

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

**21.083 MOVED BY** Jack Roesner  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

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

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting for approval.

**21.084 MOVED BY** Jack Patrick  
**SECONDED BY** Tim Schison

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 20, 2021, as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) AMCTO – Advocacy Update – Seeking Your Input: Strengthening Accountability for Council Members
- (ii) FCM Communique – Budget 2021 – Significant News for Rural Communities
- (iii) Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario – Reforms to Support Ontario Liquor Licenses
- (iv) ROH Family Information Group- Borderline Personality Disorder
- (v) Royal Mental Health – Family Voice Bulletin 2.0 Issue 15 Borderline Personality Disorder
- (vi) Point-of-Care Testing – Provincial Changes

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Township of Archipelago – Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites
- (ii) Municipality of Calvin – Carbon Tax on Primary Agricultural Producers

- (iii) Letter from Shelagh Mills – Lake Clear RV’s
- (iv) Town of Cochrane – Support for Fire Department
- (v) City of Kitchener – Planning Act Timelines
- (vi) Town of Mono – Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement
- (vii) City of Cambridge – Request for Paid Sick Leave
- (viii) Township of Springwater – Clean Fuel Standard
- (ix) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – Canada’s Premiers Launch Promising Practices Podcast
- (x) Port Colborne – Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement
- (xi) Fort Erie – Province Investigating and Updating Source Water Protection Legislation
- (xii) Fort Erie – Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE**

**1. 2020 Financial Statement and 2020 Financial Information Return - Resolution**

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

**THAT:** The 2020 Financial Statements and the 2020 Financial Information Return from MacKillican & Associates, Chartered Accountants be approved as presented. Carried

**2. Support Resolution for Fire Departments - Resolution**

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

**WHEREAS** the role of Ontario’s 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

**WHEREAS** according to Emergency Management and the Ontario Fire Marshal’s latest data, there were over 11,000 loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario’s fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

**WHEREAS** due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley resolves as follows:

**THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government include apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, ROMA, AMO, all Renfrew County Municipalities and the City of Pembroke.

Carried

### **3. Whitewater Region – Navigation on Ottawa River - Resolution**

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

**WHEREAS** the federal government amended the Canada Shipping Act in 2018/2019 to give the Minister of Transportation broad powers over Canada's waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 Minister Garneau issued orders shutting down the Ottawa River due to flooding with devastating impacts to the whitewater tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, whitewater tourism operators are skilled and know the Ottawa River; and  
**WHEREAS** the operators depend on early training during highwater; and

**WHEREAS** this supports the Township of Whitewater Region with the provision of boats and trained operators in emergency situations;

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley call on Canada's Minister of Transportation to ensure whitewater tourism operators, including Wilderness Tours and Owl Rafting, are duly consulted prior to any and all navigational bans on the Ottawa River; and

**FURTHER**, that the whitewater rapids portion of the Ottawa River, in the area of Lot 28, Concession EFB (Westmeath) to Lot 14, Con 11 (Ross), from the top of McCoy Chute to the end of the fast water as the river flows into Rocher-Fendu Lake, be generally excluded from future interim orders and navigational bans; and

**FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be provided to municipalities in Renfrew County, and the Pontiac along the Ottawa River as well as the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association.

Carried

### **BYLAWS**

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

**THAT:**

- (1)** By-Law 2021-026 Being a By-Law to amend comprehensive zoning By-Law 2006-28 of the Township of Bonnechere Valley - Dergunov;
- (2)** By-Law 2021-027 to amend comprehensive zoning By-Law 2006-28 of the Township of Bonnechere Valley – Gerald Tracey;
- (3)** By-Law 2021-028 Being a By-Law to authorize the Township of Bonnechere Valley to enter into a development agreement with the trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Congregation Unaltered Augsburg Confession;

- (4) By-Law 2021-029 Being a By-Law to establish tariff of fees for the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
- (5) By-Law 2021-030 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**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist