

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

Councillor Merv Buckwald

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

26.100 MOVED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

SECONDED BY

John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended with changes to By-Law 2026-046 and 2026-051.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

26.101 MOVED BY

Tracey Sanderson

SECONDED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

26.102 MOVED BY

John Epps

SECONDED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 29, 2026 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile July 16
2. AMO Watchfile July 30
3. FCM Communique July 13
4. FCM Communique July 23

5. FCM Communique July 27
6. ROMA Communications
7. County Construction Update August 2026
8. Cunningham Swan Municipal Law Brief

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Resolution for Heads and Beds Payment in-lieu of Taxes Program
2. Support Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)
3. Resolution for British Home Children & Child Migrants
4. Email Request for support for Chute Coulonge
5. Email request to approve hydro line on Unopened Road Allowance
6. Eganville Sno-Drifters warm up shack
7. Letter to Premier Ford and Minister McCarthy - Pesticide Use in Public Recreational Spaces
8. MOE - Review of Producer Responsibility Single Use Cannisters-July 2026
9. Renfrew County Victim Services Golf Tournament
10. Request to transfer a portion of the forced McGrath Road to the Township
11. OLT Review - Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning
12. Resolution in Support of Halton Hill's re Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules

(C) Correspondence "C"

26.103 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

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 provincial review of women and children experiencing intimate partner violence

26.104 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley support the resolution passed by the City of Mississauga requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP Billy Denault, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Critics of other Parties.

9.3 Resolution to support Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle
Carried

26.105 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle, as presented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; MPP Billy Denault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; Critics and Leaders of the Opposition.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

26.106 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

By-Law 2026-046 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of the collective agreement with CUPE Local 4524

By-Law 2026-047 Being a By-Law to govern non union officers and staff

By-Law 2026-048 Being a By-Law to authorize a Road Allowance Closure and Sale Drouillard

By-Law 2026-049 Being a By-Law to authorize a Road Allowance Closure and Sale Drouillard

By-Law 2026-050 Being a By-Law to authorize a Road Allowance Closure and Sale Hass

By-Law 2026-051 Being a By-Law for establishing a system for the collection, removal and disposal of garbage and recyclable materials

By-Law 2026-052 Being a By-Law to appoint the members of the Compliance Audit Committee (2026 Election)

By-Law 2026-053 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council

By-Law 2026-044 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

26.107 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Carried

Jennifer Murphy

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk