

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY April 7, 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

26.46 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

26.47 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 24, 2026 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile March 26
2. AMO Watchfile April 2
3. AMO Policy March 26
4. AMO Policy March 31
5. FCM Communique March 10
6. FCM Communique March 23
7. County Council Summary March 2026
8. EOWC March 2026 Newsletter
9. EOWC 2026 Ontario Budget Statement - March 27 2026
10. March MOH Report to the Board 2026
11. New regulations under the Wildland Fire Management Act (WFMA)

Correspondence "B"

1. Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy
2. Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Proposal for \$10M per year for Heritage Helping Housing funding
3. Requesting the Province to consider giving municipal councils authority to adjust Police Service Budget Proposals
4. Prioritization of Safety on HWY 11 17
5. Help Name New County Recreational Trail
6. Request regarding bottle return
7. Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy
8. Resolution regarding Tar and Chip Road Application
9. Resolution re Heritage Properties Deadline Extension

Correspondence "C"

26.48 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

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 support Bill 21 Protect our Food Act 2025

26.49 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Billy Denault, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Rural Ontario Municipal Association."

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

26.50 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT:

By-Law 2026-021 Being a By-Law to adopt an asset management strategic policy

By-Law 2026-022 Being a By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law 2022-042 - Gamblin

By-Law 2026-023 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

26.51 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk