

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3, 2017 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Jackie Agnew
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Meredith Jamieson
Councillor Bob Peltzer
CAO Bryan Martin

REGRETS None

GALLERY None

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA The agenda be accepted with addition of Item #6 High Speed Internet Service,

17.158 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

That: The agenda be accepted as amended/presented. Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting for approval.

17.159 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: The minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 19, 2017, as amended/presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

DELEGATION NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) COPKA-Newsletter
- (ii) Municipality of Killarney - Resolution

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) Request from EHL Brian Tyrell

(C) Correspondence "C"

17.160 MOVED BY Meredith Jamieson
SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT: the Correspondence be filed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

(1) Emergency Management Exercise – Alternative Mayor

17.161 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Meredith Jamieson be appointed as the alternative Mayor for the Emergency Management Exercise that is scheduled for Monday October 16, 2017.

Carried

(2) Via Rail High-Frequency Trail Resolution

17.162 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

THAT: the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the VIA Rail High-Frequency Rail Project:

WHEREAS VIA Rail has submitted a High-Frequency Train proposal to the Government of Canada for the Windsor-Québec Corridor, the busiest in Canada.

WHEREAS this project aims to improve the quality, frequency and reliability of passenger rail services and will have a direct effect on the viability of VIA Rail by attracting more customers while stimulating economic growth;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project allows more options for connections with other modes of transportation such as light rail and local railways;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project provides access to the city centers of the railway network, which maximizes its relevance, efficiency and use;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project increases connections with smaller communities and increases intercity transit, and increases services on existing lines;

WHEREAS this project requires a significant financial contribution from the Government of Canada but also from private sector investments;

WHEREAS this project allows an increase in intercity passenger services, which will lead to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, thereby effectively supporting the Government of Canada's environmental objectives and directions following the signing of the Paris Protocol;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project is consistent with the Government of Canada's priorities for public transit infrastructure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley:

1. Support VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train project;
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide financial support for VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train project;
3. Request the Government of Ontario to include VIA Rail's proposed High-Frequency Train project in the list of priority infrastructure projects for Ontario;
4. Call on the governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure that the High-Frequency Train projects of VIA Rail are carried out in a way that enables the user to have direct and fast access to railway stations and hubs in communities across rural Eastern Ontario.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley circulate a copy of this resolution to MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, and the County of Renfrew.

Carried

(3) Amend MMS – Wellington Street South

17.163 MOVED BY Jackie Agnew
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

THAT: Bylaw 2013-063 Schedule B Ward One Roads be amended to show the distance of Wellington South from 0.2KM to 0.3KM.

Carried

(4) New Non-Union Public Works Position

17.164 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

THAT: A new non-union position be created in the Public Works Department, of a Public Works Manager on Group 6 of the pay grid.

Carried

(5) Ambulance Act and Fire Protection and Prevention Act

17.165 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Meredith Jamieson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Township of Bonnechere Valley advise the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) that we share their concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Ambulance Act and the Fire Protection and Prevention Act which are set to be tabled at Queen's Park in the fall;

FURTHER the Province is seeking two municipalities to participate in pilot projects funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Township of Bonnechere Valley appeals to AMO to request that the Province include rural northern municipalities as participants in the pilot projects;

FURTHER the proposed changes may result in the Province saving and municipalities experience additional downloading for some of the costs associated with modifications to the acts;

THEREFORE the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby requests that AMO keep all municipalities informed of this matter so that all stakeholders have input into these proposed changes which may result in additional costs to our municipalities (such as increased training, legal liability etc.);

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO, MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Carried

(6) High Speed Internet Service

17.166 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS: access to high speed internet service has become a necessity for nearly any new business that desires to locate in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, existing rural businesses find themselves at a competitive disadvantage when they cannot access high speed internet services to a similar degree as their competitors in better served areas;

AND WHEREAS, in this era of constant connectivity the traveling public expects high speed internet access in places where they choose to vacation and spend leisure time and some cases are required to as a condition of their employment;

AND WHEREAS, many training and continuing education courses are now only offered online and frequently require high speed connections in order to stream videos and other course materials;

AND WHEREAS, the majority of the population of our rural municipality cannot received high speed internet service even through Bell Canada provides that serve to a portion of our residents and has fiber optical cable running through a good portion of our un-serviced areas;

THEREFORE, the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby requests that Bell Canada complete the process of serving our rural residents and business to a similar degree as enjoyed by the majority of Ontarians.

FURTHER THAT: this resolution be forwarded to Bell Canada, the CRTC, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski and EORN.

Carried

BYLAWS

17.167 **MOVED BY** Jackie Agnew
 SECONDED BY Bob Peltzer

THAT:

- (1)** By-Law 2017-044 Being a By-Law to require the fencing of livestock;
- (2)** By-Law 2017-046 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning by-law 2006-28 – Goldberg;
- (3)** By-Law 2017-047 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning by-law 2006-28 – Eganville Temple Group;
- (4)** By-Law 2017-048 Being a By-Law to establish a highway; and
- (5)** By-Law 2017-049 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

ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION

17.168 **MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald
 SECONDED BY Jackie Agnew

THAT: the accounts for the month of **September** in the amount of **\$686,321.36** be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.

Carried

MEDIA SESSION **None**

CLOSED (0)

ADJOURNMENT

17.169 MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Bob Peltzer
Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Bryan Martin