

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY November 4, 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 Meredith Caplan Jamieson

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

25.155 MOVED BY

Tracey Sanderson

SECONDED BY

John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.156 MOVED BY

John Epps

SECONDED BY

Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Oct 23 Policy
2. AMO Oct 23 Watchfile
3. AMO Oct 31 Watchfile
4. AMO Policy Oct 28
5. AMO Policy Oct 29
6. FCM Communique Oct 20
7. FCM Communique Oct 24
8. FCM Communique Oct 28
9. FCM Communique Oct 30

- 10. County Council Summary October2025
- 11. Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
- 12. ROMA Update

Correspondence "B"

- 1. Resolution - Municipality of Tweed - Collaboration Action Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario
- 2. Resolution-Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority
- 3. Advocacy for Funding to Address EAB Infestation
- 4. Removing HSTGST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability
- 5. Letter to Min Todd McCarthy from Mayor Roy TOW re Blue Box Collection and Impact to Small Business
- 6. Closure of Before and After School Programs
- 7. Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities
- 8. Rent Protection for Tenants
- 9. Seniors Active Living Fair 2025 BV Letter
- 10. Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution Regarding EG's Opposition to the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025
- 11. Circulation Notice for Site Plan Application

Correspondence "C"

- 25.157 MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson
- 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 Report

- 9.2 Resolution to accept the QMS Management Report as presented

- 25.158 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald
- SECONDED BY** Tracey Sanderson

THAT: The Eganville Drinking Water System QMS Management Review for 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- 9.3 Support Resolution - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

- 25.159 MOVED BY** John Epps
- SECONDED BY** Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026; and

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calling upon the Government of Ontario to

1. Extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. Index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. Establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Billy Denault, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

25.160 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT:

By-Law 2025-055 Being a by-law to amend by-law 2022-042 - 16383076 Canada Inc

By-Law 2025-056 Being a by-law to regulate parking in the Township of Bonnechere Valley

By-Law 2025-057 Being a by-law to adopt road maintenance standards

By-Law 2025-058 Being a by-law to adopt a charitable donations policy

By-Law 2025-059 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

25.161 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

Jennifer Murphy

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk