

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY April 16, 2024 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Brent Patrick
Councillor John Epps
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
CAO Annette Gilchrist
Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS Councillor Merv Buckwald

GALLERY None

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA: None

24.058 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended with the addition of sole source for compressor for arena.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24.059 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 2, 2024 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. County Council Summary March 2024
2. Earth Day Birthday Party
3. AMO Watchfile April 4, 2024
4. AMO Policy Update – New Federal Infrastructure & Housing Items in Upcoming 2024 Budget
5. Media Release - County of Renfrew hosts Affordable Housing Summit
6. AMO Policy Update April 10 2024
7. AMO Watchfile April 11 2024

Correspondence "B"

1. Home Heating Sustainability
2. 2024 GLPOA Sponsorship Request
3. Fair Operational Budget Funding

4. Fifth Annual Provincial Day of Action on Litter
5. Standardized Regulatory Framework for Ridesharing Services Across the Province
6. Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing
7. Improve Municipal Code of Conduct
8. Request to Province for Mental Health and Addictions Facility for Renfrew County

Correspondence "C"

24.060 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Cheque Register and Board Reports

9.2 Resolution to authorize Councillor Buckwald Absence extension if needed

24.061 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS section 259 of the Municipal Act provides that the seat of a member becomes vacant if the member is absent from the meetings of the council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by resolution of the council;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Buckwald last attended the Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Buckwald was first absent from Council on March 5, 2024 and has been absent since that date due to a recent surgery;

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved That Council authorizes the absence of Councillor Buckwald to continue until September 2024 should he need this time to ensure a full recovery before he resumes his duties as a Member of this Council.

Carried

9.3 Resolution to support Regulating of Road Side Zoos

24.062 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and MPP John Yakabuski, AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO (mleo@mleo.ca).

Carried

9.4 Resolution to support amendment to Heritage Act

24.063 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS municipal staff need more time to review, research and determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Council authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.

Carried

9.5 Resolution to support Enbridge request to Energy Board

24.064 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas submitted a letter to the OEB urging them to dismiss the Second ED Motion without a hearing to ensure that these proceedings and the provision of natural gas service to interested communities pursuant to government policy are not delayed;

AND WHEREAS if the OEB decides to hear the Second ED Motion, Enbridge Gas respectfully requests that it be heard and dealt with as soon as possible to reduce the expected delays to project construction;

AND WHEREAS Council supports the local residents and businesses in the impacted communities that are interested in and waiting for natural gas service;

AND WHEREAS Council believes that consumers should have the ability to choose the type of energy they use for their homes and businesses rather than special interest groups;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports Enbridge Gas application for a Leave to Construct application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the Eganville Community Expansion project and requests that the OEB dismiss the Second ED motion.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Energy Board, Minister of Energy, MPP John Yakabuski and Enbridge Gas.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

24.065 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS: the Manager of Recreation deems the purchase necessary through a sole source as per Part V of Procurement By-Law 2023-017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley approve the purchase of a compressor from CIMCO Refrigeration for \$84,876 plus HST.

Carried

24.066 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: By-Law 2024-017 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

ADJOURNMENT

24.067 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist