

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY December 16, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Murphy
Deputy Mayor John Epps
Councillor Merv Buckwald
Councillor Tracey Sanderson
Councillor Meredith Caplan Jamieson
CAO/Clerk Annette Gilchrist
Treasurer/Deputy CAO Sandra Barr

REGRETS

None

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

25.175 MOVED BY

John Epps

SECONDED BY

Merv Buckwald

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.176 MOVED BY

Meredith Caplan Jamieson

SECONDED BY

Tracey Sanderson

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

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

1. AMO Dec 5
2. AMO Dec 11
3. AMO Policy Nov 28
4. AMO Policy Dec 3
5. AMO Policy Dec 5
6. County-Construction-Update-December-2025
7. EOWC Dec 12
8. FCM Dec 2
9. FCM Dec 12
10. Renfrew County November 2025

Correspondence “B”

1. Site Ready Funding Criteria
2. Notification Letter - Streamlined EA Municipal Infrastructure
3. OPA Appeal Acknowledgement Letter
4. Ontario Pre Budget Consultation
5. Professional Activity (P.A) Day on Municipal Election Day School
6. Resolution 2025-382 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Correspondence “C”

1. Opposition to the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025

25.177 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
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 Notice of Motion Curbside Recycling - Non Profits

25.178 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY John Epps

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated producers to be responsible for collecting recycling in the Province; and

Whereas non-profit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1st, 2026; and

Whereas food insecurity is a local, provincial and federal issue; and

Whereas food banks need to receive grocery items that are delivered in cardboard boxes and cartons which generate copious amounts of recyclable material; and

Whereas food banks are volunteer and donation based with no revenue collected to pay for services such as removal of recyclable materials;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley strongly urge the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection as of January 1st, 2026, for non-profit organizations, such as food banks; and

That this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Billy Denault, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Carried

9.3 Resolution for Surplus Equipment

25.179 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS: the equipment described below is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following is hereby declared surplus:

2007 Sterling Tandem Garbage Truck with McNielus Compactor, Model LT7501

2009 Chevrolet Extended Cab 4x4 Truck

AND FURTHER that staff are hereby authorized to do all acts necessary to dispose of the property in accordance with Part 5 Subsection 5 By-Law 2023-17.

Carried

9.4 Resolution Reconfirming Health and Safety Policy

25.180 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT: Council approve the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Health and Safety Policy as presented.

Carried

9.5 Resolution to approve transfer from reserves

25.181 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

WHEREAS: The Council passed a resolution to purchase Citywide Assets & Maintenance on October 21, 2025;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council direct staff to allocate \$47,347 from reserves to the purchase and implementation of this software.

Carried

9.6 Resolution to approve Water and Sewer Budget and Direct Staff to bring back rates

25.182 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson

THAT the 2026 Water & Wastewater Budget be approved as presented;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a by-law for Council consideration to approve and adopt the 2026 Water & Wastewater Rates.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

25.183 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY Tracey Sanderson
THAT:

By-Law 2025-068 Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an MOU for Eganville Dog Park

By-Law 2025-069 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.

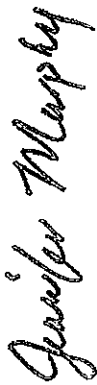
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

25.184 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
SECONDED BY John Epps

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

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk