREAS other tracked vehicles such as snowmobiles are permitted when directly crossing or, in specific circumstances, on the non-serviced portion of some highways;

NOT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley urges the Province of Ontario to amend the regulation to permit tracked off road vehicles in a similar manner to snowmobiles by permitting them to directly cross or, in specific circumstances, to travel on the non-serviced portion of some highways;

And Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of the Solicitor General, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and all the municipalities within Renfrew County and the City of Pembroke.

Carried

BYLAWS

21.031 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2021-011 Being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell a portion of an upopened road allowance in between Lots 25 & 26, Concession 7, geographic Township of South Algona, now in the Township of Bonnechere Valley - Barrow;
- (2)** By-Law 2021-012 Being a By-Law concerning the collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E) Local 4524;
- (3)** By-Law 2021-013 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a heavy extrication agreement between the Township of Bonnechere Valley and North Algona Wilberforce;
- (4)** By-Law 2021-014 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

21.032 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist