

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday March 10, 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

26.27 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

26.28 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2026 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Policy
2. AMO Watchfile Feb 19
3. AMO Watchfile Feb 26
4. AMO Watchfile Mar 5
5. County Council Summaries and Budget Highlights
6. FCM Communique Feb 17
7. FCM Communique Feb 23
8. FCM Communique March 4
9. February MOH Report to the Board 2026
10. ROMA February Highlights

Correspondence "B"

1. Provincial Bail Notification Program
2. Affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding
3. ERC Sponsorship Packages 2026-2027
4. Black bear proposal - additional feedback request
5. Request for Road Safety Measures on Fourth Chute Road
6. Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class
7. Strengthening Self-Defense Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario
8. Notice of ZBLA KHR
9. Ottawa Valley Cycling Active Transportation Alliance
10. Municipality of Magnetawan Support Resolution
11. Request from Bradley Law
12. Ontario Veterinary College

Correspondence "C"

26.29 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

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 for Consent to remove Development Agreement

26.30 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: Council approves the consent to release and delete the Development Agreement dated October 1 2010 from Part 6 on Plan 49R-17378;

AND FURTHER THAT: the CAO is hereby authorized to execute the above referenced consent and any documents required to release and delete the Development Agreement from Part 6 on Plan 49R-17378

9.3 Resolution to Support Call to Action for Protection of Children

Carried

26.31 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

AND THAT: Council urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children;

AND FURTHER THAT: copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario, The Prime Minister of Canada, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, MPP Billy Denault, MP Cheryl Gallant, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

9.4 Resolution to Support Steel and Lumber Sectors

26.32 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Township of Naim & Hymans resolution regarding support for the steel and lumber sectors;

AND THAT: Council urges the government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures;

AND THAT: Council calls on the government of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders including municipalities and major employers to support long-term industry growth;

AND FURTHER THAT: copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Billy Denault, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

9.5 Resolution to support Re-Nature Request

26.33 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS, The Township of Bonnechere Valley has the following interest: Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments; and

WHEREAS, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the "Growing Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Schoolyard Canopies with Re-Nature" program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools with the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of Bonnechere Valley acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for the "Growing Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Schoolyard Canopies with Re-Nature" program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, in partnership with The Township of Bonnechere Valley.

AND FURTHER THAT Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

26.34 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

By-Law 2026-017 Being a By-Law to authorize a recreation agreement with Admaston Bromley

By-Law 2026-018 Being a By-Law to authorize a transfer payment agreement for the Health and Safety Water Stream

By-Law 2026-019 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council

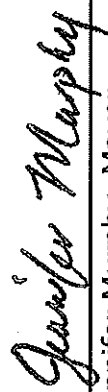
BE READ A FIRST TIME, BE DEEMED READ A SECOND TIME, BE DEEMED READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

26.35 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk