

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 7, 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 purchase and installation of replacement Pipe from Harrington Mechanical Ltd.

23.027 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

23.028 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

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

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

(i) AMO Watchfile – February 23, 2023

(B) Correspondence "B"

(i) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – School Board Elections

(ii) Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh – Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors

(iii) Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh – Ontario School Board Elections

(iv) Township of Dawn-Euphemia – School Board Election Compensation

(v) Niagara Region – Declarations of Emergency of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

(vi) Robert Osborne – Maple Leaf Tax

(vii) Town of Deep River – Ontario School Board Elections

- (viii) Genevieve O’Grady – Lighting Request for National Medical Laboratory Week
- (ix) McIntyre Request for crossing agreement re Brudenell Lyndoch Raglan Severances
- (x) Crossing Agreement approved in principle for 2022 ROW application B213
- (xi) Crossing Agreement approved in principle for 2022 ROW application B214

(C) Correspondence “C”

23.029 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

1. Letter regarding Cannabis Act

23.030 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS: under the current legislative and regulatory framework there is no minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including home and public facilities;

AND WHEREAS odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities include concerns from medical practioners about these impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada to help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities;

AND FURTHER THAT production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual’s medical purposes, be required to confirm with the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada;

AND FURTHER THAT we request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including home and public facilities;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Member of Parliament Provincial Member of Parliament, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Federal Minister of Health.

Carried

2. Resolution to accept Drinking Water Annual Report

23.031 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: The Eganville Drinking Water System 2022 Annual Summary Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Resolution to accept Sewage System Performance Report

23.032 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The Eganville Sewage Water System 2022 Performance Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. Resolution regarding the Dog Pound

23.033 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS the previous Council had instructed staff to explore options with regards to the future of the pound;

AND WHEREAS consultations were held with members of Staff, Council, OSPCA, Dog Behaviorist Christine Walker and Ministry Agencies;

AND WHEREAS the level of service being provided by the Pound without more staff, running water, outside runs, additional lighting and heating has been determined to be unsatisfactory;

AND WHEREAS the OSPCA can provide a better level of service at a lower cost and lower risk to the Township;

AND WHEREAS a detailed report was presented at the February 21st, 2023 meeting outlining the above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is the Township's best interest and therefore the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley chooses to close the Bonnechere Valley Pound, effective April 30th, 2023.

Carried

5. Resolution regarding the purchase and installation of replacement Pipe from Harrington Mechanical Ltd.

23.034 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Brent Patrick

WHEREAS: the Manager of Water and Sewer deems the purchase necessary through a sole source at the lowest obtainable prices as per Part V Section 4 of Procurement By-Law 2019-60;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley approve the purchase and installation of replacement Pipe from Harrington Mechanical Ltd. for \$17,238.00 plus HST.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

BY-LAWS

23.035 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

- (1) By-Law 2023-012** Being a By-Law to Appoint a Fire Chief;
- (2) By-Law 2023-013** 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

**23.036 MOVED BY
SECONDED BY**

Brent Patrick
John Epps

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Jennifer Murphy

CAO Annette Gilchrist