

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM
CONFERRING**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

None

GALLERY

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CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair, Tracey Sanderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY John Epps

That: The agenda be accepted, as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

That: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on May 19, 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

Water & Sewer Department

Daryl Verch, Water & Sewer Manager, was not present. Report submitted.

- a) The Eganville Drinking Water System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements;
- b) Staff have been doing lots of Ontario One locates for Aecon for the gas line installation and for other sites;
- c) QMS training and preparation for the audit;
- d) NRTCO installed internet at the Water Plant;
- e) Staff started flushing fire hydrants;
- f) Raising water services on Wellington Street South and Bonnechere Street West;
- g) The Eganville Wastewater System continues to operate in full compliance with all requirements as set out in the Certificate of Approval;
- h) John Street was CCTV completely to help with the preparation of the construction tendering;
- i) Dillan Holly wrote his Class 1 in Wastewater Treatment on May 7th.

Water & Sewer Report Received.

Works & Waste Department

Jason Zohr, Works Superintendent was present and gave his report.

- a) Routine Maintenance - Beaver control, patching, ditching, street sweeping and grading continue to be done;
- b) Sand Road Waste Site Closed - The Sand Road & the Ruby Road Waste Site will be closed on July 1st in recognition of Canada Day;
- c) Opening day for the Hazardous Waste Depot was on Saturday, May 16th and the depot had 30 visitors. The following Saturday May 23rd the depot had 61 visitors;
- d) Flag Pulley System - We got a flag pulley system fabricated and installed on the Bridge. This system will help modernize the work associated with the set up and take down of flags, banners and lights on the Bridge. Outcome results are savings of time and money as we will be able to work within our own schedules (not waiting for when equipment is available), and money since we will not need to rent a bucket truck to assist us;
- e) Cavanagh Construction has returned to finish off the Connecting Link project;
- f) Class 6 Roads - During this time of year our seasonal residents ask about the municipality's position for road maintenance on Class 6 roads. The current Bylaw states that the Township of Bonnechere Valley, that Class 5 standards apply to all Class 6 roads under the jurisdiction of the Township.

Committee recommends that we amend the By-Law to add that Class 6 roads are typically defined as seasonal, low-volume (0–50 vehicles per day), or "10-month" roads that are not subject to the standard Minimum Maintenance Standards (O. Reg. 239/02) for snow removal, winter patrol, or year-round access. They are usually gravel, often signed as "seasonally maintained," and maintained at the discretion of the municipality. They are usually gravel, maintained "as needed," and often closed or unmaintained during winter months.

Works Department Report Received.

Building & Fire Department

Darryl Wagner, CBO & Fire Chief, was present and gave his report.

- a) The Department had thirty five calls for service from January to May;
- b) Fire fighter recruitment is ongoing;
- c) The Department has the parents of the Junior Fire Fighter Program join them for a BBQ and they showcased a demonstration on forcible entry;
- d) The second new Freightliner pumper fire truck arrived on May 1st;
- e) Seventeen building permits issued from January to April.

Department & Building Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile May 21
2. AMO Policy May 26
3. FCM Communique May 19
4. FCM Communique May 25
5. May MOH Report to the Board 2026 MTO Correspondence
6. Remediation of Baladlava Dam
7. AMO Watchfile May 28

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Email re Temporary Rentals

2. Motion regarding Rest stops on Hwy 11 and 170
3. Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario
4. Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

(C) Correspondence "C"

B.1 Committee discussed the letter regarding temporary rentals and directed staff to add to the Township website and newsletter a section about recommended rules for temporary rentals education on fire, roads, safety.

B.2 Committee agreed to support the resolution regarding Rest stops on Hwy 11 and 170 and directed staff to bring a support resolution to the June 16 meeting of Council.

B.3 Committee agreed to support the resolution regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario and directed staff to bring a support resolution to the June 16 meeting of Council.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1)** Mayor's Report – Since Mayor Murphy's last report she attended 25 meetings and several events. Some of the highlights are as follows;

On May 6th, County Council had the first meetings of the ad-hoc Transportation Committee and the Climate Action Committee.

The ROMA Board did not meet in May, however there have been several offline conversations about the ALTO highspeed rail line, Bill 9 (the Municipal Accountability Act) and the upcoming AMO Conference.

The EORN Board did not meet in May, however progress continues on the cell gap project.

The Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus met on Friday, May 8th to prepare for Queen's Park Day.

On Sunday May 8th and Monday, May 9th, CAO Craig Kelley and Mayor Murphy went to Toronto for the EOWC Queen's Park Day. The Caucus met with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack, Minister of Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, John Jordon, Premier Doug Ford, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, Michelle Cooper, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, Dave Smith, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Graydon Smith, and several others. At these meetings, one of the highlights was presenting on the possibility of retaining the 1.76 per cent HST.

On Saturday May 16th, Mayor Murphy and Michelle sold tickets for the Duck Races at the Jolly Fryer and in front of the Museum. Mayor Murphy urges everyone to buy tickets!

On May 21st, County staff, Mayor Nicholson and Mayor Murphy had a meeting with Harry Barr about the dolomite mine in Whitewater Region.

On May 25th, Mayor Murphy filed my nomination papers for consideration of a fifth term in the Mayor's seat. It was my honour to be interviewed by the Eganville Leader's youngest journalist in training, Fred Hillyer.

On Tuesday, May 19th, the Mayor cut the ribbon on the new three-plex affordable housing unit on Francis Street in Renfrew.

On Tuesday, May 19th, Mayor Murphy, along with Council and staff, held our rally in support of keeping the Eganville Branch of BMO open. It was a well attended and respectful rally. Subsequently, letters have been forwarded to the appropriate government organizations.

ESTABLISH NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 16, 2026.

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY John Epps

THAT: Committee proceed in Closed Session in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, section 239.2 to deal with the matters as indicated below:
(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual

MOVED BY

Merv Buckwald

THAT: Committee moves out of Closed Session at 2:49 p.m. to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding the Building Permit submitted with incorrect boundaries and approved minutes from May 5, 2026.
Carried

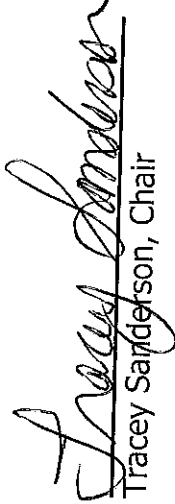
CONCLUSION

MOVED BY

Jennifer Murphy

THAT: The meeting adjourns at 2:50 p.m.

Carried


Tracey Sanderson, Chair


Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk