

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

**BY-LAW NO. 2024-31**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
AND APPOINT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS Section 2.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9* (the Act) states that every municipality shall develop and implement an emergency management program and the council of the municipality shall by by-law adopt the emergency management program.

AND WHEREAS Section 4(1) of the Act states that the head of council of a municipality may declare that an emergency exists in the municipality or in any part thereof and may take such action and make such orders as he or she considers necessary and are not contrary to law to implement the emergency plan of the municipality and to protect property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the emergency area.

AND WHEREAS the Act authorizes employees of a community to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not been declared to exist.

AND WHEREAS the Act requires the emergency management program to conform to standards promulgated by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practice, including the four core components of emergency management, namely: mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery; and makes provision for the municipality and council to develop and implement an emergency management program to protect public safety, public health, the environment, the critical infrastructure, and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1.0** THAT an Emergency Management Program be developed and implemented in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices.
- 2.0** THAT the Head of Council or designated alternate, as provided in the plan, be empowered to declare an emergency, and implement the Emergency Response Plan (ERP).
- 3.0** THAT the members of the Emergency Control Group (ECG) or their designated alternates, as provided in the approved ERP are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the ECG, and to respond to an emergency in accordance with the ERP where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist.
- 4.0** THAT for purposes of the Bonfield Emergency Management Program, the Emergency Control Group and Community Emergency Management Program Committee (CEMPC) will consist of the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the Fire Chief, the Public Works Manager, and the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC).
- 5.0** THAT the CEMPC will cause the Emergency Management Program to be reviewed annually and recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and present recommendations to Council for approval.

**6.0** THAT the ERP attached hereto as Schedule "A" of this By-Law is hereby adopted and that the adopted ERP shall be updated on a regular basis by the CEMPC and shall be affected without requiring amendment to this By-Law.

**7.0** THAT By-Laws No. 2007-55 and 2018-25 are hereby repealed in their entirety following the third reading and final passing of this By-Law.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.**

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MAYOR

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CLERK