

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY September 17, 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

24.143 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24.144 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 2024 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. County Council Summary August 2024
2. AMO Communications September 5, 2024
3. Renfrew County Project Update September 2024
4. AMO Policy Update
5. AMO Communications September 12, 2024

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. County Of Renfrew - Automated Speed Enforcement
2. Renfrew County Science Fair
3. Request for Support from Nigig Nibi Ki-Win Gamik Society
4. AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act
5. Support for a Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee
6. Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement Letter

7. Request to Close and Relocate a portion of Fiebig Road
8. Resolution - Province Removed Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario
9. Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

(C) Correspondence "C"

24.145 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 AMO-OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

24.146 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in our area and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

9.2 Resolutions to approved Tax Adjustments

24.147 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the application for an adjustment of taxes for 109 John Street be approved due to a fire. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$1044.58 be made to the property for 2024.

Carried

24.148 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the application for an adjustment of taxes for 176 Wellington Street be approved due to a demolition. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$669.95 be made to the property for 2024.

Carried

24.149 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: the application for an adjustment of taxes for 1182 Perrault Road be approved due to a fire. And further that an adjustment of taxes in the amount of \$1868.55 be made to the property for 2024

Carried

9.3 Cheque Register and Board Report

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

24.150 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: By-Law 2024-047 Being a By-Law to declare surplus and sell certain lands to an adjacent land owner – Kaddits

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

Carried

24.151 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: By-Law 2024-048 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

24.152 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist