

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY**

**BY-LAW NO. 2015-040**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO SET RATES FOR REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES  
FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHEN ON MUNICIPAL BUSINESS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley deems it necessary to set rates for remuneration and expenses for members of Council when on municipal business;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Sections 283(1), provides that a municipality may pay any part of the remuneration and expenses of the members of any local board of the municipality and of the officers and employees of the local board;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Sections 283(5), provides that one-third of the remuneration paid to the elected members of the council and its local boards may be deemed as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members of the council or local board.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is enacted as follows:

**THAT** the annual remuneration for Mayor be \$10,500.00 paid out in monthly installments. (\$875/month)

**THAT** the annual remuneration for Councillors be \$6696.00 paid out in monthly installments. (\$558/month)

**THAT** an additional per diem rate for meetings for both Mayor and Councillors be \$103.00 for 1/2 day or evening meeting less than 4 hours in length and \$175.00 for full day meeting or a meeting lasting more than 4 hours.

**THAT** the Province through the Municipal Act Section 283(1) permits a 1/3 Tax Free Allowance for elected official compensation. Provided the Municipal elected positions remain "part time" in Bonnechere Valley Township, the 1/3 Tax Free Allowance should be applied to councillor remuneration.

**THAT** Bonnechere Valley Township Council ensure proper maintenance of the Councillor remuneration model by each year providing an annual increase to the base compensation using either a 12 month annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase or the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that was provided to non union staff, AND THAT and CPI or COLA adjustment be effective October 1 of each year.

**THAT** expenses be paid to Councillors as follows:

When on municipal business authorized by Council, members of Council shall be entitled to:

Expenses per day for in-county meetings shall be actual expenses, plus a meal allowance to a maximum of \$50.00. (Original or photocopy of receipts must be provided for all expenses incurred for municipal business, to be attached to the expense claim report.)

Expenses per day for out of county meetings shall be actual expenses, plus a meal allowance to a maximum of \$75.00. (Original or photocopy of receipts must be provided for all expenses incurred for municipal business, to be attached to the expense claim report.)

Bonnechere Valley Township continue to use the existing federal mileage rates and that Bonnechere Valley Township adjust mileage allowance to coincide with any changes that may occur by the Treasury Board Secretariat.

**THAT** each elected official be allocated \$1500 per year in expenses related to conferences and conventions;

**AND THAT** \$3000 per year be allocated to the Mayor. Expenses are inclusive of:

- Expenses actually incurred for accommodations and parking
- A meal allowance of \$50 in county or \$75 for out of county conferences or conventions
- All registration fees
- All mileage consistent with approved mileage per diem

These expenses shall be charged to the General Ledger account called Education Fees.

**THAT** councillors who have obtained prior approval of council may be paid a meeting per diem, mileage and meal allowance for work performed that is not part of regular committee or council meetings. (Examples: Economic Development Committee, Medical Recruitment, Library.)

**THAT** a budget line of \$2500 be maintained to be used for meals for council members when one or more meetings occur over lunch or supper hours.

**THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and remain in force until repealed by council.

**THAT** all previous by-laws related to remuneration of council are hereby rescinded.

READ A FIRST & SECOND TIME THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

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CAO Bryan Martin