

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2020 5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Jack Roesner
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Brent Patrick
Councillor Tim Schison
CAO Annette Gilchrist
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS None

GALLERY 2

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 - None

20.063 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tim Schison

That: The agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting for approval.

20.064 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 5, 2020, as amended/presented be hereby adopted. Carried

DELEGATION - None

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- (i) Federation Canadian Municipalities – Keeping Municipal Services Going Strong
- (ii) AMO-OPP Detachment Boards Discussion Paper
- (iii) AMO Watchfile May 7, 2020
- (iv) AMO Covid-19 Update May 8, 2020
- (v) AMO Covid-19 Update May 12, 2020

(B) Correspondence "B"

- (i) City of Hamilton – Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants
- (ii) City of Pembroke – Resolution re local flexibility to provincial orders
- (iii) Township of Montague Resolution re: Federal Funding for municipal taxes
- (iv) Town of Midland Letter to PM re: Financial Aid Plan

(C) Correspondence "C"

20.065 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: the Correspondence be filed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE

1. Resolution – Amendment to Criminal Code prohibiting certain styles of firearms and accessories

20.066 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

Whereas on May 1st, 2020 the federal government amended the Criminal Code by ordering regulations prescribing certain firearms, components and parts of firearms, accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles as prohibited or restricted;

And Whereas the federal government is planning a buyback program to get the guns out of circulation, which is expected to cost between \$400 million and \$600 million;

And Whereas we support the government's commitment to end violence, whether firearms are involved or not, by taking the opportunity to be more engaged and to collaborate with the public and local stakeholders to develop more effective solutions on this issue;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley urges the federal government to revoke the amendment, and instead institute the following:

Target crime, and focus on enforcement through enhanced enforcement capacity for law enforcement and border services, as well as harsher punishments for firearms trafficking and crime involving firearms. A ban would target law-abiding owners, rather than holders of illicit firearms, and would not greatly impact crime reduction (particularly gang violence);

Collect and share relevant data on crime involving firearms through improved collection, and sharing of data on crimes involving firearms, particularly in terms of sources of illicit firearms, and the types of crime being committed. This data is critical for supporting law enforcement and border agencies efforts, as well as informing policy and legislation;

Collaborate with the firearms community/industry to support communication, training and public education regarding firearms to create a multi-faceted approach rather than implementing a ban in isolation;

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, Cheryl Gallant MP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Local Tier municipalities within the County of Renfrew, the Municipality of South Algonquin and the City of Pembroke.

Carried

BYLAWS

20.067 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Jack Roesner

THAT:

(1) By-Law 2020-030 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

MEDIA SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

20.068 MOVED BY Tim Schison
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist