

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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** - Addition to the agenda the Homeless Crisis.

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

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

Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from January 5, 2023 Special Council Meeting for approval.

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on January 5, 2023 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

Minutes from February 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

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

**THAT:** The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 7, 2023 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(A) Correspondence "A"**

- (i) County Council Summary – January 2023
- (ii) AMO Communications
- (iii) AMO Watchfile – February 9, 2023
- (iv) AMO Watchfile Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**(B) Correspondence "B"**

- (i) Lake Clear Conservancy Report to MNRF – Camping on Crown Islands on Lake Clear 2022
- (ii) Madawaska Studio Tour – Request for Sponsorship
- (iii) County of Huron – Warden’s Letter Regarding Sponsorship
- (iv) McGrath Road Request
- (v) Library Request for In kind use of Eagles Nest

**(C) Correspondence "C"**

**23.022 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**

**1. Resolution to Donate to the Horticultural Society for Spring Planting**

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

**THAT:** the Council of Township of Bonnechere Valley donate \$1000.00 to the Horticultural Society for their Spring Planting in the Village of Eganville.

Carried

**2. Resolution to Support the Homeless Crisis**

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

**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

**WHEREAS** homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

**WHEREAS** homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

**WHEREAS** municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address their complex challenge; and,

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Bonnechere Valley calls on the Provincial Government to urgently; a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis; b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

**CLOSED SESSION - NONE**

**BY-LAWS**

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

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law 2023-010** Being a By-Law to authorize the permanent closing and purchasing of the shoreline road allowance - Poulin;
- (2) By-Law 2023-011** 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**

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

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

Carried

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Annette Gilchrist