

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY August 12, 2025 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor John Epps
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS Councillor Brent Patrick

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

25.109 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.110 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 15, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Watchfile July 17
2. AMO Policy July 18
3. AMO Watchfile July 24
4. AMO Watchfile July 31
5. AMO Watchfile Aug 7
6. County-Construction-Update---August-2025
7. EOWC July Newsletter
8. EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update July 2025
9. ROMA Communications

Correspondence "B"

1. Opposition to Bill 17
2. Opposition to Battery Energy Storage System Facility
3. Blue Box Producers Responsibility Resolution re: Non-Eligible Sources
4. Support for AGFO Soil Report Recommendations
5. Opposition to the Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers
6. Opposing the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at ALTMA
7. Letter of Support Bill C-2
8. Neighbouring Township Notice to Public Bodies
9. Support for Elect Respect
10. Petition - Verch Road
11. Follow up to Proposals for challenges facing small rural and northern communities
12. Resolution regarding Procurement and Advocacy of Trade Agreement Exemptions
13. Request to close and purchase a portion of road allowance

Correspondence "C"

25.111 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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 Report

9.2 Resolution to support Canadian Veterans brought forward from July Committee Meeting

25.112 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

Whereas Council received a resolution regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans calling on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program and urging Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Bonnechere Valley does hereby support these recommendations; and

Further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Algonquin, Renfrew, Pembroke, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and The Association of Municipalities (AMO)

Carried

9.3 Resolution to approve Hwy 60 Tender

25.113 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: Tender BV2025-07 be awarded to Cavanagh Construction for a total of \$1,667,000.00 plus HST \$216,710.00 for a total of \$1,883,710.00;

Carried

9.4 Resolution to approve sole source purchase of garbage truck

25.114 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS: the Public Works Superintendent 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 Township purchase the 2024 Freightliner from BTR Truck Rentals in the amount of \$256,000 plus HST

Carried

9.5 Resolution to approve purchase of Electric Vehicles

25.115 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the Township award tender 2025-06 and purchase three 2026 Chevrolet Equinox from Mack MacKenzie Motors in the amount of \$158,389.50 plus HST.

AND FURTHER THAT the purchase is funded 80% by the RTSF and the 20% portion is being funded equally between the 3 participating municipalities.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

25.116 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: By-Law 2025-036 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a lease with the West Champlain Family Health Team

By-Law 2025-037 Being a By-Law to adopt a policy for the maintenance of retaining wall structures

By-Law 2025-038 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.

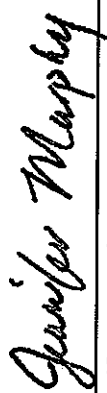
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

25.117 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk