

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 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/Clerk Annette Gilchrist  
Treasurer/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

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

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**24.188 MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 5, 2024 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

1. AMO Watchfile Nov 7
2. AMO Watchfile Nov 14
3. County Construction Update November 2024
4. County Council Summary October 2024

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

1. OPP Costs and Sustainable Funding
2. Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices
3. County of Renfrew Family and Children Services Letter Resolution for Support
4. Food Bank Request6. Town of Aurora Motion Fair Share

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

1. Establishment of Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
2. Fair Share and Redistribution of HST and Land Transfer Tax
3. Review and Amendments to the Municipal Elections Act Resolution

**24.189 MOVED BY** John Epps  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**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 to Support Ontario's Forest Sector

**24.190 MOVED BY** Brent Patrick  
**SECONDED BY** John Epps

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby supports Resolution #RC24168 passed by the Municipality of Wawa, regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; Minister of Northern Development, Greg Rickford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP);

Carried

9.3 Resolution to appoint Emergency Control Group

**24.191 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** Councillor John Epps be appointed to the Emergency Management Control Committee for 2025 and that the Chair of the Committee be CEMC, Erica Rice, Senior Administrator representative be Annette Gilchrist and Fire Chief Darryl Wagner as Emergency Services Representative.

**AND FURTHER THAT:** The following persons are designated as the Municipal Emergency Control Group :

- A) The Mayor Jennifer Murphy, or (Designated Head of Council)
- B) Councillor Merv Buckwald
- C) Councillor Brent Patrick
- D) Councillor Tracey Sanderson
- E) Councillor John Epps
- F) CAO, Annette Gilchrist (Alternate Sandra Barr)
- G) CEMC, Erica Rice (Alternate Dillon Holly)
- H) Public Works Supervisor, Jason Zohr (Alternate Dale Verch)
- I) Water/Sewer Department Supervisor, Daryl Verch (Alternate Dave Loader)
- J) Recreation Manger, Kevin McGrath (Alternate Kelsey MacIsaac)
- K) The Emergency Information Officer, Dana Barkley

Carried

**CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**BY-LAWS**

**24.192 MOVED BY** John Epps  
**SECONDED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** By-Law 2024-060 Being a By-Law to approve Zoning By-Law Amendment for St. John’s Lutheran Church

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

Carried

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

**THAT:** By-Law 2024-061 Being a By-law to authorize a Fire Response Agreement with North Algona Wilberforce

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

Carried

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

**THAT:** By-Law 2024-058 Being a By-law to assume a portion of Silver Lake Road

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

Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

**24.195 MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist