

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY September 16, 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

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

25.125 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: the agenda be accepted as amended to add the resolution for the filling of the vacant Council seat.

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.126 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. EORN Cell Gap Update Renfrew County August 2025
2. County Council Summary August 2025
3. FCM Communique
4. AMO Policy Update Sept 3
5. AMO Policy Update Sept 11
6. AMO Watchfile Sept 11
7. AMO Watchfile Sept 4
8. County-Construction-Update-September-2025
9. FCM Communique Sept 9
10. Thank you from BUPL and EAHS
11. ROMA Communications

Correspondence "B"

1. Enbridge Consultation and Draft Letter
2. Renfrew County DSB Outdoor Learning Project
3. Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform,2025
4. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards
5. McCauley Mountain Road Request

Correspondence "C"

25.127 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

WHEREAS direction has been given to staff;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence be filed.

Carried

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9.1 Resolution to appoint Council member to the Library Board

25.128 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: Tracey Sanderson be appointed to the Board of Directors for the Bonnechere Union Public Library for a period concurrent with the present term of Council.

Carried

- 9.2 Cheque Register and Board Report

- 9.3 Resolution to Support Renfrew County DSB Outdoor Classroom Project

25.129 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

Whereas the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments.

And Whereas, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board.

Now Therefore Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley acknowledges that The Re-Nature Foundation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board, in partnership with the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

And further that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

Carried

9.4 Resolution to Approve the Method that Council will proceed with to fill the Councillor Vacancy

25.130 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT the Council direct the CAO/Clerk to proceed with Option 3 to fill that vacancy and;

THAT Council approve the procedure as amended/presented for the replacement of the vacant Councillor seat.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

25.131 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT:

By-Law 2025-040 Being a By-Law to authorize a road licensing agreement – Searson

By-Law 2025-041 Being a By-Law to establish fees for the Township of Bonnechere Valley

By-Law 2025-042 Being a By-Law to authorize an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario for Promotion and Education

By-Law 2025-043 Being a By-Law to authorize the closing and sale of a shoreline road allowance – Costello

By-Law 2025-044 Being a By-Law to approve the application to Infrastructure Ontario for Financing of the Garbage Truck

By-Law 2025-045 Being a By-Law to authorize an agreement with Circular Materials for Depot Operations

By-Law 2025-046 Being a By-Law to authorize an agreement with Miller Waste for Collection of Recyclables

By-Law 2025-047 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.

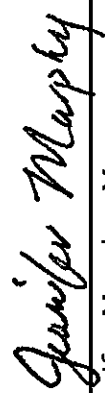
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

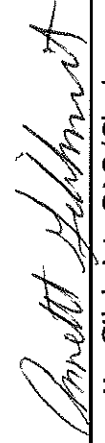
25.132 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk