

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 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** 4

**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**

**20.119 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

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

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from August 11, 2020 Special Council Meeting for approval.

**20.120 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Jack Roesner

**THAT:** The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 11, 2020, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Minutes from August 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

**20.121 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 11, 2020, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) Ministry of Transportation Safety Program Development Branch – School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- (ii) Golden Lake Property Owners Association – Update to Members August 2020
- (iii) AMCTO Legislative Express

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Town of Prescott – Border Closure

- (ii) City of Port Colbourne – Funding and Inspections for Long Term Care Homes
- (iii) County of Renfrew – Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre
- (iv) Town of Gore Bare – Support for Long Term Care Facility
- (v) City of Port Colbourne – Protection Vulnerable Person in Supportive Living Accommodation Act
- (vi) Township of Huron-Kinloss – Farm Class Rate Program
- (vii) Town of Gore Bay – Support for COVID-19 Funding
- (viii) Town of Gore Bay – Support for Emancipation Day
- (ix) Beaver Trails Pastry - Request

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

**20.122 MOVED BY** Jack Roesner  
**SECONDED BY** Tim Schison

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**1. Renfrew County Economic Motion**

**20.123 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic crisis has had a catastrophic affect on employment and small business survival rates, with over 11.3% jobless rate in Ontario in April 2020 alone with only a few signs of a change over the next several fiscal periods;

**AND WHEREAS** the Renfrew County region is already at a distinct economic disadvantage due to a shorter infrastructure construction season and the lack of essential services, like effective and available broadband across its vast and rural area that would allow for greater flexibility to work from home, or telecommute;

**AND WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves within the geographical borders have an incredible influence on the economy through investments in infrastructure spending, with over \$70 million being invested in 2020 in municipal projects, but will now have to evaluate and adjust the way they safely operate and offer community services and modes of transportation;

**AND WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves have submitted over \$73.5 million worth of applications to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream*, with all considered shovel ready and shovel worthy;

**AND WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves have submitted previously over \$25 million in the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Rural & Northern Stream*;

**AND WHEREAS** both large and small infrastructure projects have the immediate effect on local small and medium businesses in our region with consideration of the multiplier ratio on every \$1 million invested having the ability to create 7.6 jobs in the local marketplace, meaning that approval of these projects would create over 1,200 jobs across Renfrew County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley calls upon the Government of Ontario and Canada to fast track the review of current and previous *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* grant applications in

order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

Carried

## **2. Renfrew County Virtual Triage & Assessment Centre**

**20.124 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**WHEREAS** recent statistics show that 24,000 people in the County of Renfrew And City of Pembroke do not have a family doctor;

**AND WHEREAS** an additional seven physicians are retiring or closing their practice within the next two years which will result in another 10,000 residents without a doctor and another six physicians indicating they may leave within the next 5 years;

**AND WHEREAS** COVID-19 has required municipalities to address access to primary health care for all residents (due to either lack of primary physicians or the closure or reduced hours of family physician offices), ensure testing of asymptomatic and symptomatic people and protect hospital emergency department's surge capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** the need to meet these priorities in a large rural setting required an innovative solution resulting in a Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC) model being adopted rather than a static assessment centre;

**AND WHEREAS** the Virtual and Triage Assessment Centre resulted in a significant reduction in 911 calls, unnecessary emergency rooms visits, the elimination of hallway medicine, and created access to primary care for thousands of residents without a family doctor;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the County of Renfrew in its efforts to establish a permanent Virtual and Triage Assessment Centre and hereby urges the Minister of Health to make permanent the billing codes that would allow the creation of VTAC in communities across Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution supporting the continuation of VTAC and its potential for addressing the needs of rural residents be sent to the Premier, Minister of Health, Minister of Long Term Care and the Honourable John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Carried

## **3. Snow Removal Contract 2020/2021 Winter Season**

**20.125 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:** The snow removal contract for the 2020/2021 winter season be awarded to John K. Reinert, Sand & Gravel. Front End Loader \$75/hour; Tandem Dump Truck \$75/hour; 4-Wheel Drive Plow Truck \$75/hour.

Carried

**4. Sole Source Purchasing for Wastewater Plant Piping**

**20.126 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Jack Roesner

WHEREAS Harrington Mechanical Ltd. provided a quote on the replacement of piping and tanks in the amount of \$28,768.00 plus HST;

AND Whereas the Water and Sewer Department Manager deems this purchase necessary through a sole source as per Part IV Section 3 of the Procurement By-Law 2019-60;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley authorize the awarding of the Eganville Wastewater Plant project set out above to Harrington Mechanical Ltd.

Carried

**BYLAWS**

**20.127 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2020-048 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning By-Law 2006-28 of the Township of Bonnechere Valley as amended – Zion Lutheran Church;
- (2) By-Law 2020-049 Being a By-Law to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles on Municipal Highways within the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
- (3) By-Law 2020-050 Being a By-Law to enter into an agreement to participate in the Ministry of Transportation – Connecting Links Program – Reconstruction of Bridge Street;
- (4) By-Law 2020-051 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**

**20.128 MOVED BY** Tim Schison  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**THAT:** This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist