

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

25.168 MOVED BY John Epps
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.169 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 18, 2025 as presented be hereby adopted.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence "A"

Correspondence "B"

1. Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation
2. Strengthening Self Defense Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario
3. Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support
4. Black Bear Harvest Management in Ontario
5. Curbside Recycling - Non Profits
6. Ottawa Valley Affordable Housing

7. Upholding Women's Rights Leadership and Environmental Health in the Implementation of Ontario Bill 5
8. Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution Regarding EG's Opposition to the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025.

Correspondence "C"

25.170 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson
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 of Council Regarding Support for the Future Use and Deployment of Canadian Nuclear Energy

25.171 MOVED BY Tracey Sanderson
SECONDED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

THAT: the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley supports the Canadians for CANDU advocacy movement for the future use and deployment of Canadian nuclear energy, particularly Canadian designed CANDU Reactors, associated medical isotopes and Small Modular Reactors; and

FUTHER THAT: this Resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP Billy Denault.

Carried

9.3 Support 2+1-Hwy17

25.172 MOVED BY Merv Buckwald
SECONDED BY John Epps

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation building project; and

THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the *Building Canada Act* and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction; and

THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works as follows (subject to readiness and safety benefit):

- Phase 1: Highway 11 (North Bay → Cochrane) and Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew → Sudbury);
- Phase 2: Highway 11 (Cochrane → Nipigon) and Highway 17 (Thunder Bay → Kenora; Sault Ste. Marie → Sudbury); and

THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division; and

THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity-supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training, contracting, and equity participation; and

THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials); and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of Infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, local MPs and MPPs, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

BY-LAWS

25.173 MOVED BY Meredith Caplan Jamieson

SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT:

By-Law 2025-063 Being a By-Law to adopt a debt management policy

By-Law 2025-064 Being a By-Law to authorize a lease agreement with the Bonnechere Arts and Historical Society

By-Law 2025-065 Being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 2022-042 - Skelly

By-Law 2025-066 Being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law 2022-042 - Johnstone

By-Law 2025-067 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

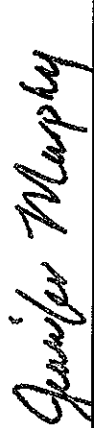
ADJOURNMENT

25.174 MOVED BY John Epps

SECONDED BY Merv Buckwald

THAT: This Council meeting be adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Carried



Jennifer Murphy, Mayor



Annette Gilchrist, CAO/Clerk