

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY February 20, 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

24.020 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24.021 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2024 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. County Council Summary
2. Licence Plate Renewal Letter
3. AMO Watchfile Feb 8 2024
4. AMO Watchfile Feb 15 2024

Correspondence "B"

1. County Resolution Re: Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
2. Support Resolution - Prince Edward County - Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus
3. Bridge Banner Request
4. Request OGRA/ROMA return to combined conference
5. National Farmers Union Request
6. OVS Show and Conference Information and request for sponsorship
7. Youth Wellness Hub request for support

Correspondence "C"

24.022 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
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 for Economic Prosperity Review

24.023 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and MPP John Yakabuski.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

24.024 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

THAT: By-Law 2024-009 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

24.025 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist