#### Municipal Elections 2018

2018 is a year for municipal elections in Bonnechere Valley and across Ontario. You can participate directly in this democratic process by voting and by running for office. Voting is something everyone should choose to do. We make it easy with a ballot that can be mailed in without you having to make a special trip to a polling place on election day. Of course, you are always welcome to come out and vote in person on October 22nd if you prefer. Running for elected office involves more commitment and a willingness to attend meetings and other duties over the next 4 years.

Here are the important dates:

- Nominations Open: Tuesday, May 1st
- Nominations Close: Friday, July 27th, at 2pm
- Election Day: Monday, October 22nd
- Term of Office 4 years starting November 15, 2018
- Mail in ballots ~ No need to wait, you may mark and mail in you ballot as soon as you receive it. It must be mailed in or dropped off at the municipal office before 8pm on Election Day. If you are mailing it in, make sure you do so early enough for it to reach the municipal office before Election Day. Mail in ballots will not be opened and counted until after the polls close on October 22nd.

To be eligible to vote you must:

- Be a resident of Bonnechere Valley Township OR own property here OR be a non -resident tenant of property here OR be the spouse of a non-resident tenant.
- Be a citizen of Canada
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Not be legally prohibited from voting

To run for Mayor, Councillor or School Board Trustee you need to:

- Be eligible to vote for that office
- Submit a complete nomination form including 25 signatures and qualifying information from people eligible to vote for that office
- NOTE: The 25 signature requirement is under review by the Province and will be decided by April 1st.
- Submit a fee of \$100 for municipal councillor or school board trustee or \$200 if running for mayor
- Turn your completed form, fee and other qualifying documents into the township office no later than 2pm on Friday, July 27th.

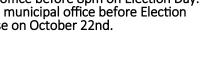
When you file your nomination papers you will be given information on running for the office you are seeking as well as a spending limit for your campaign. You can also obtain this information before filing by asking for it at the township office.

Since we have a referendum question this year, there will be a ballot in all wards. However, if only one candidate has filed proper nomination papers for your ward by the July 27th deadline that person may be acclaimed to that office once the election's officer certifies that they have met all nomination criteria.

#### Reducing the Cell and Broadband Gaps

The Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network presented their shovel-ready proposal for reducing the Cell and Broadband gaps and capacity issues to the Premier of Ontario and many Ministers in the Government, the PC Caucus and the NDP Caucus at the recent ROMA Conference. The cost for this project is approximately \$213 million dollars.

Prior to the presentation, EORN reviewed how including a secure network for our First Responders would fit into this project. A Public Safety Network Band would provide better and secure communication between our Paramedics, Firefighters and Police. If these projects were completed as one, the cost would be approximately \$299 million but would have a savings of over \$47 million if done separately. All Provincial Parties were very interested in the addition of a Public Safety Network Band and how EOWC and EORN were proposing to fund this project. The funding model would require \$94.9 million each from the Provincial Government, the Federal Government and the Cell Telephone carriers and an additional \$14.2 million from the Eastern Ontario Counties and Municipalities.



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#### **Trending At Council**



Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. We start with a committee meeting at 1:30 pm and

this is where most of our discussions take place. All meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. This section is designed to let your know some of the topics that we are or will be discussing. Even if you can not attend a meeting we would love to hear your thoughts. Letters and emails are always circulated to all council members and read. We can do a better job with your help!

#### The Festival of Small Halls:

Bonnechere Valley has submitted an application to the Festival of Small Halls. If chosen as the preferred location we will be hosting professional nights of music right here in our own community.

Tax Installments: Expect to see your tax bill arrive in your mail box around the second week of March. A reminder that your March bill will have two installments due March 29 and May 31, 2018. In August you will receive your final tax bill with installments due August and October 2018.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11th



#### Who you Gonna Call?

While Ghostbusters might be a good choice if you've had a dose of a freaky ghost, calling the right number for your problem or concern can help you find what you need in the fastest way. Here is a short fill in the blank quiz: (answers are below)

- 1. You smell smoke in your house.........
- 2. A strange dog is hanging around your yard.......
- 3. You have a question about a traffic ticket you were given for speeding.......
- 4. You want to get a permit to burn some brush.........
- 5. You have a question about your property taxes........
- 6. There has been an vehicle accident in front of your home......
- 7. You want to talk to a police officer but it not an emergency........
- 8. You or someone needs medical help right away.......
- 9. There is a loud party next door......
- 10. Why was my road not plowed?......
- 11. Someone has parked their car illegally.......
- 12. Someone is speeding in front of my home.......
- 13. Someone is building something that I think they should not be building.....
- 14. I need a copy of my driving record.......



#### Answers:

- 1. 911 and ask for the fire department
- 2. By-law Enforcement 613-281-1001
- 3. It depends upon the question but here are some suggestions: The Law Society Referral Service 1-800-268-8326

OPP Information Line 1-888-310-1122

- Look on the back of the ticket for the proper contact number
- 4. Get one on-line at www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com or call 613-312-7361
- 5. Township Office 613-628-3101
- 6. 911
- 7. OPP Information 1-888-310-1122
- 8. 911 and ask for an ambulance
- 9. By-law Enforcement 613-281-1001 (However, if it is more than just noise you can always choose to call 911 and ask for the police
- 10. The Public Works Department 613-628-3101 Ext. 2855
- 11. By-law Enforcement 613-281-1001 (Again, if it is an emergency and this vehicle may cause you harm, you can always call 911 and ask for the police)
- 12. OPP Information Line 1-888-310-1122 but 911 is also an option if you feel it is an emergency
- 13. Building Inspector 613-628-3101 Ext. 242
- 14. Service Ontario 1-800-267-8097

Remember: If you feel you are in danger or that it is an emergency you should always call 911.



you have an event that you would like promoted on the digital display board outside the municipal office and/or added to the BV's Facebook page and website?

Please sent your event info two weeks in advance to:

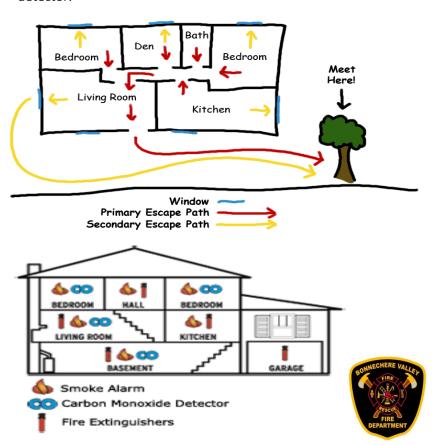
danaj@eganville.com



If you haven't got your tickets...don't worry there is still time! Draw to take place May 26, 2018

#### Are You Prepared For An Emergency?

Does your family have a fire escape plan? If not, please plan ahead if the worst should happen. Ontario Law requires smoke alarms on every story, and outside all sleeping areas. Any home that uses solid fuel burning appliances or has an attached garage, must have a CO detector.



#### Community Champions - Eganville Sno-Drifters Club

The Eganville Sno-Drifters Club has a long history of hosting the Bonnechere Cup. Since 1974 the races have taken place at the Oval Track in Eganville. Some of the greatest names in snowmobiling history have experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat right here in Eganville. Names like Lee, Vandolder, Riemenschnieder, Wahl, Vessair, Schulz, and of course Villeneuve, have all shaped their course of their careers at the Bonnechere Cup.



The Eganville Sno-Drifters Club also has a Vintage Committee who refer to themselves as the Ottawa Valley Old Sledheads. They are one of the oldest established snowmobile clubs in the province of Ontario. They collect, restore, show, race, buy, sell, wheel, deal, wrangle and horsetrade in these unique relics of winters long ago. The Old Sledheads was formed in the fall off 1999.

Even though the Clubhouse itself is not located in Bonnechere Valley but in our neighbouring municipality of North Algona Wilberforce the economic impact that the Eganville Sno-Drifters Club and the Ottawa Valley Old Sledheads have on Bonnechere Valley does not go unnoticed. Eganville has a long and storied snowmobiling history. Eganville continues to grow it's reputation as the snowmobile hub of the Ottawa Valley.

Thank you for all that you do to sustain economic development in our community!!

#### **News Briefs**

Discover Eganville: The Eganville & Area Community Development Group launched their new website to promote Eganville & Area. Check out www.discovereganville.ca.

Water & Sewer Rates: The 2018 Water & Sewer rates have increased by two percent and the budget will reflect the 2018 spending and the impact that it has on the capital deficit.

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Fire Department: The Fire Department is implementing a wellness program directed at the fitness of their members and their well being. Fire fighter Jarrett Steele will be leading this initiative in 2018.

Olympian Melissa Bishop: Congratulations to Melissa Bishop and her husband Osi Nriagu who publicly announced they are expecting their first child in June 2018. Melissa still has her sights set on Tokyo 2020.

Main Street Revitalization Initiative:

Bonnechere Valley is eligible to receive \$39,155 through the Main Street Revitalization Initiative. This is part of a \$26 Million investment by the Province which will support capital improvements in small business, and generate strategic public investments in municipal and other public infrastructure that will benefit small businesses within Ontario's main street areas. Funding under the initiative is allocated to municipalities based on population size.

#### Training & Learning Centre FREE lifelong learning for adults offered in Eganville, Barry's Bay & Pikwakanagan

- Basic computer skills including:
  - email & internet
  - word processing
  - excel



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# Calendar of Events

## PUBLIC SKATING

### Free Public Skating at the Eganville Arena

March 4, 6-7:15 pm. Sponsored by Jackie Agnew, BV Councillor Ward 1.

March 9, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by BMO.

March 11, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by St. James Parent Council.

March 12, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Agnew Renovations.

March 13, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Eganville.

March 14, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church.

March 15, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Thomson's Heating.

March 16, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church.

March 18, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the Eganville Mudder.

March 25, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by Meredith Jamieson, BV Councillor Ward 4.



**Low Mobility Exercise Classes:** \*NEW: Every Monday and Friday at 11 am at Golden Lake Community Hall (Hwy 60) and at the Seniors Centre. No cost.

**Reiki Therapy Treatments:** Twice Monthly, 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm, at the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$5 and must register in advance.

Memory Café Dementia Support Caregiver or Client: March 7, April 11, May 9, 2018at 1:30 am. Free to attend.

**Bid Euchre:** March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 7, 2018 at the Seniors Centre. Starts at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5 pp.

Dance of Universal Peace: March 11, April 15, May 20, 2018 at the Seniors Centre. Starts at 2 pm. Nominal Fee to attend.

**Toy Bus:** March 28, April 25, May 30, 2018at the Seniors Centre from 10 am to noon. Free to participate.



Programs run at 2 pm daily, except Monday (bring a dish and share lunch at 12 PM). Some registration required. Please call 613-628-2400 or email bee@bonnechereupl.com



Bonnechere Bridal Show: Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 1-5 pm at the Eganville Legion. Lots of local vendors. Fashion show by Crazy Beautiful Dresses. Free admission, door prizes and more.



Adult Pickleball: Tuesday March 6, 20 & 27, 2018 from 7 pm to 9 pm at EDPS school.

**Blood Donor Clinic:** Monday, March 12, 2018 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Eganville Legion.

Irish Stew Luncheon Fundraiser: March 16, 2018, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Senior Centre.

Ways & Means St. Patrick's Day Party: March 11, 2018 from 2 pm - 6 pm at the Eganville Legion. Cost is \$7/person. Music by the Nelson Towns Band.

Eganville Curling Centre Trivia Night: March 16, 2018, 7:30 pm at the Curling Centre. \$60 per team. Max 6 people per team. Limit of 12 teams; general knowledge. Refreshments To register call Gerald Priestley, 613.628.1836.

Tour of Ireland: March 17, 2018 at the Eganville Legion Clubroom.

Presentation with Music by Jim

Beattie, 2:30 pm-5 pm. Stew at 5
pm - \$5, Dance at 7 pm, music by Nelson Towns.

**Eganville & Area Horticultural Society Trivia Night:** March 19, 2018, 7 pm at the Eganville Legion. Hosted by Baxter Topham-Pitt, the Temperate Garden. Fun evening of laughs, prizes and surprises.

**Adult Craft:** Make your own Lip Balm on March 21, 2018, 2 pm at the Library. Call to register. Limited space.



**Adult Pickleball:** April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2018 from 7 pm - 9 pm at EDPS school.

**Poetry Slam:** April 5, 2018, 6 pm at the Library. Celebrate Poetry Month by participating in a poetry slam, or be part of the crowd. BUPL give you 5 minutes, a microphone, and the crowd decides the winner! Prizes for everyone. Open to all.

**Smart-Care Clothing:** April 13, 2018 at the Seniors Centre from 11 am to 3 pm. Pay for what you purchase.

World Scrabble: Day: April 13, 2018, All day (10 am-6 pm). Try your hand at a game of scrabble, or add a word to the Eganville vs BUPL Staff Board! Can you one-up a librarian?

### CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONS! www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com

Youth Dance: April 13, 2018 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion. For grades 5-8. Music by DJ Shanon. Cost: \$5 pp.

Horticultural Society Meeting: April 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Legion. Guest: Jennifer Doubt from Ottawa's Museum of Nature will discuss Bonnechere Bryophytes.

REEL Canada's National Canadian Film Day Double Feature: April 18, 2018. Be part of the BIGGEST film festival in history, at the library. This year's double feature includes Breadwinner (PG-13) and the other film TBA.

**Fundraiser Luncheon:** April 20, 2018 at the Seniors Centre from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Menu not set and price not established.

PA Day Film: April 27, 2018. Hot off the shelf! Join the Library for popcorn and a screening of Coco. Free and open to all!

An Evening with Elvis: April 28, 2018, Eganville Legion. Featuring Norm Ackland Jr. Doors open, 7 pm; Show starts, 8 pm. Cost is \$20, with luncheon. Tickets call 613.570.1884 or 613.281.4325.



Bonnechere Union Public Library Fundraiser "Cinco de Mayo": May 5, 2018, 5:30 pm at the Eagle's Nest. Early bird tickets are \$40 and after April 24th is \$45. Purchase your tickets at the Library.

**Red Hot Mama Entertainment:** May 9, 2018 at the Seniors Centre at 1:30 pm. No cost.

**Youth Dance:** May 11, 2018 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion. For grades 5-8. Music by DJ Shanon. Cost: \$5 pp.

Mother's Day Craft: May 12, 2018 at the Library. Drop-in to BUPL and make a beautiful craft in honour of Mum! Free and open to all.

Plant & Bake Sale: May 19, 2018, 8:30 am at the Seniors Centre.

Eganville Curling Club Fundraising Brunch: May 20, 2018 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at the Curling Club. Adults \$10, under 12 \$5, under 6 free.

**Eganville Mudder:** The 6th Annual event will take place on May 26 at the Sno-Drifters Club.