

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021 5:30 P.M.**

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

**REGRETS** None

**GALLERY** 3

**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**

**21.041 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Jack Roesner

**That:** The agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting for approval.

**21.042 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Jack Roesner

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2021, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) AMCTO – 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting & Professional Development Institute

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Solicitor General – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- (ii) Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards – Bonnechere River Water Management Plan Proposed Amendments
- (iii) City of Port Colborne – Ontario Fire College
- (iv) Norfolk County – Carbon Tax on Primary Agriculture Producers
- (v) Township of Archipelago – Ontario Fire College
- (vi) Town of Monon – Ontario Fire College
- (vii) Lake of Bays – Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
- (viii) Niagara Region – Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economy Recovery Act, 2020

- (ix) City of Sarnia – Colour Coded Capacity Limits
- (x) Bonnechere Museum – Application for Lottery Permit
- (xi) Eganville & District Seniors Association – Support Letter
- (xii) Renfrew County 55+ Seniors Games – Support Letter
- (xiii) North Algona Wilberforce Township – Ontario Northland Transportation Services
- (xiv) Township of Brock – Ontario Fire College
- (xv) Township of Brock – Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement
- (xvi) Municipality of Grey Highlands – Minister’s Zoning Order

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**1. Ontario Fire College - Resolution**

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

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how to obtain firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, the Township of Bonnechere Valley is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidise and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Mark MacDonald, AMO President Graydon Smith, ROMA Chair Robin Jones and all Renfrew County Municipalities and the City of Pembroke.

Carried

**2. Bonnechere Museum – Resolution**

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

**THAT:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley make a donation to the Bonnechere Arts and Historical Society to cover their 2021 lottery license.

Carried

**3. Tax Adjustments - Resolution**

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

**THAT:** the application for an adjustment of taxes for 183 Augsburg Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$66.24 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 330 Augsburg Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$160.14 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 855 Silver Lake Road be approved due to a change in classification. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$338.36 be made to the property;

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 3745 Opeongo Road be approved due to a fire. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$190.43 be made to the property; and

That the application for an adjustment of taxes for 2057 Foymount Road be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$693.51 be made to the property.

Carried

**BYLAWS**

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

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2021-017 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**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Carried