

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 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

23.011 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

23.012 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 10, 2023 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) AMCTO Advocacy Update – Property Assessment
- (ii) AMO Policy Update – A Call for Provincial Action on Property Assessments
- (iii) EOWC Newsletter
- (iv) ROMA Update
- (v) AMO Watchfile
- (vi) AMO Watchfile – January 20, 2023
- (vii) AMO Watchfile – January 26, 2023
- (viii) ROMA Update – January 25, 2023
- (ix) EOWC News Release – January 30, 2023
- (x) OFA Invitation
- (xi) PLEO Parents Lifeline

(xii) Farmland Forum

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) The Canadian Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – Tax Free Therapy
- (ii) Robert Osborne – Maple Leaf Tax
- (iii) Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Updates to Ontario’s Producer Responsibility Framework
- (iv) Township of McNab Braeside – Reduce Tax on Fuel Used for Heat
- (v) Renfrew County 55+ Seniors Games – Donation Request
- (vi) Marianhill Emergency Plan – Request for Water
- (vii) Wayne Drouillard – Request for Closure and Purchase of Road Allowance
- (viii) Woman’s Sexual Assault Centre – Request to Hang Banner across the Bridge
- (ix) Township of Montague – World Thinking Day
- (x) Lanark Highlands – Violence Against Women
- (xi) Town of Petrolia – School Board Election
- (xii) City of Thunder Bay – Bill 42 Gender Affirming
- (xiii) Township of Montague – Renfrew Inquest Support
- (xiv) City of Hamilton – Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act
- (xv) Town of Halton Hills – Repeal Bill 23 The Build More Homes Faster Act
- (xvi) Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee – Annual Meeting Update

(C) Correspondence "C"

23.013 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed. Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Adopt the Tourism Strategy

23.014 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the Council of Township of Bonnechere Valley adopt the Three-Yar Strategic Tourism Plan prepared by Brain Trust.

Carried

2. Resolution to Reduce Tax on Fuel Used for Heat

23.015 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS inflation has created a dire financial situation for many residents;

AND WHEREAS residents are struggling to pay for basic needs such as heat for their homes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Township of McNab Braeside’s request to Reduce Tax on Fuel used for Heat;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to reduce or eliminate the tax charged on fuel used to produce heat for homes, including gas, oil and propane in an attempt to make the cost of heating home more affordable for our residents and all Ontarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance, Provincial Minister of Energy, MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP John Yakabuski.

Carried

3. Resolution to Repeal Bill 23

23.016 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Town of Greater Napanee's request to repeal Bill 23 until such time all municipalities and stakeholders have had an opportunity to participate in fulsome consultations.

AND FURTHER that this support resolution be circulated to the Town of Greater Napanee, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Honourable Doug Ford.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

BY-LAWS

23.017 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT:

- (1) By-Law 2023-008** Being a By-Law to permit long term borrowing for the purpose of financing for the 2022 water meters;
- (2) By-Law 2023-009** 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

23.018 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist