

# ABOUT LAST NIGHT

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**Email:**  
[cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com](mailto:cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com)

**Address:**  
365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON, P0H 1E0

### 2. Connect with a Member of Council

You can speak to a Council member directly.

Find full contact information at [www.BonfieldTownship.com](http://www.BonfieldTownship.com) in the Municipal Directory.

## More Questions?

Contact the Township Office at:  
705-776-2641

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. Steel Rails Non-Profit Organization is one step closer to their museum

In January 2025 the Steel Rails Non-Profit Organization presented their plan to build a museum to celebrate the historical achievements and the impacts of the railway on the community. They also requested land from the Township to locate the museum. Last night, Council accepted a report from the Planning Administrator and agreed 'in principle' to supply approximately 1 Hectare of land to the organization at Rutherglen Park.

The Steel Rails organization has been working relentlessly to showcase the history in a way to preserve it for future generations. In making its decision, Council proposed a two-year review period be included as part of the motion, so an evaluation of progress on the Steel Rails project can be made. In practice, the agreement in principle could potentially extend to a formal offer for the Steel Rails Organization to use the land if the conditions are met. Congratulations to the group! We know the community will be enthused to learn more about your proposed projects and ideas.

### 2. 21st Annual Lions Club ATV Run

Council passed a motion to support the Lions ATV Run being held May 10, 2025. The Public Works and the Fire Department will be assisting the Lions fundraiser with additional parking available at the Public Works Yard. The Volunteer Firefighters will be on-site during the day. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about trails in the area, spend some valuable time outdoors, and support the Lions. For more information, please contact: [bonfieldlionsatv@gmail.com](mailto:bonfieldlionsatv@gmail.com)

### 3. Integrity Commissioner

Council held a closed training session with the Township's Integrity Commissioner. The Integrity Commissioner, David Boghosian, spent nearly two hours reviewing the role of Council; what councillors should and shouldn't do; the rules for Council meetings; and other ways to further the business of the municipality, including transparency and accountability rules related to the Township of Bonfield's Council Code of Conduct, and rules outlined within the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. This training is standard, and it was good to meet with the new Integrity Commissioner for Bonfield.

### 4. Hey, what's a Confirmatory Bylaw?

This question came up at last night's Council meeting. Council must pass a by-law in order to make an official decision of council. For instance, the ATV Run was a motion of Council to provide municipal resources to a non-profit organization for fundraising purposes. Motions are often used as they allow for more direct and easier to understand language. The confirmatory bylaw is a legal tool that then changes the motion to a by-law. Some municipalities do the confirmatory by-law annually, others monthly, Bonfield does it at the end of every meeting to confirm decisions are legally made by bylaw. We hope this helps you to understand a bit more about municipal operations, and standard practices. On this point, we note that Municipalities are heavily regulated and that it can sometimes be confusing for people to understand. Therefore, if you have a question about a process or procedure, please feel free to contact the office at any time, and we will get you an answer!