

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 4, 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 None

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

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:

22.143 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

22.144 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 20, 2022 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMO Communications Council Training
- (ii) AMO Communications Watchfile Sept 22 2022

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Eganville & District Seniors - Arena Sign Fee Waive
- (ii) Kimberly Lehman - Animal Shelter Closure and response
- (iii) EDMHA - Letter regarding Canteen and response
- (iv) Request from the Legion for Remembrance Day Parade

(C) Correspondence "C"

22.145 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

THAT: the Correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Cheque Register and Board Report
- (2) Resolution to support opposition to the changes in the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

22.146 MOVED BY Jack Roesner
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS on September 8, 2022, the Ontario government passed the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 that provides the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa with new extraordinary executive powers;

AND WHEREAS this will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, however it will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this gives Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly takes away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provides objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act as the proposed changes are not appropriate and will not speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process;

AND FURTHER THAT we request the Province of Ontario to consider the following:

1. That the Province of Ontario should outline other ways to institute housing and other matters to speed up construction of housing such as the authority to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies who have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", John Yakabuski MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

BY-LAWS

22.147 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2022-070 Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement for the winter maintenance of Connecting Links
- (2)** By-Law 2022-071 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

22:148 MOVED BY: Tim Schison
SECONDED BY: Brent Patrick

THAT: Snow removal for the 2022/23 & 2023/24 winter season be awarded to John K Reinert, Sand & Gravel – Front End Loader \$85/hour; Tandem Dump Truck \$85/hour; Four Wheel Drive Plow \$85/hour.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

22.149 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist