

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers/Municipal Building**

PRESENT MAYOR ZIG MINTHA
COUNCILLOR BOB PELTZER
COUNCILLOR MERV BUCKWALD
COUNCILLOR CAIRINE CYBULSKI
COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE NEITZEL
Marilyn Casselman Deputy Clerk/Planner

Gallery: 0

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Zig Mintha called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – Recited

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA –

- 1) *Update of Library*
- 2) *Rental of Office Space for Doctor*
- 3) *Adoption of Roads Needs Study*
- 4) *Building Canada*
- 5) *Farm Tax Rebate*
- 6) *Agricultural Property Tax*

08.037 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald
That: The agenda as presented be hereby accepted. Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST –

- 1) Zig Mintha declared Pecuniary Interest in discussion on Doctor Office Rental

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 13, 2008 regular council meeting for approval

08.038 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel
SECONDED BY Cairine Cybulski
THAT: The minutes of regular council meeting held on February 13th, 2008 as amended be hereby adopted. Carried

DELEGATES - NONE

REPORTS

- (2) Charlotte Neitzel provided an oral report from this afternoon's Public Administration Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

08.039 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski
SECONDED BY Charlotte Neitzel

WHEREAS the access to potable water is essential for the health and well being of society,

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario assumes responsibility for the regulation and oversight of municipal drinking water systems which municipalities are compelled to own and operate,

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario continuously modifies, adapts and changes regulations without regard to cost or the ability of the users of the system to financially support said changes,

AND WHEREAS the users of the system could realize substantial cost savings by combining the operation of all municipal systems with the Province into a single corporate entity,

NOW therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley requests that the Province of Ontario assume ownership of all municipal drinking water systems within the Province.

AND FURTHER that the Province assume responsibility for the operation of all municipal drinking water systems subject to its regulations and oversight,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all municipalities within the Province of Ontario with a request that they pass a similar resolution for submission to Premier Dalton McGuinty, the Association of Ontario Municipalities and both the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of the Environment.

08.040 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski

Seconded by Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario moved from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to a 75% reduction in the Agricultural property tax rate reduction program in 1998, at a cost in excess of 100 million dollars annually to the municipalities of the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Province agreed to maintain municipal agriculture property tax revenue when they moved from the rebate program to the reduced tax rate program;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have not received equivalent agricultural property tax revenue compensation from the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS this failure of the Province of Ontario to provide equivalent compensation has negatively impacted the financial position of all municipalities in Ontario with an agricultural tax base, at the above noted cost in excess of 100 million dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to provide compensating revenue to the municipalities of Ontario that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the agricultural property tax rate reduction program. Carried

08.041 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel

SECONDED BY Cairine Cybulski

THAT: Correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Zig Mintha declared interest and left room
Deputy Mayor Merv Buckwald assumes the role of chair

08.042 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer

SECONDED BY Cairine Cybulski

THAT We thank the landlord of the office formerly occupied by Dr Brian Good, for allowing us to rent the space in hopes of attracting a new doctor to our community. However, due to our lack of success in recruiting a physician in a timely manner and the absence of hop that a physician could be recruited in the near future, we no longer need to rent the office. Therefore, we instruct the CAO to communicate with the landlord our intent to discontinue our extension of the lease effective at the end of the 29th day of February 2008. Carried

Mayor Zig Mintha returned to chambers and assumed role of chair

08.043 MOVED BY Bob Peltzer
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Council adopt the Road Needs Study and equipment Replacement Schedule as proposed by MacIntosh and Perry and modified by staff. Carried

BY-LAWS

08.044 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel
SECONDED BY Carine Cybulski

THAT: By-Law 2008-22 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

ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION –(FEBRUARY)

08.045 MOVED BY Charlotte Neitzel
SECONDED BY Cairine Cybulski

THAT: The Accounts for the month of February in the amount of \$301,749.35 be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch. Carried

MEDIA SESSION (NONE)

CLOSED SESSION – ()

ADJOURNMENT

08.046 MOVED BY Cairine Cybulski
SECONDED BY Charlotte Neitzel

THAT: This Council meeting be hereby concluded at 8.17 p.m.

Carried



Mayor Zig Mintha



Bryan Martin, C.A.O.