THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY January 13, 2025, 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

26.01 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended with the addition of Geotechnical, Hydrogeological and Environmental Services Infrastructure Upgrades Project."

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

26.02 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Policy December 15
2. AMO Watchfile December 18
3. AMO Policy December 19
4. AMO Policy December 23
5. AMO Watchfile January 8
6. EORN December 2025
7. EOWC December 2025 Newsletter
8. FCM December 16
9. ROMA December 23

Correspondence "B"

1. Library Board Resignation Notice
2. Barn Quilt Proposal
3. Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
4. Resolution Steel and Softwood Lumber Support
5. Resolution - Elbows Up for Climate Action
6. Removal of HST GST from New Homes
7. Municipal Accountability Act

Correspondence "C"

26.03 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 OCIF Support Resolution

26.04 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);

AND FURTHER THAT

1. The Township calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than $400 million beyond its current five year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Peter Bethlanfalvy Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Carried

9.2 Resolution to authorize signing authorities for GICB agreement

26.05 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the Mayor and CAO be and are hereby authorized to execute the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program agreement for the Eganville Community Arena GHG Reduction and Energy Efficiency Upgrades.

Carried

9.3 Resolution to purchase Condenser / Comp Cooling Loop / IQ Controller

26.06 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley authorizes the purchase of a Condenser / Comp Cooling Loop / IQ Controller from Cimco Refrigeration through Canoe Procurement in the amount of $375,000 plus tax

Carried

9.4 Resolution to purchase PHE /Brine Pump / Pre-Heat Tank

26.07 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley authorizes the purchase of a PHE /Brine Pump / Pre-Heat Tank from Cimco Refrigeration through Canoe Procurement in the amount of $325,000 plus tax

Carried

9.5 Resolution to purchase Geotechnical, Hydrogeological and Environmental Services Infrastructure Upgrades Project

26.08 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

WHEREAS: the Water and Sewer Manager deems the purchase necessary through a sole source as per Part V of Procurement By-Law 2023-017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley approve the geotechnical, hydrogeological and environmental services for the John Street project in the amount of $70,500 plus HST and provisional costs submitted by Gemtec Consulting Engineers and Scientist Limited.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

<u>BY-LAWS</u>

26.09 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps
THAT:

By-Law 2026-001 Being a By-Law to Permit Interim Borrowing
By-Law 2026-002 Being a By-Law to provide for interim tax levies
By-Law 2026-003 Being a By-Law to establish water and sewer rates and charges
By-Law 2026-004 Being a By Law authorizing a Site Plan Agreement with 1001234143 Ontario Inc.
By-Law 2026-005 Being a By-Law authorizing a recreation agreement with North Algona Wilberforce
By-Law 2026-006 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

26.10 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

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

Carried

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk