

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL April 30th, 2024

PRESENT: Jason Corbett, Chair

Donna Clark Steve Featherstone Dan MacInnis

ABSENT: Narry Paquette

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk

Ann Carr, Planning Administrator

Allan Reid, CEMC Kelly Serson, Fire Chief

Nicky Kunkel, CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Carried Jason Corbett

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 30th day of April 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Carried Jason Corbett

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 9th be adopted as circulated. Carried Jason Corbett

5. Presentation & Delegations

Public Meeting regarding User Fees By-laws

Leann Smith Chadbourn spoke to Council regarding the new by-law being introduced regarding building fees. She asked Council to reconsider the proposed fees as it would create a financial burden on young families hoping to build in the Township. She also suggested that the new fees be compared to surrounding municipalities

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Brad Smith spoke to Council regarding the new by-law being introduced regarding building fees for farm structures. He inquired how the costs were calculated and what the cost center expectation is for the department. The CAO explained the costs are based on the full net expenses of the Bonfield department and current cost recovery thresholds are 70%. He asked Council to reconsider the proposed fees stating that they are not affordable and should not be based on full cost recovery.

Written correspondence was also brought forward regarding fees for campfire permits (2) and freedom of information requests.

The meeting concluded at 7:19 pm.

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from CEMC – Emergency Management Update

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT Council accepts the report and recommendations of the Emergency Management Program review by the Community Emergency Management Program Committee and approve By-Law 2024-31.

Carried Jason Corbett

6.b Report from Fire Chief – Fire Department Update

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT Council receives report 2024-01 from the Interim Fire Chief.

Carried Jason Corbett

6.c Report from Planning Administrator – Land Severances Parkland Fees **Motion 6**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS Sections 42, 51.1 and 53 of the Planning Act 1990, R.S.O. 1990 as amended, provides provisions for payment-in-lieu of conveyance of parkland at a maximum amount of 10% for properties less than 5 hectares and 15% for more than 5 hectares; THEREFOR to provide a fair increase for the development of lands, the Council agrees to "option 3" of this report and the option will be applied to By-Law 2024-26, Schedule "A".

Carried Jason Corbett

6.d Report from Planning Administrator – Purchase of Shore Road Allowance **Motion 7**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
WHEREAS Melanie Lindquist has requested to purchase a portion of the Township's
shoreline road allowance directly abutting their property located at 525 Maple Road,
Bonfield Ontario as well as the shoreline road allowance abutting the Township of
Bonfield's property and the road easement property; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that
Council approves of the purchase of the shoreline road allowance directly abutting 525
Maple Road in accordance with the Official Plan; AND FURTHER that this excludes the
shoreline road allowance abutting the Township of Bonfield's property; AND FURTHER
THAT in accordance with By-Law 2013-13, Melanie Lindquist shall be responsible for all
disbursements incurred by the Township in proceeding and shall submit the required
deposit prior to the commencement of legal work.

Carried Jason Corbett

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis That Council for the Township of Bonfield direct staff to prepare amendments to the Open-Air Burning By-law regarding permitting, fire sizes and times for burning to be presented at the May 14, 2024 Council meeting.

Carried Jason Corbett

8. Items for Council Discussion

8.a Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-20 - Fees for Recreation and Programming

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-20, being a by-law to set fees charged for Recreation and Programming fees for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.b Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-29 – Responsible Pet Ownership By-law

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-29, being a by-law to regulate the care and control of dogs and cats for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.c Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-21 – Fees for Administration Matters

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-21, being a by-law to set fees charged for Administration matters for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.d Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-22 – Fees for Building Permits

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-22, being a
by-law to set fees charged for Building permits for the Township of Bonfield, as presented
and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Deferred Jason Corbett

8.e Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-23 - Fees for Landfill Site

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-23, being a by-law to set fees charged for Environmental Services for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.f Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-24 – Fees for Public Works Operations

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-24, being a
by-law to set fees charged for Public Works operations for the Township of Bonfield, as
presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.g Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-26 – Fees for Planning Matters

Motion 15

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-26, being a by-law to set fees charged for Planning matters for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.h Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-30 – To Repeal By-law 2020-14

Motion 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-30, being a by-law to repeal by-law 2020-14, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.i Resolution for first and second reading of By-law 2024-28 – To Establish Maintenance, Management, Regulation and Control of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Motion 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT a by-law to establish maintenance, management, regulation and control of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, BE READ a first and second time in Open Council this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.j Resolution to adopt By-Law 2024-31 – Emergency Management Program **Motion 18**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-law 2024-31, being a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

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8.k Resolution for first and second reading of By-law 2024-32 – Appointment of a CBO **Motion 19**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-law 2024-32, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official, Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.I Resolution for first and second reading of By-law 2024-34 – To Appoint a Property Standards Officer

Motion 20

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-law 2024-34, being a by-law to appoint a Property Standards Officer for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

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8.m Resolution for first and second reading of By-law 2024-35 – To Appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion 21

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-law 2024-35, being a by-law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

8.n Request form Debra Helm – Waiving of Fees for Rink Rental on Community Day

Motion 22

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS the first Saturday of June in each year has been declared as "Community Day" in the Township of Bonfield; AND WHEREAS members of the community would like to set up tables at the outdoor rink for a "Farmer's Market"; THEREFORE the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby agrees to waive rental fees for the outdoor rink on Community Day, unless already reserved.

Carried Jason Corbett

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Motion 23

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield endorses the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson.

Carried Jason Corbett

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9.b Town of Shelburne -Eradicate Islamophobia and Antisemitism

Motion 24

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield encourages all levels of government to eradicate all forms of racism especially Islamophobia and antisemitism, and that this motion be sent to our local MP and MPP.

Carried Jason Corbett

9.c City of Brantford - Home Heating Sustainability

Motion 25

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the City of Brantford calling on the Federal Government to exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; AND THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebates and grant programs to help residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax.

Carried Jason Corbett

10. Correspondence

Motion 26

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of April 30th, 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

11. Closed Session (none for this meeting)

12. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 27

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-33 to confirm the proceedings of Council from April 9th, 2024 to April 30th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 30th day of April 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

13. Adjournment

Motion 28

Moved by Councillor Featherstone THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Jason Corbett

MAYOR		

CLERK