



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

**THAT:** Bonnechere Valley Township Council direct our Facilities Manager to purchase a replacement Ice Machine:

The Olympia Millennium Ice Resurfacer (Side Dump) at a base price of \$72,225. Plus the additional equipment required, as submitted in the Quote from Olympia of Elmira Ontario, dated September 22, 2008. PST and GST are not included in the quoted price. Carried

CAO Bryan Martin provided the annual Declaration of Remuneration and Expenses for Council for 2008.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed.

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

**THAT:** Correspondence be filed.

Carried

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Cairine Cybulski provided an updated to council on the Bonnechere Youth Group.

Cairine Cybulski provided an update to council on Senior Needs

Cairine Cybulski provided information to council on tourism promoting snowmobiling within the County

Cairine Cybulski provided an update to council from the broadband steering committee.

Cairine Cybulski discussed private road agreements with council for existing roads bring forward to next public works committee agenda

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

**THAT:**

**PREAMBLE:**

With wind energy development being given a high priority by governments around the world we have experienced an exponential growth in the number of turbines being sited on a variety of land use classes. It has always been assumed that the wind turbines are a benign use and can be sited relatively close to residences and adjoining properties. However, as the number of turbine sites have increased, so too have the number of concerns raised by people who live in close proximity to them.

The size of wind turbines has grown as designs and technology improve our ability to develop more power from each turbine site. Setback guidelines that seemed reasonable a few years ago now are being questioned. Additionally, there are an increasing number of anecdotal reports of people experiencing health problems attributed by them to their proximity to wind turbines. There is some medical evidence that appears to suggest that these symptoms are more than psychosomatic. Additionally, there are concerns about declining property values and loss of tourism and other economic development values once large wind turbines are sited close to non-participating properties.

Across Ontario municipal councils are struggling to deal with these issues on a project by project basis. While environmental and other studies are part of this process, many municipalities find themselves lacking important information necessary to answer the concerns of a significant number of their citizens.

Studies and peer reviews seem to be inadequate to address a number of the issues that most concern those living closest to the proposed turbine sites. Wind developers and the participating property owners who hope to host turbine sites find the process of siting turbines to be overly controversial and often delayed as municipal councils struggle to answer these concerns without having enough scientific information to provide concerned citizens with the assurances they need. As a result, decisions are often made out of political necessity instead of being based upon well researched and impartial study. This is not a desirable outcome for either side of this issue.

There is a need for more study and information from a source that all sides of this issue can trust. Those questioning turbine locations often distrust studies commissioned by wind energy companies. Wind supporters distrust information brought forward by those opposed. Emotional arguments and half-truths cloud the process. Municipal councils find themselves caught in the middle and often unable to craft solutions which are fair to all parties. Somehow the truth must emerge from an independent source which we all can trust.

**For these reasons we, the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, put forward the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the production of energy from industrial wind turbines is an initiative generally supported by the public and governments through tax and other monetary incentives; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are being considered in areas which normally do not allow the intermingling of industrial and other land usages; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are expensive investments and by their nature, difficult to relocate should unforeseen problems develop; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects, once commissioned, are subject to site control at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, the local level of government finds it difficult to determine the validity of the health, economic and other concerns in a way that is trusted and fair to all citizens of their community;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Province of Ontario be requested to direct the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Economic Development and Ministry of Tourism to review new medical, economic and environmental information relating to industrial wind turbine development and undertake any additional studies or reviews necessary to create realistic guidelines to assure the health and economic well being of those living in proximity to industrial wind turbine developments.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should it be deemed necessary to allow time for such information to be gathered, studies to be undertaken and guidelines prepared, the province is requested to consider delaying any projects currently being considered in order that decisions be made from as an informed basis as reasonable possible.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we respectfully request the Province of Ontario provide the people of Ontario with reasonable assurances that government guidelines and regulations for the wind power generation industry are the result of well researched, unbiased studies and can be relied upon to properly locate these developments in their communities without fear of adverse effect on their health or way of life.

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health, Minister of Economic Development, Minister of

Tourism, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all municipalities in Ontario,  
John Yakabuski, MPP and Cheryl Gallant, MP. **NOT CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

**09.024 MOVED BY** Bob Peltzer  
**SECONDED BY** Cairine Cybulski

**THAT:** By-Law 2009-002 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**

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

**THAT:**

- (1) By-Law No 2009-003 Interim Borrowing By-Law
- (2) By-Law No 2009-004 Amend Zoning By-Law- Jack & Lian Kitts, Buelow Road
- (3) By-Law No 2009-005 Amend Zoning By-Law – Meganlie, Village of Eganville
- (4) By-Law No 2009-006 Amend Zoning By-Law – AIM geographic twp grattan
- (5) By-Law No 2009-007 Private Roads Agreement – Morley Kosmack
- (6) By-Law No 2009-008 Borrowing By-Law – Rescue Van

be read a first time, be deemed read a second time, be deemed read a third time  
and passed. **Carried**

**ACCOUNTS RESOLUTION** – (December) (January)

**09.026 MOVED BY** Charlotte Neitzel  
**SECONDED BY** Cairine Cybulski

**THAT:** The Accounts for the month of December in the amount of \$138,416.68  
and the Accounts for the month of January in the amount of \$90,799.47  
be paid from the Bank of Montreal Eganville Branch. **Carried**

**MEDIA SESSION** - none

**CLOSED SESSION** – ()

**ADJOURNMENT**

**09.029 MOVED BY** Cairine Cybulski  
**SECONDED BY** Charlotte Neitzel

**THAT:** This Council meeting be hereby concluded at 9:40 p.m. **Carried**

  
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Mayor Zig Mintha

  
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Bryan Martin, C.A.O.