

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2025 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor John Epps
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Brent Patrick
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS Councillor Tracey Sanderson

GALLERY None

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

REPORTS

Options:

1. Subcontract from Millers for Recycling and Purchase New Truck – Increase Annual Cost \$913
2. Millers does Waste Collection and Recycling – Increase Annual Cost \$48,301
3. Millers only does Recycling Collection - Increase Annual Cost \$4833 - \$27,833 (\$54,833 by 2027 when the need for a new truck will be urgent)

Recommendation:

Option 1

If Council decides to continue providing waste collection then a new truck is required and the recommendation would be to purchase a truck that will arrive by January 2026. This new truck would be paid for using revenue from a subcontract with Millers Waste to continue recycling collection for the next 7 years.

Recommendation: To direct staff to further investigate, negotiate and take such actions as necessary such as a deposit or lease until the purchase of the used 2024 Freightliner from Joe Johnson Equipment for an upset limit of \$258,500 plus tax can be approved and report back to Council if a sole source purchase is required under the procurement by-law.

Option 2

If Council decides not to purchase a new truck then recycling collection must be contracted out to Millers Waste. The most cost-effective option in the long run is to then discontinue operating waste and recycling collection services through the Township and contract out the entire service.

Background:

We must transition by January 2026. Millers Waste is the party contracted by the province for our area. Under the regulations trucks must be less than 12 years of age to collect eligible recycling. Our truck is a 2007. Our truck has broken down 4 times this year and has cost us \$7,000 in repairs to date. Last year it cost us \$23,000 in repairs. We will need a new truck in the next 2 years.

Staffing has been challenging for all municipalities. Waste employees are no different. Currently we can make it work however we may have to look at a change going forward to our public works structure. We are confident that we can staff these positions even if we need to combine them with Public Works Roads employees by hiring labourer positions to assist us in delivering waste collection services.

The cost of a new rear load Joe Johnson is \$335,000. A used 2024 is \$258,500 from BTR Trucks. A new rear load cobra would be \$321,420 from City View. A rear load employs one driver and 2 sanitation assistants on the back who can complete collection in 5 to 6 hours.

The Cost of a new front load Joe Johnson would be \$650,000. They are generally double the cost of a rear load. A front load will not be able to pick up from Rio, Freshmart and Fifth Chute. A front load employs one driver and 1 sanitation assistant as they have to ride in the passenger seat. Collection will take a little longer with only one sanitation assistant having to get in and out of the truck but the cost would likely be the same with the longer hours and the drivers pay being more than the sanitation assistants.

Our waste sites will not accommodate more bins or a change in style at this time. They would have to be reconfigured. To purchase bins for a front load the cost is approximately \$1200 each x 80 bins or \$96,000 plus the time and money needed for reconfiguration. Our current driver works at the waste sites Saturday and Sunday along with Tuesday and Thursday in the garbage truck. If they were also to work at the depots to empty bins we would need to find someone else to work at the waste site Saturday and Sunday and as already mentioned staffing has been an issue in the past.

Below are the costs and revenue options. The “profit” is eaten up by environmental engineers, ministry fees and waste site grinding and cover activities. Over all our sites and collection operate at a loss and I can include the full costs including the waste depots when we review the options of the depots. These are not as urgent during transition because the collection at the depots is currently contracted out and if we negotiate a subcontract with Millers we would further subcontract to Barrons and it would not include any capital purchases. If we contract the recycling to Millers and waste to Barrons then the contracts just need to be negotiated before January 1, 2026.

Direction was given to staff to proceed with investigations and negotiations and report back.

BY-LAWS

25.100 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: By-Law 2025-034 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.

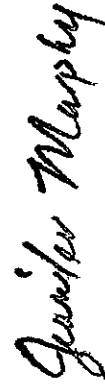
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

25.101 MOVED BY Brent Patrick
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk