

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL August 28th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Narry Paquette Jason Corbett Dan MacInnis Donna Clark Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT: Ann Carr, Public Works Manager Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk

No. 1

Moved by Councillor MacInnis THAT this Special Meeting of Council be opened at 7:12 p.m. Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated August 28th, 2023, in the amount of \$456,578.54 Carried Narry Paquette

No. 3

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Featherstone WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

• Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment

• Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario

• Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province

• Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner

• Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

Carried Narry Paquette

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No. 4 Seconded by Councillor MacInnis Moved by Councillor Featherstone THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the June 26, 2023 resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Featherstone WHEREAS the Public Works Manger has been approached by business owner Sean Brunette of "Bin There Store That" regarding commercial tipping fees of yard measured bins; AND THAT the Owner requests to be exempt as a yard-measured-bin due to the size of the bins that he is offering to his customers; THEREFORE the Public Works Manager recommends to Council that Mr. Brunette pay the yard bin tipping rate for commercial rate bins and take into consideration his letter of concern when the tipping fees are reviewed in 2024. Carried Narry Paquette

No. 6

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield's landfill by-law will come into full force and effect on September 30th, 2023; AND THAT the Township has put much effort into educating the public on the requirements of the landfill and recycling programs; AND THAT educating the public includes teaching the young students at Ecole Lorrain to form recycling habits early; THEREFORE the Public Works Manager recommends Council donate 5 (five) recycling bins to the school with educational packages to encourage the students of Ecole Lorrain to adopt the best practices for recycling.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark WHEREAS the Public Works Manager obtained quotes for an electric sander unit and plow for the 2023 Chevrolet 1 Ton; AND WHEREAS 2 quotes were obtained for each appurtenance; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Manager recommends to Council to purchase the v-plow and electric sander unit from Bumper to Bumper for a total cost of \$26,586.76 including HST; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett THAT the Public Works Manger recommends to Council that Miron Topsoil be awarded the RFQ for the purchase of winter sand at a total cost of \$42,128.64 after tax rebates; AND FURTHERMORE THAT the winter sand will be mixed with salt from Windsor Salt for a total cost of \$25,192.68 after tax rebates.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Public Works Manager recommends to Council to award the RFQ for quarried A gravel for the purpose of stockpile and Pine Lake Road to Miron Topsoil for a total cost of \$369,933.94.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10 Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Featherstone THAT Council approves the September 2,2023 "rain date" event for the Canada Day Fireworks with a band.

Carried Narry Paquette

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No. 11 Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 12 Moved by Councillor Corbett THAT Council resumes open session at 8:22 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 13Seconded byMoved by Councillor ClarkSeconded byTHAT this Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at8:25 p.m..

Seconded by Councillor Corbett 8:25 p.m.. Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK