

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2026, 1:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND VIA ZOOM
CONFERENCING**

PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor Tracey Sanderson
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Meredith Caplan Jamieson
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, John Epps called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The agenda be accepted, as presented with the addition of a closed session item regarding an identifiable individual.
Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Jennifer Murphy

THAT: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on June 2, 2026, be accepted as presented.
Carried

DELEGATIONS None

REPORTS

Recreation & Culture

Kevin McGrath, Manager of Recreation and Culture, was present and gave his report.

- a) CIMCO is making great progress with the condenser and chiller upgrade project at the arena;
- b) Enbridge is sponsoring a board at the arena;
- c) There is a ball hockey birthday party involving the ice surface and lobby on June 20th;
- d) There are two lobby rentals at the arena this month;
- e) Eagle's Nest Hall - There are eight hall rentals this month;
- f) Tourist Information Centre - Garden and grass maintenance continues. Staff are painting the washroom door. The Tourist Centre will be open full time starting on June 27th, 2026. It has been open on weekends since the May long weekend;
- g) Gerald Tracey Park - Garden and grass maintenance continues. Music in the Park begins June 26th. Staff have cleaned up a tree that had come down in the park during the May 29th windstorm. The Canada, Township and Provincial flags have been put up. Staff are painting the bathrooms;

- h) Legion Field - Grass maintenance continues;
- i) Ball and soccer are in full swing;
- j) Cobden Elementary Baseball Tournament is being held on June 9th
- k) The schools and daycare are making use of the Splash Pad;
- l) The Legion Field Canteen opened June 1st
 - Monday – Thursday 6-9 PM
 - Saturday/Sunday – 12 PM – 5 PM
- j) McRae Park - Garden and grass maintenance continues. Staff are painting the washroom door;
- k) Village - Garden and grass maintenance continues. The planter boxes will be placed on the bridge the week of the June 15th. Recreation staff worked with the Works Department to switch the banner on the bridge. The Canada Flags will be put up on the bridge at the end of June. The Welcome to Eganville hill and the cement planters around town have been planted by the Horticultural Society;
- l) Staff weeded the garden bed in Foymount;
- m) Staff placed the buoys out at Wieland Shore and Buelow Beach and whipper snipped around the beach and outhouse.

Recreation Report Received.

Finance

Sandra Barr, Treasurer/Deputy CAO, was present and gave her report.

- a) The June 11, 2026 Provisional Budget Report along with the Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2026 was provided to Committee;
- b) On May 22, 2026 Sandra attended a 1 hour virtual Municipal Finance Officer Association discussion forum for populations under 10,000;
- c) On May 28, 2026 the Township received our third OCIF payment in the amount of \$81,735;
- d) Completed entry of all 2025 capital adjustments into the new Citywide software. Currently balancing the 2025 depreciation in the software and then we will calculate the 2026 depreciation;
- e) From June 7–10, 2026, Sandra attended the Association of Municipal Clerks and Managers Conference alongside CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist. During the conference, Sandra participated in sessions covering a variety of municipal governance topics, including The State of Municipal Accountability in Ontario 2026, When Harassment Comes from the Community, Municipal Budget Engagement, Strong Mayor Powers, The Politics of Property Tax, and How to Execute Your Asset Management Plan. She also attended several networking events that provided opportunities to connect with municipal professionals from across the province and exchange ideas and best practices;
- f) Processed payroll 1 of 2 for the nineteen volunteer firefighters, in the amount of \$43,016.33.

Finance Report Received

Administration

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk, was present and gave her report.

- a) On June 4th Annette volunteered at registration at the Association of Ontario Road Superintendents Trade Show in Petawawa;
- b) Staff have been actively working on the John Street Tender with our engineers;
- c) The Electric Vehicles all have devices installed now for the rideshare app. The rideshare app should be ready at the end of June. The chargers at the Arena are now installed;
- d) Union Negotiations commence on Wednesday;
- e) The Treasurer and the CAO recently attended the Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers Association where Annette was sworn in as Vice-President. We were able to connect with many municipal colleagues from across the province and hear about legislative updates and best

practices in policy and government operations. Elections were a big part of the programming this year;

- f) Our insurance renewal is ready for approval, and Annette meet with our Broker to review and will report our increase at the meeting on June 16th;
- g) As reported verbally at the June 2 meeting, a draft first response fire agreement with the Douglas Fire Department was reviewed by Adamston/Bromley Protective Services Committee, however they sent the agreement back to staff for further discussion and amendments. Annette Gilchrist did speak with their CAO and Fire Chief at the AORS Trade Show on June 4th and we are working on a time to meet and review so that we can bring something forward to our respective councils;
- h) Energy Reporting – Staff are working on our 2025 energy reporting which is due by July 1st 2026 under O. Reg. 25/23 Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plans under the Electricity Act, 1998;
- i) Canada Day - Community Events confirmed. We will be joined by The Buzzkills again this year at Rotary Beach for live music prior to the Drone Show. Capital Drone Show is working on designing the show with the increase to 100 drones, thank you to CNL. The image suggestions have been narrowed down to fit into the requirements of the show design. Water Street closure has been confirmed with Works Department for 6:00pm-11:30pm on July 1, to facilitate Capital Drone obtaining their flight permit. Radio ads will run on MyFM Renfrew in the week leading up to July 1st. Ad will run in the June 24th edition of The Eganville Leader;
- j) Swim Program – As of June 8th, 90 registrations have been completed. All registrants have been contacted by phone or e-mail to confirm lesson times. Payments have started to come in. Celebrate Swim Day is scheduled for June 20 at Rotary Beach. We will accept new registrations pending availability, process payments and offer swim assessments;
- k) Aqua Fit - Aquafit is going to be offered again this year. Weeks will be music genre themed;
- l) Music in the Park is almost fully booked. Staff are currently looking to fill Friday July 31. Reminders for June performance has gone out;
- m) 25th Celebrations - Hats, frisbees and stickers have been delivered. Ball caps are for sale for \$15.00;
- n) The Amazing Race from 2016 and 2018 is back again and scheduled for August 29;
- o) In partnership with Opeongo Mountain Resort, the Lake Clear Regatta is scheduled for August 22. The Township will promote and plan the activities. Opeongo Mountain Resort will provide the space, parking and some prizes. Ice cream stand will be open;
- p) Eganville and Area Community Development Group - EACDG will be meeting again after July 1 Duck Race;
- q) BV Newsletter - The July/August Newsletter information call was sent Monday, June 1. The newsletters will be mailed before the end of June;
- r) Driftscape - Parks Tour, Business Listings and Point of Interest's have been created. Staff are working on refining the content before publishing to the public. Framework for Heritage Tour is created, waiting on information from Laurel and the Museum to build out the content. Tour function will be utilized for The Amazing Race.

Administrative Report Received.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Correspondence "A"

- 1. AMO Policy June 1
- 2. AMO Watchfile June 4
- 3. AMO Watchfile June 12

4. County Construction Update June 2026
5. County Council Summary May 2026
6. EORN Renfrew County May 2026
7. EOWC June 2026 Newsletter
8. FCM Communique June 1
9. MPAC's Exploratory Work on a New Revenue Management System
10. OPP Annual Report for Upper Ottawa Valley

(B) Correspondence "B"

1. Bill 119 Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026 Notification Letter
2. Support Resolution - Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax
3. Better Regional Governance Act Resolution
4. OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support for traffic calming
5. National Dental Care Day Proclamation-Municipalities-2026
6. Recognizing Hwy17 Infrastructure-Renfrew County
7. Letter regarding BMO Bank of Montreal
8. Resolution for Provincial health care spending
9. Renfrew County Forest Management Plan
10. Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

(C) Correspondence "C"

- B.2 Committee agreed to support the resolution regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax and directed staff to bring a support resolution to the July 14 meeting of Council.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Library Report – Board member Tracey Sanderson updated Committee on the business of the Bonnechere Union Public Library. Circulation in May was good, typical for the time of year, with 1643 checkouts. Circulation of all our museum passes in May was 10, and the Ontario Parks Pass (library has three) circulated twice. Staff welcomed ten new members in May and currently have 1,648 active cardholders. There were 1217 library visits in May. Staff's busiest days were the 6th and 7th, and continue to be primarily Wednesdays and Thursdays;
- (2) KN?WHERE Music Festival at Raven's Knoll - The music festival took place from June 5-7, 2026 in North Algona Wilberforce Township. Some residents in Bonnechere Valley were disturbed by the event citing excessive bass and late-night noise levels disturbing them and the local wildlife. Committee directed staff to write a letter to North Algona Wilberforce Mayor and Council that in future when they are in planning and consulting for any type of festival that could impact Bonnechere Valley residents that we informed and be part of the planning process.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 14, 2026.

MEDIA SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson

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

Carried

MOVED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: Committee moves out of Closed Session at 3:58 p.m. to rise and report that Committee met to receive information and give staff direction regarding the a shoreline road allowance adjacent to Klondike Road and approved minutes from June 2 2026.

Carried

CONCLUSION

MOVED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: the meeting adjourns at 4:00 p.m.

Carried



John Epps, Chair



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk