

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2023 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald
Councillor John Epps
Councillor Brent Patrick
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
CAO Annette Gilchrist
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS

GALLERY None

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA: That the 2022 Financial Statement/2022 Financial Information Return be added under New and Unfinished Business.

23.053 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

23.054 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 11, 2023 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMO – Municipal Waste Updates
- (ii) AMO – Professional Development Line Up
- (iii) AMO Policy Update – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act
- (iv) AMO Watchfile – April 20, 2023

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act
- (ii) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

- (iii) Town of Plympton Wyoming – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- (iv) Township of Perry – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- (v) Town of Cobourg - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- (vi) Town of Cobourg – Retaining the Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- (vii) Town of Essex – Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- (viii) City of Port Colborne – Oath of Office
- (ix) Municipality of Trent Hills – Oath of Office
- (x) Municipality of Magnetawan – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- (xi) Woman’s Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County – Stone with Algonquin Inscription

(C) Correspondence “C”

23.055 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Support Municipal Insurance Cost Reduction

23.056 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS escalating insurance costs for municipalities are a concern;

AND WHEREAS the annual increases to the Township of Bonnechere Valley’s insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past four years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the call for action to reduce insurance costs;

AND THAT the CAO and staff are hereby directed to participate in any groups that may be formed through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) or directly with other municipalities to support this effort;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, and MPP John Yakabuski.

Carried

2. Approval of 2022 Financial Statement/2022 Financial Information Return

23.057 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The 2022 Financial Statements and the 2022 Financial Information Return from MacKillican & Associates be approved as presented.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

BY-LAWS

23.058 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT:

- (1) By-Law 2023-020** Being a By-Law to establish and assume a public highway as part of Verch Road in the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
- (2) By-Law 2023-021** Being a By-Law to appoint municipal auditors;
- (3) By-Law 2023-022** 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

ADJOURNMENT

23.059 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist