

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT** Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Meredith Jamieson  
Councillor Jackie Agnew  
Councillor Merv Buckwald  
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

**REGRETS** Councillor Bob Peltzer

**GALLERY** None

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

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**18.031 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from March 6, 2018 Regular Meeting for approval.

**18.032 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** The minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 6, 2018, as amended/presented be hereby adopted. Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) Ministry of Environment – Waste Water Assets

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) County of Renfrew – Local Forest Industry
- (ii) City of Hamilton – Offering Closed School Properties to Municipalities
- (iii) City of Stratford – National Public Works Week
- (iv) Eganville & District Seniors – Portable Roll Up Banner
- (v) Township of South Stormont – Approval of Landfill Projects

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

- (i) Township of Norwich – Ontario Building Code Amendments

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

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

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

### **(1) 2018 Bonnechere Union Library Budget**

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

**THAT:** The 2018 Bonnechere Union Public Library Budget be approved in the amount of \$167,500.

Carried

### **(2) Library Resolution**

**18.035 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**WHEREAS** the Province has funded public libraries and acknowledged the role of libraries to provide free internet access with short term grants;

**WHEREAS** CRTC has declared internet access an essential service by 2020 and in many rural communities high speed broadband is not universally available. Therefore, libraries provide this essential service;

**WHEREAS** libraries act as an economic equalizer as well as performs many important functions as a cultural hub in rural communities;

**WHEREAS** rural connectivity and library services are key to prosperity and opportunity and the technology grant is being phased out;

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is reviewing the Public Libraries Grant which has not had a significant increase since 1995; and

**WHEREAS** rural communities often have a small tax base and cannot carry deficits, municipalities are already stressed in their funding of libraries and service is not consistent throughout the province but based on varying Municipal realities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, our municipality and/or Library Board support an increase in the funding model being developed that recognizes the crucial role of Libraries in rural communities and increases funding with dependable indexed funding to reflect the reality of modern rural Libraries.

**FURTHER**, that the Township of Bonnechere Valley encourage all other municipalities in Ontario to consider this motion calling for immediate provincial action.

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Leader of the Progressive Conservatives, the Leader of the NDP, AMO, SOLS (to distribute to Library Boards)

Carried

## **BYLAWS**

**18.036 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

**THAT:**

- (1)** By-Law 2018-014 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council;
- (2)** By-Law 2018-015 Being a By-Law to authorize execution of a shoreline lease agreement – Haddad
- (3)** By-Law 2018-015 Being a By-Law to authorize execution of a shoreline lease agreement – Smith & Beeching

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED  
READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

**ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION**

**18.037 MOVED BY** Meredith Jamieson  
**SECONDED BY** Jackie Agnew

**THAT:** the accounts for the month of **March** in the amount of **\$798,155.36** be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.

Carried

**MEDIA SESSION** None

**CLOSED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**18.038 MOVED BY** Jackie Agnew  
**SECONDED BY** Meredith Agnew

**THAT:** This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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Deputy CAO Sandra Barr