

THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers/Municipal Building

**PRESENT** MAYOR ZIG MINTHA  
DEPUTY MAYOR Mervin Buckwald  
COUNCILLOR Charlotte Neitzel  
COUNCILLOR Bob Peltzer  
COUNCILLOR Cairine Cybulski

**Absent:**

**Gallery:** 9

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

**PRAYER** – Recited

**ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA** –

- 1) Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery report
- 2) Closed session
- 3) Health
- 4) Wind Power

**08.214 MOVED BY** Mervin Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Bob Peltzer

**That:** The agenda as amended be hereby accepted. Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST** – none

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from September 16, 2008 meeting for approval

**08.215 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Mervin Buckwald

**THAT:** The minutes of regular council meeting held on September 16, 2008 as presented be hereby adopted. Carried

**DELEGATES** - Jim Killeen attended to speak to council regarding his concerns regarding cell phone towers

**REPORTS** Bob Peltzer provided an oral report from this afternoons Public Works committee meeting.

**08.216 MOVED BY** Cairine Cybulski  
**SECONDED BY** Mervin Buckwald

**WHEREAS** the Province is initiating a modified version of the existing property assessment program in 2009 for the purpose of assessing residential, commercial and industrial properties in the province and;  
**WHEREAS** it has been demonstrated that a system of property assessment that sets the value of the property at the time of sale, annually adjusted for the Cost of Living, is much more fair to residents of Ontario than the current system and;  
**WHEREAS** the current system of assessment is driven by market rates which is inherently inequitable, particularly in communities with significant waterfront property and;

**WHEREAS** the current system of assessment unfairly targets waterfront properties with disproportionate assessments and;  
**WHEREAS** property assessment increases of 40 to 70 percent unfairly impact on seniors, fixed & low income persons and persons less able to absorb such increases and;  
**WHEREAS** the current system unfairly places a burden on individuals by not enabling them to anticipate huge increases in assessment and;  
**WHEREAS** the current assessment system rewards owners who don't maintain their properties and;  
**WHEREAS** the procedures used for assessment of commercial properties does not consider the amount of investment in the enterprise, particularly where the business does not have any buildings associated with it and;  
**WHEREAS** the assessment process does not enable MPAC to properly assess unusual business ventures, such as motor sport race tracks, and;  
**WHEREAS** the current system of assessment for commercial properties does not take into consideration the business impact on the infrastructure of the municipality, thereby unfairly transferring costs to residential taxpayers and;  
**WHEREAS** the current system of assessment is 6 to 8 months behind on new properties being added to the assessment roles and;  
**WHEREAS** MPAC continually seems to be reducing staff in regional offices in favour of placing emphasis on head office operations and;  
**WHEREAS** the complex system of property assessment currently used in Ontario promotes a huge organization of staff costing approximately \$150 million annually which could be better utilized to address infrastructure issues faced by all municipalities, property owners and the province and;  
**WHEREAS** the present system of assessment results in redistributing of taxes rather than a sound basis for all taxpayers to share fairly in taxes or tax increases (that is tax payer receive significant increases while others have their taxes reduced);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Township of Bonnechere Valley petitions the Province of Ontario to review the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation operations regarding service to the residents of Ontario and further,  
That the Township of Bonnechere Valley petitions the Province of Ontario to review the property assessment model with a view to implementing a system that sets the value of the property at the time of sale, then fixes the price, with annual COLA adjustments until the next sale of the property and further;  
That this resolution be circulated to all MPP's, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Municipal Finance Officer's Association, the County of Renfrew, all Renfrew County Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support and further;

That all municipalities discussing this resolution inform us of their support.  
Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed.

**08.216 MOVED BY** Charlotte Neitzel  
**SECONDED BY** Bob Peltzer

**THAT:** Correspondence be filed. Carried

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) OWWRC – Cairine Cybulskiprovided an update to council on the Recovery Center.

2) Health – Mervin Buckwald provided an update on doctor recruitment.

- 3) Wind Power – Bob presented a letter to council that he would like sent out to all wind companies considering development in Bonnechere Valley Township

**BY-LAWS**

**08.218 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Cairine Cyulski

**THAT:** By-Law 2008-87 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

**08.219 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT** the following By-Laws be enacted and passed:

- (1) By-Law 2008-89 Being a By-law to stop up, close and convey 66 feet road allowance to Earl and Linda Brydges
- (2) By-Law 2008-90 being a by-law to execute an agreement with Stewardship Ontario
- (3) By-Law 2008-91 being a by-law to enter into a shoreline lease agreement with Joshua and Annette Richards

**ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION** –(August)

**08.220 MOVED BY** Cairine Cybulski  
**SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

**THAT:** The Accounts for the month of September in the amount of \$ 661,816.75 be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch.  
Carried

**MEDIA SESSION** none

**CLOSED SESSION** – (1)

Bob Peltzer, as a matter of fairness, left council chambers prior to discussion regarding the fire department. Dan Korseil, Office of the Fire Marshalls attended to assist in deliberations.

**08.221 MOVED BY** Charlotte Netzel  
**SECONDED BY** Cairine Cybulski

**THAT:** Council proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c.25, section 239.2 to deal with a matter as indicated below:  
(d) labour relations or employee negotiations  
Carried

**08.222 MOVED BY** Charlotte Netzel  
**SECONDED BY** Cairine Cybulski


**THAT** Council come out of Closed Session  
Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

**08. 223 MOVED BY**  
**SECONDED BY**

**THAT:** This Council meeting be hereby concluded at 9:50 p.m. Carried

  
Mayor Zig Mirfha

  
Bryan Martin, C.A.O.