

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT** Mayor Jennifer Murphy  
Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald  
Councillor John Epps  
Councillor Brent Patrick  
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:** The addition of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week under New/Unfinished Business as item 9.6.

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

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

Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from March 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 21, 2023 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) Annual Work Schedule – Algonquin Park Forest
- (ii) Ottawa Valley Forest – inspection Notice
- (iii) AMO – Human Rights and Equity
- (iv) AMO Policy Update – 2023 Provincial Budget
- (v) AMO Policy Update – Housing and Homelessness
- (vi) AMO Policy Update – Less Red Tape Stronger Economy Act
- (vii) AMO Watchfile – April 6
- (viii) FCM – Housing Accelerator Fund

- (ix) AMO Policy Update – Canada 2023 Budget
- (x) County Council Update March 2023
- (xi) End Violence Against Women – Presentation March 29, 2023
- (xii) Environment and Climate Change Canada – Traffic Market Coating
- (xiii) Letter from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**(B) Correspondence “B”**

- (i) City of Cambridge Resolution – Barriers for Women in Politics
- (ii) Municipality of Calvin – English Public School Boards
- (iii) Town of Plympton Wyoming – Accurate Voters List
- (iv) Township of Lucan Biddulph – Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors
- (v) Western Ontario Wardens Caucus – Cannabis Act Review
- (vi) Township of Howick – CN Railway Contribution Requirements
- (vii) Municipality of North Perth – School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- (viii) MNRF – Floating Accommodations
- (ix) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – EA process review
- (x) Foundation Emergence – International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- (xi) Township of Lake of Bays – Municipal Oath of Office
- (xii) Township of Horton – Food Insecurity
- (xiii) Echo Centre – Parking Lot Request
- (xiv) County of Renfrew – Violence Against Women
- (xv) 2023 GLPOA – Sponsorship Request
- (xvi) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- (xvii) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- (xviii) Request for Car Show
- (xix) Support Letter for reducing municipal insurance costs.

**(C) Correspondence “C”**

**23.045 MOVED BY** John Epps  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**WHEREAS** direction has been given to staff;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the correspondence be filed.

Carried

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution to Approve MOU with respect to Naloxone**

**23.046 MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson  
**SECONDED BY** Brent Patrick

**WHEREAS** Renfrew County District Health Unit and the Township wish to enter into an agreement with respect to Naloxone as proposed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township Fire Department desires to deliver the services as part of their medical emergency response;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council direct the Mayor and CAO to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit with respect to Naloxone.

Carried

## **2. Resolution to Approve TCA Threshold Policy Changes**

**23.047 MOVED BY** John Epps  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** Council approve the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Thresholds Policy for Tangible Capital Assets as presented.

Carried

## **3. Resolution to Approve Loan Payout from Surplus**

**23.048 MOVED BY** Brent Patrick  
**SECONDED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**WHEREAS** Loans 699-823 and 6999-156 came up for renewal in 2023 with balances owing of \$3,818.00 and \$46,353 respectively;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest rate would have more than doubled on these loans if renewed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council direct staff to sue \$50,171 of the 2022 Surplus to pay out the above listed loans and allocate the remaining Surplus of \$308,873 to reserves.

Carried

## **4. Resolution Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic**

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

**WHEREAS** the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

**WHEREAS** every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and  
**WHEREAS** on any given night in Canada, over 6,000 women and children sleep in shelters because it is not safe for them at home; and

**WHEREAS** each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence, about 12% of all violent crime in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the majority of victims of spousal abuse are female, accounting for 83% of all victims; and

**WHEREAS** one in five women experience some form of abuse in their intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide; in Renfrew County, 2 women have been killed by men since December 2022; and

WHEREAS the cost of violence against women costs the national justice system, social assistance budgets and municipal budgets millions of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence in our communities and therefore are in a position to offer insights on the needs and possible directions for provincial and federal funding; and

WHEREAS a pebble mosaic was unveiled in Eganville at Centennial Park to honour Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley recognizes the issues of violence against women in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley recognizes the Inquest as important to all rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our community and based on the statistics of 4,815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council for the Township of Bonnechere Valley declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the jury recommendations.

Carried

## **5. Resolution to Support National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

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

**THAT:** Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas the safety of our paramedics and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre; and,

Whereas Ambulance Communications Officers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency fire and paramedics services; and,

Whereas Ambulance Communications Officers are the single vital link for our paramedics and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

Whereas Ambulance Communications Officers of the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre have contributed substantially to the suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas each Ambulance Communications Officer has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of Bonnechere Valley Township declares the week of April 9 through 15, 2023, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the Township of Bonnechere Valley, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our township and citizens safe.

Carried

**CLOSED SESSION - NONE**

**BY-LAWS**

**23.051 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** John Epps

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2023-017** Being a By-Law to govern the procurement of goods and services;
- (2) By-Law 2023-018** Being a By-Law to authorize the site plan agreement with Delcan;
- (3) By-Law 2023-019** 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**

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

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

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist