

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2025 10:00 A.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

None

GALLERY Frances Browry-O'Malley, Meredith Caplan Jamieson, Kayla Desjardins, William Mark Holman, Kimberly Lehman, Kathleen Lindhorst, Tim Schison, Robert Fisher, Debbi Christink, Alex Lambert.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jennifer Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Statement from the Chair

Mayor Murphy thanked everyone for their dedication to the community in letting their name stand.

A vacancy was declared at the September 2nd Council meeting for one (1) Councillor and Council has determined to fill this vacancy by appointment of applications, in accordance with Section 263 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the policy outlined by the Clerk.

The term of this position is for the duration of the 2022-2026 term of Council, ending November 14, 2026.

A candidate for municipal office must be a qualified municipal elector as set out in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Eighteen (18) years of age of older; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of the Township of Bonnechere Valley, or an owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- Not prohibited from voting under any other Act or disqualified from holding municipal office.

Should these applications be accepted by council the following process will commence.

Each of the Candidates will be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not more than two (2) minutes. The order of speaking will be determined by Lot. The Clerk will place the names of all Candidates in a container and randomly draw the names.

Each member of Council will be permitted two (2) questions to each Candidate.

Upon hearing all the submissions of the Candidates, Council will proceed to vote as follows:

- i. Members of Council will vote by way of public vote as required by the Municipal Act, 2001.
- ii. Candidate names will be displayed in alphabetical order, in the Council Chambers by the Clerk.
- iii. Members of Council will vote for one Candidate only.
- iv. The Clerk will place the names of all Members of Council in a container and randomly draw their names to select the order of the vote.
- v. Members of Council will verbally cast their vote for one (1) Candidate.
- vi. The Clerk will tabulate the results.
- viii. Where the votes cast are equal (one for each of the Candidates) then out of the four Candidates remaining the Clerk will by Lot select one such Candidate to be excluded from the subsequent voting; The Clerk will again tabulate the results.
- ix. If two (2) Candidates remain (each getting 2 votes of Council), the tie will be broken by selecting a Candidate by Lot, as conducted by the Clerk.

Upon conclusion of voting the appointment of the Candidate will be made by by-law.

The Clerk will administer the Declaration of Office required by subsection 232(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

3.2 Candidates Approval Resolution

25.139 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the following individuals, who have declared in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the Council vacancy, be considered by Council for appointment to fill such vacancy.

1. Frances Browry-O'Malley
2. Meredith Caplan Jamieson
3. Kayla Desjardins
4. William Mark Holman
5. Kimberly Lehman
6. Kathleen Lindhorst
7. William MacDonald
8. Tim Schison

Carried

25.140 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the Council approves the request to allow William Mark Holman to go first.

Carried

3.3 Selection of Candidate

25.141 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Jennifer Murphy

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Meredith Caplan Jamieson is hereby appointed as Councillor for the Township of Bonnechere Valley; and

2. That this appointment shall remain in effect for the remainder of the current term of Council, unless otherwise declared vacant in accordance with the Act; and

3.4 Oath of Office

Meredith Caplan Jamieson took the Oath of Office

BY-LAWS

25.142 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT:

By-Law 2025-051 Being a by-law to appoint a Councillor for the Township of Bonnechere Valley

By-Law 2025-052 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 Carried

25.143 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Carried

Jennifer Murphy

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk