

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS** None

**GALLERY** 1 (live watching)

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

**ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:** The agenda be accepted as presented.

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

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted as amended/presented.

Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from February 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 25, 2022, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Minutes from March 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 1, 2022, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**DELEGATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) So you want to run for Council Ad 2022
- (ii) Ministry of Infrastructure – Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and

- Forestry – Lake Clear as a Natural Trout Lake
- (ii) Municipality of Shuniah – Joint and Severable Reform
- (iii) Email from Canadian Outreach Officer – Earth Day Canada and Partnership for Earth Day 2022
- (iv) Town of Collingwood – Termination of Membership in Ontario Municipal Water Association
- (v) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry – Seeking input about the use of float accommodations on waterway over Ontario’s Public Lands
- (vi) Town of South Bruce Peninsula – Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds
- (vii) Rogers Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site C8511 – Public Comment Summary Report
- (viii) Rogers Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site C8511 – Statement of Land Use Authority Concurrence Request
- (ix) Rogers Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site C8704 – Public Comment Summary Report
- (x) Rogers Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site C8704 – Consultation Summary and Concurrence Letter Request
- (xi) Town of Blue Mountains – Funding for Infrastructure Projects, Bridge and Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities
- (xii) Town of Blue Mountain – Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force
- (xiii) Town of Blue Mountain – Ontario Housing Affordability Task Fore Report
- (xiv) Township of Woolwich – Mental Health Supports
- (xv) Township of Woolwich – Mental Health Supports
- (xvi) Township of Georgian Bay – Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**1. Resolution – Sole Source purchase of Fire Extrication Equipment**

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

**WHEREAS:** the draft budget reviewed by Committee included a purchase of a new Extrication Equipment; and

**WHEREAS:** the 2022 budget has not yet been approved by Council; and

**WHEREAS:** the Fire Chief deems the purchase necessary through a sole source at the lowest obtainable price as per Part V Section 4 of Procurement By-Law 2019-60;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley approve the purchase of Extrication Equipment from Code 4 Fire & Rescue to an upset limit of \$50,000.00 plus HST.

Carried

## 2. Resolution – Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

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

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit with the vision of the Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Bonnechere Valley; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal and provincially approved officials plans or consistent with provincial plans and policy; and

Whereas all decisions – save planning decisions – made by Municipal Council are similarly only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas municipalities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend million of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the Province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Council Of The Township of Bonnechere Valley requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

### 3. Resolution – Year of the Garden 2022

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

**WHEREAS** the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector; and

**WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

**WHEREAS** the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, the Eganville and Area Horticultural Society, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

**WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped to face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley proclaims 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development in our country, in our municipality and in the lives of residents in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

**THAT** the Saturday before Father’s Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Township of Bonnechere Valley as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022 and;

**THAT** the Township of Bonnechere Valley is committed to be a Garden Friendly Municipality supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have the Pollinator Garden and the Welcome Hill which are two initiative that support the garden and culture of Bonnechere Valley and the spirit of the Year of the Garden; and

**THAT** all municipalities across Canada BE INVITED to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and for that purpose.

Carried

#### **BYLAWS**

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

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2022-015** Being a By-Law to appoint a Chief Building Official
- (2) By-Law 2022-016** Being a By-Law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer
- (3) By-Law 2022-017** Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Greater Madawaska for the provision of Chief Building Official services.
- (4) By-Law 2022-018** 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**

**22.043 MOVED BY  
SECONDED BY**

Merv Buckwald  
Brent Patrick

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

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist