

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY  
MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY September 2, 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

**25.118 MOVED BY**

Merv Buckwald

**SECONDED BY**

Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

**PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**25.119 MOVED BY**

John Epps

**SECONDED BY**

Merv Buckwald

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

Carried

**25.120 MOVED BY**

John Epps

**SECONDED BY**

Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** The minutes of the Public Meeting held on August 21, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence "A"**

1. AMO Watchfile Aug 14
2. AMO Watchfile Aug 21
3. AMO Watchfile Aug 28
4. AMO Policy Update
5. EOWC Priorities and Partnerships at AMO 2025
6. EOWC Newsletter
7. FCM Communique Aug 26
8. FCM Advocacy Update 2025 budget

## **Correspondence "B"**

1. 2025 Ontario Senior Award Nominations
2. Notice of Motion - Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
3. Algonquin College Media Release-Fall Business Leadership Conference 2025
4. MNR Aggregate Resources Act Changes
5. Resolution for Incineration, Recycling and Sustainable Waste Management
6. Letter to Niagara Region - Human Trafficking Prevention
7. Letter to Support H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign
8. Notification-Letter-Proposed-Carbon-Storage-Regulations-EN-2025-08-13
9. RCRSTF 2026 Sponsorship

## **Correspondence "C"**

**25.121 MOVED BY** John Epps  
**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 Declare Council Seat Vacant

**25.122 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** John Epps

**WHEREAS** the Clerk of the Township of Bonnechere Valley did receive on Tuesday August 12, 2025 a letter of resignation from Councillor Brent Patrick effective August 31, 2025;

**AND WHEREAS** under the Municipal Act, in order to begin the process of filling the vacancies, Council must first meet to declare the seat vacant;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley does hereby acknowledge the letter of resignation submitted to the Clerk and formally declares the seat of one Councillor member vacant.

Carried

## **CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

### **BY-LAWS**

**25.123 MOVED BY** Tracey Sanderson  
**SECONDED BY** John Epps

By-Law 2025-039 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**

**25.124 MOVED BY** Merv Buckwald  
**SECONDED BY** Tracey Sanderson

**THAT:** This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Carried

*Jennifer Murphy*

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

*Annette Gilchrist*

Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk