

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY August 14, 2024 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

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

REGRETS

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

24.123 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24.124 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 9, 2024 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. OVF Spray Plan Public Notice
2. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau collective agreements letter
3. AMO Watchfile July 18
4. AMO Watchfile July 25
5. AMO Watchfile Aug 1
6. AMO Policy Aug 6
7. AMO Watchfile Aug 8
8. AMO Policy July 9

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. County of Renfrew Part III Prosecution By-Law Services
2. MNR requesting feedback on Geologic Carbon Storage
3. OFIA request for support for the forestry industry

4. Ontario Long Service Medals for Police and Paramedics
5. Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Underserviced Cellular Communications
6. Prince Edward County AODA Resolution
7. Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) Request
8. AMO-OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign
9. City of Toronto requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians

(C) Correspondence "C"

24.125 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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 Report

9.2 Resolution Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities

24.126 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth-related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

WHEREAS the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities, and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

WHEREAS small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

THAT the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Carried

9.3 Resolution Calling for reconsideration of Capital Gains Tax Changes

24.127 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has stated that the recent changes to the Capital Gains tax will make farm succession planning less financially viable and will create significant obstacles for farmers reinvesting in their businesses.

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association has stated that these changes will undoubtedly add additional undue pressure and financial strain on physicians, threatening the well-being of our health-care system.

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association has stated that these changes pose a significant threat to the ability of families to maintain their cherished cottages for future generations, which could have profound cultural implications for our Canadian heritage and way of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the position of the above organizations and is calling on the Federal Government to pause the proposed changes to the capital gains tax and reconsider the impact the application of this new tax will have on the health and agriculture sectors as well as Canadian small business and middle-class families.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Mark Holland Minister of Health, The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance, Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Opposition, Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the NDP, Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party, MP Cheryl Gallant and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and ROMA.

Carried

9.4 Resolution to approve CIP application

24.128 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the application for Community Improvement Funding be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT upon inspection by the CBO following the completion of the improvements an amount up to \$1,000 for signage and \$1500 for façade improvements be paid to Rio Tap and Grill.

Carried

9.5 Resolution to approve Rural Transit Solution Fund Agreement

24.129 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley can confirm that it meets all the requirements of Canada- Rural Transit Solution Fund Agreement, and that CAO Annette Gilchrist is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

24.130 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: By-Law 2024-039 Being a By-Law to authorize the permanent closing and purchasing of the shoreline road allowance - Player

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

24.131 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: By-Law 2024-040 being a by-law to authorize the permanent closing and purchasing of the shoreline road allowance – Howell / Monette

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

24.132 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: By-Law 2024-041 being a by-law to assume a portion of the forced part of Lake Clear Road.

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

24.133 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: By-Law 2024-042 Being a By-Law to exempt certain lands from part lot control – Enright.

BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

Carried

24.134 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: By-Law 2024-043 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

24.135 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist