



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
May 14th, 2024

PRESENT: Narry Paquette, Chair
Jason Corbett
Dan MacInnis
Donna Clark
Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager
Nicky Kunkel, CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th day of May 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Corbett declared a pecuniary interest with agenda Item 10.g., he is one of the organizers of the cornhole tournament.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 30th be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

5. Presentation & Delegations

a. Presentation from the Bonfield Non-Profit Seniors Housing

Jessica from the Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield presented a report updating Council on the opening of the second phase of the project. Some background information was included in this report along with cash flow projections for the next five-year cycle (2024-2029) and provided data to support their projections.

b. North Bay Mattawa Conservation – Final Inventory of Programs and Services

Chithra Gowda of the NBMCA provided Council with a breakdown of what services they offer to the Township that form part of the annual levy. She provided Council with stats from the past three years.

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from CAO – Risk Assessment - Intact Insurance Risk Report April 24, 2024

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council receives the Intact Risk Management Report for information purposes.

Carried Narry Paquette

6.b Report from CAO & CBO – Building User Fees and By-Law

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council accepts the report from staff reviewing the Building Department User Fees; AND FURTHER THAT By-law 2024-22 be read a second and third time and considered adopted in open session this 14th day of May 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

6.c Report from CAO – Donation Policy

Motion 6

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT Council approves a donation of \$150.00 to the Bonfield Agricultural Society, \$200 to the Bonfield Food Bank and a \$200.00 donation to the Ste Bernadette Parish for the year 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended to Council to accept Nathalie Bertin's resignation from the Committee, that a letter be sent thanking her for her services; AND THAT advertising be placed on the website for members to sit on the Committee; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

8. Items for Council Discussion

8.a Resolution for Dave and Nancy Humphries

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield does not agree to waive the fees for Dave & Nancy Humphries' re-zoning change of their property.

Carried Narry Paquette

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a Municipality of Huron Shores – Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Huron Shores in urging the provincial government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.b FONOM – Declaration of Hope Day

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT I, Mayor Narry Paquette, hereby proclaim June 7th, 2024 as “Hope Air Day” in the Township of Bonfield and that the Proclamation be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.c Town of Goderich – Phase-Out of Water Well Testing

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Goderich in asking the Province not to proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.d City of Peterborough – Ombudsman Letter

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the City of Peterborough requesting that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman’s Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals’ personal information contained therein;

ii) the identities of the municipality’s employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and

iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman’s findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.

Carried Narry Paquette

10. Correspondence

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of May 14th, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

11. Closed Session (none for this meeting)

12. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-33 to confirm the proceedings of Council from April 30th, 2024 to May 14th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 14th day of May, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

13. Adjournment

Motion 15

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK