

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY May 5, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Tracey Sanderson
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor John Epps
Councillor Meredith Caplan Jamieson
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS

None

GALLERY

None

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:

None

26.59 MOVED BY

Tracey Sanderson

SECONDED BY

John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

26.60 MOVED BY

Merv Buckwald

SECONDED BY

John Epps

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2026 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile April 16
2. AMO Watchfile April 23
3. AMO Watchfile April 29
4. AMO Watchfile April 30
5. AMO Policy April 28
6. County Council Summary April 2026
7. EORN Renfrew County April 2026
8. FCM Communique April 27
9. FCM Communique April 29
10. ROMA Update April 14
11. Municipal Inspection Program Improvements Memo - April 28 2026

Correspondence "B"

- 1. Letter Regarding Special Economic Zone -Northern Ontario municipalities
- 2. Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Resolution
- 3. Resolution Support 'Circular Materials Ontario'

Correspondence "C"

- 1. TOL Resolution re Heritage Properties

26.61 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9.1 Cheque Register and Board Reports

- 9.2 Resolution to approve Financial Statements

26.62 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan-Jamieson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: The 2025 Financial Statements and the 2025 Financial Information Return from MacKillican & Associates be approved as presented.

Carried

- 9.3 Resolution to approve unfunded budget amounts

26.63 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan-Jamieson

WHEREAS for 2026 budget purposes, as per Ontario Regulation 284/09, a municipality may exclude from the budget, amortization expenses pertaining to tangible capital assets; post-employment benefit expenses and asset retirement obligations;

AND WHEREAS Council chose not to include amortization costs, post-employment benefit expenses for payout in a future year and unfunded asset retirement obligation;

AND WHEREAS a report must be presented to Council providing the 2026 impact of the excluded expenses from the budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the following as excluded items from the 2026 Budget:

Amortization	\$1,982,467
Employee future benefit costs	\$ 126,757
Unfunded asset retirement obligation	\$3,436,404

Carried

9.4 Resolution to approve Tender for Winter Sand

26.64 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: Tender BV2026-02 for the Supply, Hauling & Stockpiling of Winter Sand be awarded to R.J. Selle Sand & Gravel Ltd in the amount of \$88,205.00 plus HST.

Carried

9.5 Resolution to approve Tender for Gravel

26.65 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan-Jamieson

THAT: Tender BV2026-01 for the Supply & Placement of Maintenance Gravel be awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Inc in the amount of \$96,444.48 plus HST.

Carried

9.6 Resolution to approve CIP application

26.66 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan-Jamieson

THAT: the application for Community Improvement Funding be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT upon inspection by the CBO following the completion of the improvements an amount up to \$1,500 be paid to Papa Rons Discount Store.

AND FURTHER THAT this application and approval be forwarded to the County of Renfrew to request matching HYPE funding for this project.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

26.67 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT:

By-Law 2026-028 Being a By-Law to Permit Long Term Borrowing for a Fire Truck

By-Law 2026-029 Being a By-Law to adopt the 2026 budget

By-Law 2026-030 Being a By-Law to the tax rates for 2026

By-Law 2026-031 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a lease with the Sebastopol Heritage Society

By-Law 2026-032 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

ADJOURNMENT

26.68 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan-Jamieson

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Carried

Jennifer Murphy

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk