



Winter Newsletter

Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

Reflecting on Bonfield's Progress Over the Past
Year

As we take a moment to look back on the past year, we're thrilled with the strides we've made as a community. Our Public Works Department has dedicated itself to improving our municipality's roads through various construction projects. We're happy to announce that the Development Road and Pine Lake Road projects have successfully resulted in better road conditions. As funding becomes available, we'll continue to prioritize these efforts.

We've also added a few new members to our team, including our CAO Nicky Kunkel and a new Public Works Manager. We're excited to see the fresh perspectives and ideas they bring to our community.

In other news, our former Public Works Manager has transitioned to our Planning Department. We're delighted to have her there since she's familiar with the Township and will be an asset as we amend our Official Plan.

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Citizen Alert App

We extend our deepest gratitude to our committee members for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our municipality. Their hard work has brought a series of special events to our Township, making our community a better place. We also want to express our appreciation to the Fire Department for their tireless efforts in keeping us safe.

The Bonfield Public Library is a valuable resource that has brought numerous benefits to our residents. We would like to thank the Library Staff and Library Board for their continued good work.

Make sure to check out their diverse programming, from resume writing help to much more. As we move forward into a new year, we are optimistic about what the future holds for our community.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Narry Paquette
Mayor





Happy Holidays from CAO Nicky Kunkel

Happiest of holidays to you! It has been a wonderful experience assuming the role of CAO Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of Bonfield in 2023. As we wrap up the first year of the new term of Council, I am proud of what everyone accomplished.

The Bonfield staff worked hard throughout the year. The Public Works crew really showed up for the Township with the work done on Development, South Shore and Pine Lake Roads, all within 2 months. We also hired two new office staff that brought the office to its full staff complement since March of 2020.

December will see more staff changes. We welcome Alex Hackenbrook as our new Public Works Manager. Ann Carr moves into the Planning Administrator role and Andrew O'Reilly retires as the Chief Building Official. Congratulations to each of you.

Looking forward to 2024 Council has an ambitious agenda.

Strategic planning has begun. The last Plan was updated in 2003. Council has completed their SWOT analysis and collectively made a shortlist of priorities. Now it's your turn.

The Community Satisfaction Survey is included in this newsletter. This is your place, as a stakeholder and resident, to tell Council what the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities are for Bonfield. I highly encourage you to complete the full survey so that your opinions are incorporated into the Strategic Plan. Tell us how you see the future of Bonfield. What is working, what isn't working, and what is missing in our community so that informed decisions are made based on the people who live here.

Staff have started the 2024 Budget process. The budget sets out the annual work plan. If you have an idea you want Council to consider for 2024 please email reception@bonfieldtownship.com prior to January 19, 2024. Council will also be working on a long-term financial plan in 2024.

Several policies are being updated in 2024. In January there will be third reading of the procedural bylaw. The bylaw is on the website for review. Shortly afterwards the procurement, user fees, tax management, and human resources policies will be reviewed. The spring will see another public meeting regarding the Official Plan Update, followed by the implementing Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw.

I wish everyone a joyful holiday season and look forward to hearing from you in 2024!

Nicky Kunkel
CAO Clerk-Treasurer



Township Office Hours

The Office Will be closed
Monday December 25th, 2023 to January 2nd, 2024.

In case of emergency: 705-776-2659



Introducing Our New Team Member!

Please join Council and staff in offering a warm welcome to Alex Hackenbrook as he assumes the role of Public Works Manager this December. Alex comes to Bonfield having experience in municipal public works departments, holding past positions of Foreman, operator, and Road Supervisor. He understands the role of the department and how impactful it is to the community. Alex will be leading a team of dedicated and hard-working crew members to remain fiscally responsible with core infrastructure while continuing the improvements and beautification of our community to serve you.



Bonfield Community Survey

Your opinions are the cornerstone of our community's growth, and we invite you to be a crucial part of shaping our future. As we embark on preparing the Strategic Plan for Bonfield, we are eager to hear your thoughts, preferences, and ideas through our Community Feedback Survey.

Find the survey at:
www.BonfieldTownship.com or see the attached paper copy
Community Growth Starts with You!
Take the Survey Now!

Planning for the future.

We are thrilled to announce Ann Carr as the new Municipal Planner. With nearly a decade of dedicated service as the Public Works Manager, Ann brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role. Having played a crucial role in Bonfield successes, Ann's deep understanding of our town uniquely qualifies her to lead us into the future.



A MESSAGE FROM BONFIELD COUNCIL



Dear Bonfield/Rutherglen Residents,

As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable journey we have undertaken together as a community. The holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration. It's a moment to acknowledge the challenges we've faced and the triumphs we've achieved as a community. It has been a learning year for me on council. It has been wonderful getting to meet and chat with you at various events, the New Year's Eve party, July 1st celebrations, the Christmas parade and many others.

Some highlights were hiring a new CAO and passing the operating and capital budgets. I would like to say thank you to our hard working staff and my fellow council members for making the last year a memorable one. Looking ahead to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities that lie before us. I am confident that we will continue to build a township that thrives on collaboration, inclusivity, and progress.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warmest regards,

Councillor Donna Clark

Hello Bonfield and Rutherglen.

I would like to thank our community for the large amount of support we have had at all the community events we have organized including Canada Day, Summer Send Off Fireworks, Business Trade Show, Halloween Parade, Santa Parade and Chilli Cook-off and more! I am also looking forward to celebrating New Year's Eve together at our annual New Year's Dance!

This year's Bonfield Summer Camp program was so much fun! We had 52 kids and a week full of adventures, keep an eye out for information on next summer's camp weeks soon!

As a member of council I would like to remind you that we are all very approachable and available to you. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach out so I can try my best to assist.

Have a safe and amazing Holiday Season with your friends and family.

Councillor Steve Featherstone



Dear Residents of Bonfield,,

As the end of 2023 draws near, I find myself thinking about all that we have undertaken together over the past year. Serving as your first-time councillor has been a privilege, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent the interests of our wonderful community.

One of the key areas of focus during my first year has been the enhancement of our public works and road projects, recognizing their crucial role in fostering connectivity, safety, and overall community well-being. Under Council's direction, the Public Works team has been working to ensure the maintenance and improvement of our infrastructure. Together, we have tackled issues head-on, addressing concerns raised by our community members and making impactful changes that enhance the quality of life in Bonfield, while being mindful of budgetary constraints.

The road projects undertaken this year have been a particular source of pride for all of us. Recognizing the importance of well-maintained roads for residents, we have invested in strategic upgrades and repairs. In addition to addressing immediate concerns, we have laid the groundwork for long-term planning and identifying projects that align with the growth and evolving needs of Bonfield.

Looking ahead to the coming year, I am excited about the opportunities that await us. Together, we can build on the progress we've made and work towards creating an even stronger, more vibrant Bonfield. I am committed to representing your interests, fostering open communication, and ensuring that our township remains a place we are all proud to call home.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Councillor Dan MacInnis

Greetings Bonfield & Rutherglen,

As we approach the festive season and bid farewell to another remarkable year, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and resilience of our wonderful community. Reflecting back on the past year, I am proud of the work our community has accomplished on some of the priorities you asked of us through the election.

You asked us to focus on maintaining/rehabilitating our roads: the first year saw 3 major road projects (Development, Pine Lake and South Shore) You asked us to focus on maximizing the lifespan of our landfill and to expand the hours of service during the winter months to include Wednesday evenings: We implemented a clear bag policy with a focus on keeping recycling out of our landfill. We also launched a pilot project to keep the landfill open on Wednesday evenings to evaluate the usage and ensure its providing value to you.

While we still have a lot of major work to do and we will always want to accomplish more, and tackle our challenges faster; what I am most proud of is how often I am hearing (and feeling) the sense of community pride that is roaring back! We are coming back together to support each other, to be good neighbours, and to participate in community events. It is those things that makes me the proudest to tell people that I am from Bonfield!

I am excited about our future and look forward to working with you as we continue to build our great community!

From my family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Councillor Jason Corbet

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

The holidays are a busy time for everyone and their families. Unfortunately, we tend to forget it is also a busy time for emergency first responders!

Christmas trees, candles, and holiday cooking are some of the most common causes of fires at this time of year.

Please remember your holiday safety tips provided by our Fire Prevention Officer Nathan Landry who has been working hard at getting the community to check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

Remember to check your batteries, and expiration dates, and never unplug or disconnect your alarms. It's tempting at this time to put up many lights and decorations; please remember not to overload electrical sockets and to keep trees watered.

A reminder for residents living on private laneways to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles. If we can't get to you, we can't help you!

From everyone at the Bonfield Volunteer Fire Department, we wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday!

Gilles Lebel
Fire Chief



HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION

6 great ways to stay fire safe this Holiday Season

1. Ensure the chimney flue is open and clean before you light a fire.
2. During power outages, exercise caution when using candles as a light source. Many destructive fires start when potential fire hazards go unnoticed in the dark.
3. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.
4. Develop and practice an escape plan and include all members of the family.
5. As always, install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms
6. When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of foot traffic and do not block doorways.

For further questions or inquiries, please contact Bonfield Fire Prevention via email:

fireprevention@bonfieldtownship.com

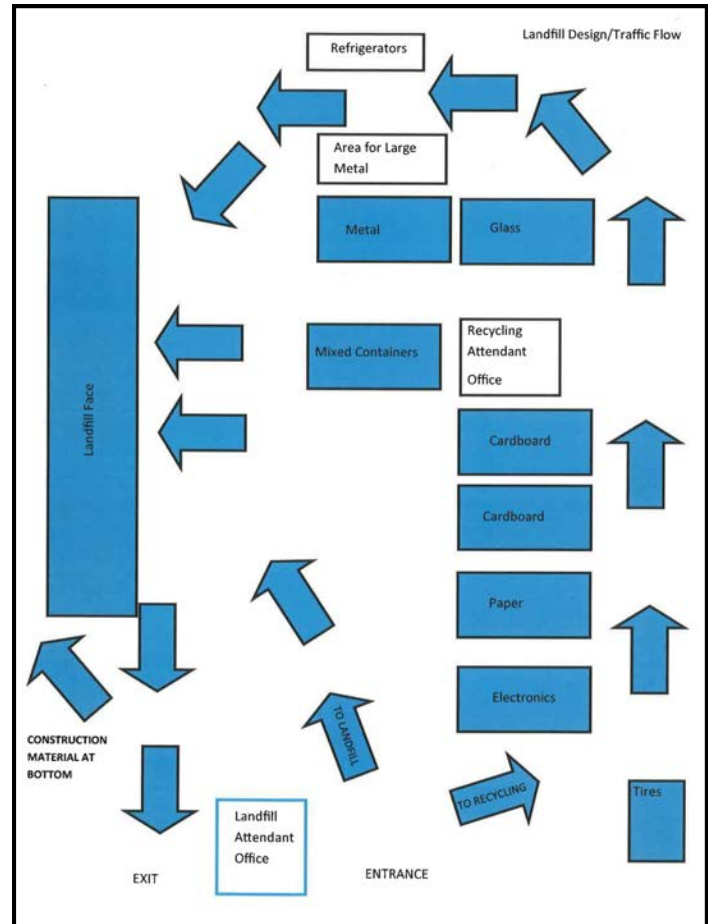
Nathan Landry
Fire Prevention Officer

Landfill Updates

December 20th will be the last Wednesday evening the landfill is open for the winter season, and will continue to remain open on Saturdays. After reviewing the final evaluation of the Pilot Program for the landfill, Council has decided to end the Wednesday service until spring. For more information regarding the Pilot Program and reports, please view the Council meeting held December 12th, 2023, located on the Township of Bonfield's YouTube channel.

Clear Garbage Bags Only

As of July 1st, 2023, the Township of Bonfield has converted to a Clear Bag System. All household garbage brought to the landfill must be in clear garbage bags to ensure no recycling is being put into the landfill. One small opaque 25 litre bag may be used per week for washroom garbage for personal sanitary items.



If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 705-776-2659

For more information on why recycling is essential for Bonfield's future.

Check out the Township's Recycling Program Pamphlet available at:

www.BonfieldTownship.com

Landfill Hours - OPEN

Saturday December 23rd, 2023
Saturday December 30th, 2023

LCBO Returns!

We accept all LCBO bottle/can returns. They don't get recycled with the regular recycling.

All empties get returned and the funds go towards Bonfield's Parks and Recreation.

Evacuation & Shelter-in-Place

An evacuation may be ordered when there is a significant threat. Other times, it may be safer to remain inside (shelter-in-place). These orders are typically broadcast through TV, radio, government websites, social media, or wireless public alerting.

Evacuation

- Evacuate only when ordered by emergency officials, and if safety permits, take your pets. Take your emergency kit with you and head to your designated meeting place or reception centre.

Shelter-in-Place

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors. Turn off all fans, heating, and air-conditioning systems to avoid drawing air in from the outside.

Household Emergency Plan

- Create an emergency plan and discuss potential emergency situations ahead of time to reduce fear and anxiety.
- Review your plan yearly and practice going to your meeting places.

Meeting Places

- Identify two meeting places in case you have to leave your home or can't return home right away:
- Near your home.
- Outside of your neighborhood



To develop your own
**Emergency Preparedness
Action Plan, visit**
[ontario.ca/BePrepared.](https://ontario.ca/BePrepared)

Additional Resources

Obtaining Emergency Information from Local Municipal Offices and Other Organizations
If you want to learn more about handling emergencies, reach out to your local municipal office for guidance. To stay informed about emergency preparedness, weather warnings, and other relevant information before, during, and after an emergency, check out the following organizations:

- Canadian Red Cross
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Hydro One
- Insurance Bureau of Canada
- Public Safety Canada

Stay Connected

- Keep calls and texts short and brief to reduce network congestion.
- Call 9-1-1 for serious police, fire, or medical emergencies.
- Don't waste battery life on mobile games, apps, and videos. Dim your screen to preserve power for critical communication.
- Forward your home phone to your mobile phone if you're forced to evacuate.
- Alert Ready is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio, and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices.

Emergency Management

During an emergency, you may have no electrical power or be asked to evacuate. An emergency kit contains essential items you and your household need to survive on your own for at least 72 hours.

Keep a kit at home, work, and in your car.

Kit Essentials

- Non-perishable food and can opener
- Bottled or bagged water (4L per person per day)
- Backpack/duffel bag/small suitcase (to hold kit items)
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Cell phone charger and power bank
- Cash in small bills
- Medication(s)
- Toilet paper and other personal items
- Portable light source such as a flashlight, headlamp, or glow stick
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Important documents (identification)
- Extra car and house keys
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Zip-lock bags (to keep things dry)
- Garbage bags and duct tape

Customize your kit to meet the unique needs of your household. If you or someone in your household has a disability, check out the Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities at ontario.ca/BePrepared for additional information on what to include in your emergency kit and household plan.

Pet Emergency Kit

Bring your pets indoors at the first indication of an emergency. If you have to evacuate, take your pets with you if it's safe to do so.

Build a pet emergency kit and keep it with your household kit. For more details, please visit OntarioSPCA.ca/EP.

Winter Storm

- Avoid all unnecessary travel and postpone non-essential appointments.
- Stay indoors and keep your pets inside.
- Run a trickle of water to prevent pipes from freezing.
- If you are outside, dress appropriately for the weather and check for frostbite regularly.

Designate an Emergency Contact

Ask an out-of-town friend or relative to be your emergency contact. Your contact should live outside of your home neighborhood, and everyone in your household should know their name, address, and phone number. In an emergency, keep your emergency contact updated on your whereabouts and safety status..

Power Outages

- If your neighbor's power is also out,
- Notify your electrical supply authority.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues,
- Camping heating equipment, or a home generator indoors.
- Use glow sticks or flashlights to see.
- Keep freezer and fridge doors closed.
- A freezer will keep food frozen for 24-36 hours if the door remains closed.
- Stay away from fallen power lines.



Holiday Hours

Medical Centre

The Medical Centre will be closed at 12:00 pm on December 22nd, 2023, and will reopen on January 5th, 2024.

In case of illness, please visit a Walk-In Clinic or the Emergency Department at the North Bay Regional Health Centre or the Mattawa Hospital.

In case of an Emergency call 911.

Health Care Connect

Need a doctor?

Council and staff are working to bring two full time physicians to the Bonfield Medical Center in 2024. If you are without a doctor please consider registering with Health Care Connect. This will provide the physicians with the information they need to roster patients.

If you currently have a doctor you may not be eligible to sign up. For more information please visit the Health Care Connect website with the Ministry of Health or call 1-800-445-1822.

We will continue our search for full time doctors and hope for announcements early 2024.



Library

The Library will be open on the following days during the holiday season.

December 20 & 21 - Regular Hours

Closed - December 23, 24, 25, 26

December 27, 28, 29 - Regular Hours

Closed – December 30, 31 and January 1st, 2024

and will re-open on

January 2nd 4:00 pm.- 8:00pm.

Bonfield Public Library Offers a

Variety of Services

Wifi access 24/7

Public Computers

Printing services

Cricut Machine

Technology Support

Ice Fishing Kits

Children and Adult Programing

Provincial Park Passes

Employment Resources

Inter Library Loan Services

Check out our Facebook page for updates!

www.facebook.com/bonfieldpubliclibrary



1-800-222-TIPS
www.nearnorthcrimestoppers.com



January is Crime Stoppers Month

Another Banner Year for Crime Stoppers

January is Crime Stoppers month around the globe and this year's theme is "BE A CRIME STOPPER", encouraging Canadians to report illegal activities anonymously to their local Crime Stoppers program.

The foundation of Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the community, law enforcement agencies, and the media. Crime Stoppers works to educate the public and create an awareness on reporting illegal activities in an effort to promote the Canadian values of safety, empowerment and inclusion.

In his final year following over two decades as Police Coordinator for Near North Crime Stoppers (NNCS), Jean Lemieux highlights the remarkable impact of the program:

"Since its inception in 1988, NNCS has received 22,468 tips, leading to significant police success in recovering illegal drugs and stolen property, with a total value exceeding \$62 million. In 2023 alone, these anonymous tips resulted in 21 arrests, contributing to an impressive cumulative total of 1,786 arrests. As of December 1, 2023, NNCS has received 729 new tips, with 78% of them submitted through our website, nearnorthcrimestoppers.com, indicating its growing popularity as the preferred method for reporting crime-related information."

Statement from Brandon Fenton, Chair, Board of Directors:

"NNCS continues to markedly improve the safety of our communities through strategic partnerships, awareness campaigns, and the enablement of law enforcement to remove proceeds of crime, weapons, and dangerous offenders from our streets. Our continuously growing statistics are a testament to the effectiveness of Crime Stoppers programs. Following a post-pandemic ramp-up period, NNCS is back in full swing organizing community events for fundraising and awareness, operating solely on community donations. Our approach underscores a strong community commitment to safety that wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our key partners and generous sponsors across the Near North region."

BE A CRIME STOPPER: anyone with information on any drug-related, break-and-enter, assault, or other crimes can report anonymously by calling 1-800-222-TIPS(8477). Also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is the secure online tip form at nearnorthcrimestoppers.com.

**January is
CRIME STOPPERS
MONTH**

“Helping All Communities Stay Safe”

**Report Crimes Anonymously
SAY it HERE!**
NearNorthCrimeStoppers.com

CRIME STOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS ÉCHEC AU CRIME

BONFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



Thinking about becoming a Lion? Do you enjoy working with others to improve your community? If you would like more information about our Lions Club, please call:

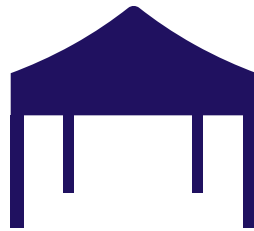
Lori Butterfield
705-840-3950.

TENTS FOR RENT

4 tents 20' x 20'
Solid white walls included.

We set them up and tear them down for you.

Email Allan Reid at
lionsten-trentals@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

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lionstentrentals@gmail.com

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!

<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bonfield/Index.php>

bonfieldlions@gmail.com

Bonfield Agricultural Society

The BAS Directors had another busy year that culminated with the annual fall fair in August. Despite Mother Nature showing us who is boss we had a good fair with many events for the whole family. Twenty members entered 227 exhibit items for judging with ribbons and cash awarded in all categories. It takes an enormous amount of volunteer hours to bring this annual event together and we greatly appreciate their time and efforts.

Our slate of events for 2024 will be announced shortly on Facebook, including western and English horse shows by Rockin' Horse Riding Association. And you'll want to come and check out the improvements to our canteen with our expanded menu.

We would like to wish everyone a magical holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

See you at the Fair on August 17-18, 2024!



Bonfield Schedule for Outdoor Rink

Monday to Thursday

2:00 PM - 4 :00PM Public Skating
 4:00 PM - 6:00PM Scrimmage
 6:00 PM - 8:00PM Public Skating
 8:00 PM - 10:00PM Scrimmage

Friday

2:00 PM - 4 :00PM Public Skating
 4:00 PM - 6:00PM Scrimmage
 6:00 PM - 8:30PM Public Skating
 8:30 PM - 11:00PM Scrimmage

Saturday

9:00 AM -12 :00PM Scrimmage
 12:00 PM - 3:00PM Public Skating
 3:00 PM - 6:00PM Scrimmage
 6:00 PM - 8:30PM Public Skating
 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM Scrimmage

Sunday

1:00 PM - 3 :00PM Public Skating
 3:00 PM - 6:00PM Scrimmage
 6:00 PM - 8:00PM Public Skating
 8:00 PM - 10:00PM Scrimmage

To secure the use of the ice rink, interested group should contact the municipal office: at 705-776-2641 to coordinate necessary arrangements.

Rink may be closed due to:

Heavy snowfall
 Adverse weather conditions

Damaged ice surface
 Unforeseen circumstances

Mild weather
 Sleet or rain

Upcoming Events

Bonfield Trade Show: Saturday April 13th, 2024

- Expand Your Network
- Learn and Grow
- Showcase Your Business
- Support Local

Now, more than ever, it's time to come together and show our support. By championing these local gems, we not only strengthen our community but also build meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.

Family Day - Monday February 19th, 2024

This is your invitation to an afternoon of fun, family and community

We warmly invite you to join us for an afternoon full of joyous activities such as skating, sledding, hot chocolate, and more. Our goal is to create lasting memories and enhance our sense of community. Come and be a part of this memorable experience!



Further details coming: www.BonfieldTownship.com

Community Services

Bonfield Food Bank

Open the 3rd Tuesday of each month from
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Location: 408 Gagnon Street

Contact: Denise Raymond for more information
705-776-1091 .

**Support those in need in our community,
by donating food, toiletries and shelf
stable drinks.**

Family Life Centre

The Family Life Centre will be closed for the
season starting December 17th, 2023 and will
reopen Saturday March 16th, 2024.

Location: 408 Gagnon St

For immediate help please contact:

Carol Snook 705-499-7811
Pauline Dion 705-776-9720



Christmas Events

École Lorrain

20 décembre est notre spectacle de Noël à 11 h
Vacances de Noël - 23 décembre au 7 janvier, 2024

Website: <http://lorrain.franco-nord.ca/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EcoleLorrain/>

Christmas Church Services

Ste. Bernadette Catholic Church
December 24th 8:00 pm

St. Margaret Anglican Church— December 24th
4:00 pm

Follow us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/RutherglenAnglican>
for up-to date 10:00am worship services
at St. Margaret's Anglican Church



Public Works

Greetings from your Public Works Manager

This will be my last Christmas as the Public Works Manager as I have accepted the position of Planning Administrator. This opportunity will allow me to continue pursuing my career in Municipal Government.

I move to this position with mixed feelings as I took great pride in the accomplishments that the Public Works team was able to deliver over the 8 years that I have been the manager. Each individual employee has taught me so that I was able to do this job. I depended on them just as they depended on me.

This year was a busy one for us as we ditched and graveled Pine Lake Road, surface treated part of Development Road, as well as graveled South Shore Road. The Council placed their faith in us, and we proved to ourselves that we were able to accomplish their goals.

We were able to get the splash pad up and running, and the exercise equipment area is ready for a grand opening this spring. The Township dock was resurfaced, enhancing the beauty of our waterfront. Watching the waterfront develop has been so gratifying to me. A long shared vision coming true for the community.

My greatest accomplishment was developing the team that is Public Works. Although some have come and some have gone, this team is dedicated to improving the community and ensuring your safety. They take pride in their work and are part of the community that we all share together. We all call Bonfield home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that has supported me, the Council that gave me the chance, and I look forward to continuing my service to the community in the Planning Department.

Happy Holidays and enjoy each other.
Ann Carr

Winter months are upon us and drivers should exercise extreme caution on all roads. The Public Works Department will continue to provide the best service possible during this winter season. In order to assist in their duties, please note the following municipal and provincial regulations:

- Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act prohibits the depositing of snow or ice on roadways and sidewalks. No cross-road plowing.
- Township By-Law 93-06 restricts overnight parking on any streets during the months of November to March between the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 9:00 a.m.
- Parking is prohibited at any time on both sides of Sunnyside Road from Mark Street to Martindale Lane. The O.P.P. has the authority to enforce local by-laws.

All road conditions and other areas of concern should be relayed directly to the Public Works Department at 705-776-2659. The answering service will contact Municipal Personnel in emergency situations only. The Public Works Department recommends that all vehicles be equipped with winter tires.

Check the weather before you travel. Environment Canada issues travel warnings. Abide by them to ensure your safety. Drive according to conditions.



EMERGENCY CAR KIT

Organize your kit now and be ready for an emergency. Consider putting a blanket, extra outdoor clothing, first aid kit, small shovel, scraper and snowbrush, candle and matches, wind up flashlight, antifreeze, washer fluid, non clumping kitty litter or sand in a bag for your car.

DRIVE ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS AND WATCH FOR THE PLOW TRUCKS

Our operators put their life on the line to ensure you can travel safely on the roads. When the wing of a plow truck is on the ground it is 24 feet wide. Please be cautious when approaching.

Intersections need cleaning and plow trucks back up to clean it properly. When at an intersection be aware that the truck will need to reverse. If a vehicle is tight against a plow truck they are unable to see you, always give space.

SNOW HOW

Ontario's municipalities clear and maintain some 290,000 lane-kilometres of roadway every winter to keep communities moving. Snow plow drivers can't do their job without drivers using some basic "snow how" when driving:

Be nice on the ice: Give yourself twice the space between vehicles, and pedestrians. Stopping distance on ice is double that of a dry road.

Go slow in the snow: Slow down and drive according to weather conditions, not the speed limit. Give yourself extra time.

It's not a race, give plows space: Never pass a plow. Snow plows are extra wide, and can create clouds of snow – both of which reduce visibility and increase risk of a collision. It's best to wait for the plow to pull over before you pass.

SAFE WINTER PLAY

Active games, making snow angels and building snowmen will help to keep your child warm. Teach your children a few important rules to go along with winter play.

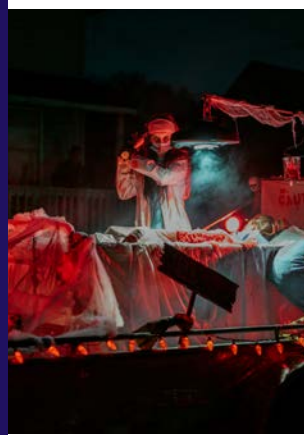
- Stay away from snowplows and snow blowers.
- Choose play areas away from roads, fences and water.
- Take extra caution when crossing roads. It might be hard for drivers to see you playing if they have snowy or frosty windows. Icy roads can also make it difficult to stop.
- Snowballs should never be aimed at people or cars. They are especially dangerous when the snow is hard-packed or icy. Instead, throw snowballs at safe targets, like trees or telephone poles.
- Building forts and tunnels can be fun, but this activity should always be supervised by an adult.

MAILBOXES

Please ensure your mailbox is secure and meets Canada Post regulations. During the winter months, it is important to keep your mailboxes free and clear of snow, as the pressure and weight of snow and ice will knock your mailbox down. Please keep in mind that the Public Works Department will only replace mailboxes that have been struck by the plow and have previously met Canada Post Regulations.

SPEED LIMIT

A friendly reminder that the speed limits in the Township have changed. We have a 40km/h community safety zone in the Hamlet of Bonfield, near the school. The maximum speed of travel on our Township roads is now 60km/h unless otherwise posted.





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 365 Highway 531 Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0
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OPP REMINDS SNOWMOBILERS TO DRIVE SAFELY

The local snowmobile trails will soon be open, and the North Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind everyone to drive safely on local trails and waterways. Traveling on unsafe ice, speeding, driving too fast for the conditions, and alcohol consumption continue to be leading causes of OPP-investigated snowmobile fatalities.

Have a safety plan – let someone know where you are going and when you will arrive at your destination. Check weather conditions before leaving. Carry extra equipment, in case of emergency. Some items to include in your kit are: a fire-starting kit, food, something to keep you hydrated, flares, emergency blankets, a charged cell phone, an axe, a saw, and a trail map.

Remember to stay on the trails! Veering off trails onto private property can result in the loss of trails!

The OPP encourages snowmobilers to use the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) trails, as these remain the safest areas to ride on. Check with your area OFSC for trail conditions or search online at <http://www.ofsc.on.ca/>

Please drive safe and drive sober!

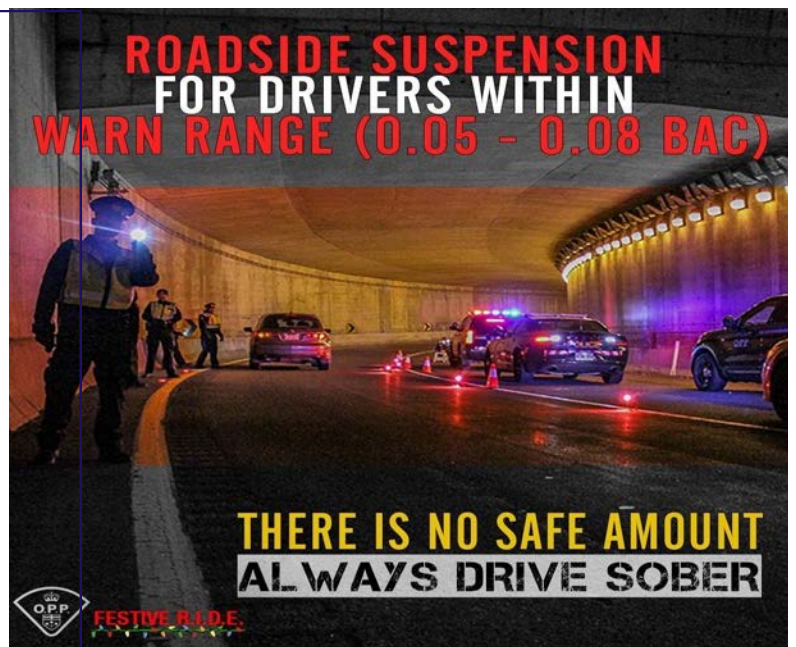
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GENERAL ENQUIRIES—ROUTINE NON- EMERGENCY CALLS 1-888-310-1122



The North Bay OPP would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Please don't drive impaired! Drivers need to remember that any amount of alcohol or drugs can impair one's ability to drive. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi, stay overnight or stay home. The OPP relies on the public to report crime and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, call 9-1-1 and report it. Thank you from the North Bay OPP Detachment.



Connecting the Community



Did you know that a wealth of valuable information about our community is just a click away? Our website serves as your premier resource for accessing the latest updates and critical information that directly impacts you. Explore comprehensive details on important aspects such as bylaws, municipal meetings, significant events, fire ratings, landfill hours, and more.

www.bonfieldtownship.com

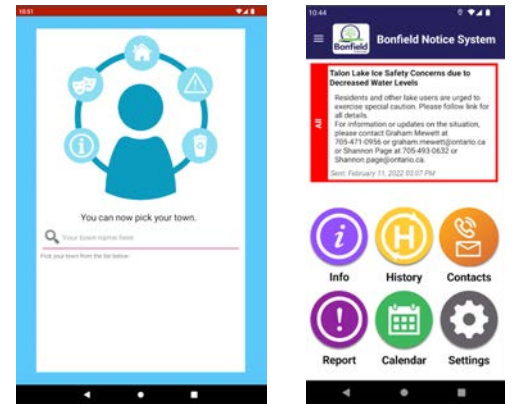
TOWNApp

TOWNApp is a free app that keeps you up to date on what is happening in Bonfield. Types of alerts you can receive:

Emergency Notification, Cancelled Meetings, Events, and Information.

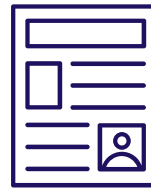
Residents can report incidents directly from the app such as downed trees, road conditions, fires, and power outages.

- ▶ Red for emergencies
- ▶ Pink for Information
- ▶ Green for All Clear
- ▶ Yellow for Warning/Medium



Let's build a stronger, more connected Bonfield together. Follow our Facebook page now to be a part of the conversation and stay in the loop!

www.facebook.com/BonfieldTownship



Ensure you are well-informed by reading our mailed newsletters, providing you with crucial paper copies of surveys, important messages from Council and staff, and updates tailored to each season.

Call 9-8-8

In the spirit of fostering a caring and connected community, we encourage you to reach out if you or someone you know could use a little extra support during the holidays. Whether it's a friendly conversation, assistance with holiday preparations, or just someone to share the season with, we're here for you.

Thinking of suicide?

Help is available.



9-8-8

toll free, 24/7



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2023

DECEMBER 31, 2023

8PM - 1AM

Bonfield Community Centre, 100 Yonge Street

TICKETS \$30 EACH

Includes pizza catered by
the Kwik-Way & Yogi Bar

Shuttle Service Available
(within municipal boundaries)

Music by DJ Hart of Kaleidoscope DJ Service

**Proceeds go to the Bonfield Summer Camp
and the Bonfield Fire Department.**

Tickets available at the Caisse Alliance, Bonfield Township Office, Kwik Way & Yogi Bar
and from Bonfield Councillors.

Limited tickets available. Get them while you can!

PRESENTED BY:



Are you passionate about making a positive impact on your community? Consider volunteering your time and energy! You can help out at a variety of events, without the need to commit to all of them. Together, we can create engaging and enjoyable activities for people of all ages.

Expressing Gratitude to the Recreation and Fitness Committee

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our committee members for their hard work. This has been an amazing year for events in Bonfield, from Family Day to Christmas in Bonfield. Witnessing the community coming together for so many events is truly inspirational. Looking ahead, we're thrilled to collaborate with some of our local groups to provide even grander and more exciting events for everyone.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!