

# The Corporation of The Township of Bonfield

## AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD September 26, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of previous minutes:** Regular Meeting – [September 12, 2023](#)  
Special Meeting – [September 18, 2023](#)
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest.**
4. **Presentations and Delegations: None for this session**
5. **Minutes and Reports from Municipal Committee and Boards:**  
**Planning Advisory:**  
**Fire Department:** Next meeting date September 25, 2023  
**Recreation & Fitness:**  
**Library:**  
**General Government:**  
**Police Services:**  
**Public Works:**
6. **Reports from Non-Municipal Committees and Boards:**  
**FONOM:** [Policy Papers](#); [Mental Health](#), [Provincial Grant for Northern Ontario and School Board Elections](#)  
**North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority:**  
**Cassellholme:**  
**Bonfield Non-Profit Seniors Housing:** [Letter from President – Update on Consent Agreement](#)
7. **Notice of Motion:**
8. **Introduction and consideration of By-Laws:**
9. **Disbursements:**

10. **Correspondence and Information:**

**Support or resolution:**

- 10.1 Resolution of Support [Township of EMO regarding Black Ash Tree](#)
- 10.2 Resolution of Support for permanent funding for [Northern Ontario School of Medicine](#)
- 10.3 Resolution to Support and advertise in the [Military Recognition Book \(Legion\)](#)
- 10.4 Resolution to issue an [RFP for Integrity Commissioner Services](#) for 2024-2027
- 10.5 [Housing Affordability Task Force](#) – Determine Bonfield Priorities

**Information:**

- 10.6 NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA Notes from [AMO Ministry meetings](#)
- 10.7 Ontario Fire Marshall [Interpretation on Chief](#) reporting structure

11. **New Business:**

- 11.1 Report from Public Works Manager on [Commercial Zero Turn RFQ](#)
- 11.2 [Agricultural Land Evaluation System Report](#) from JL Richards as part of Official Plan Update

12. **In-Camera Session:**

- 12.1 in accordance with Section 239(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee

13. **Unfinished Business:**

14. **Addendum:**

15. **Confirmatory [By-Law: 2023-40](#)**

16. **Adjournment:**

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

STAFF PRESENT:              Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk  
   Ann Carr, Public Works Manager  
   Nicky Kunkel, CAO

No. 1  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone                                      Seconded by Councillor Clark  
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.; AND THAT the Agenda be amended to include a Closed Session for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.  
  
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone                                      Seconded by Councillor Clark  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 25th, and Special Meetings of Council held August 15th, August 24th, and August 28th, 2023, be adopted as circulated.  
  
Carried Narry Paquette

Public Presentation  
Maxime and Samantha, representatives of Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee made a presentation to Council on their mission to work collaboratively toward ending intimate partner violence and supporting victims of violence. They urges Council to pass a motion declaring IPV an epidemic.

No. 3  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone                                      Seconded by Councillor Corbett  
WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to not make a decision to enter into an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario until an observation of depot only transitioning communities in 2023 are able to report their experiences with other municipalities; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.  
  
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the quote from Pinchin for a topographical survey be accepted for a cost of \$2,830.00 plus HST; AND THAT the work will be performed later in the fall; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the landfill site will be open on Wednesday evenings beyond the current level of service as a pilot project; AND WHEREAS the additional costs for lighting and staffing of \$27,011.00 was added to the operational budget for environmental services in 2023; AND WHEREAS the program will be evaluated at the December 2023 Public Works Committee with reports on additional visits during extended hours.; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 6

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to amend By-Law 2023-22 being a by-law to execute a financing agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield and Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield for the purposes of a financing guarantee agreement, BE READ a first, second and third time; PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-36, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to amend the Committee Structure for the Property Standards Committee in By-Law 2004-30; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-38, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-to adopt a Social Media Policy; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-39, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council approves the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the amount of \$195,568.08.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Severn in formally endorsing the call for a new “Just Transition Transfer” and urges the Federal Government to establish a new “Just Transition Transfer,” starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield recommends that Ms. Contant’s idea for a Children’s Fair be referred to the Recreation and Fitness Committee for consideration in their 2024 events.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and WHEREAS, every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and WHEREAS, on any given night in Canada, over 6,000 women and children sleep in shelters because it is not safe for them at home; and WHEREAS each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence, accounting for about 12% of all violent crime in Canada; and WHEREAS over one in three women in Canada aged 15 years and older will experience IPV in their lifetime; and WHEREAS the cost of violence against women costs the national justice system, social assistance budgets, and municipal budgets millions of dollars per year; and WHEREAS IPV is preventable; and WHEREAS at a municipal level, IPV contributes to an unsafe community, an increase in homelessness, decreased police and ambulance capacity, additional needs for social housing, and added pressures on the healthcare system and social services; and WHEREAS in 2022, Victim Services of Nipissing District received 475 calls for service for IPV and supported 400 female IPV victims as well as 39 children, who were harmed or witnesses of IPV; and WHEREAS in 2022, Children’s Aid Society had 146 investigations open for a child’s exposure to domestic violence, which accounts for 13.1% of their total call volume for the year; and Whereas 400 survivors of intimate partner violence accessed supports offered by the Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing in 2022; and WHEREAS in 2022, 201 or 31% of admissions to the North Bay Jail had an active domestic violence alert, and 7.8% had an active sex offence charge;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bonfield Council

- recognizes the issues of violence against women and girls in Bonfield as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and
- is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our community; and
- declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are an epidemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipality integrate IPV into its community safety and well-being plan, which aligns with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, The Honourable Parm Gill Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and Vic Fedeli, MPP; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, Ontario Provincial Police and the North Bay Detachment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Councillor Corbett requested a recorded vote on Resolution No. 12

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

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 9:56 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-37; AND THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

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MAYOR

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CLERK



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRESENT: Narry Paquette Donna Clark  
Jason Corbett  
Dan MacInnis

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk

No. 1  
Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Corbett  
THAT this Special Meeting be opened at 5:00 p.m.;

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2  
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
WHEREAS Council has passed the capital budget with road improvements started in 2023 as ditching and gravel on Pine Lake Road and chip and seal on Development Road from Southshore Road to Line 3; and

WHEREAS the condition of the remaining portions of Development Road are also in poor condition.

Now therefore Council agrees to pulverize and gravel the remainder of Development Road in 2023 if there are additional funds in the budget.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 3  
Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Corbett  
That Council now hereby adjourns at 5:27 pm.


Carried Narry Paquette



## FONOM Policy Documents

FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM

Tue 9/12/2023 8:50 PM

 4 attachments (881 KB)

FONOM Policy Paper - Mental Health Act and The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.pdf; FONOM Policy Paper - School Board Trustee Elections - Survey & Comments.pdf; FONOM Policy Paper - Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units (1).pdf; 2023 08 21 - NOMA FONOM NOSDA - Mental Health Addictions Housing AMO Delegation Package.pdf;

Good morning

The FONOM Board would like to share the Policy Documents they presented in Delegations during the recent AMO Conference with the communities of Northeastern Ontario.

The Board wishes to thank those communities that replied to requests for information. Your assistance was very helpful in our presentation to the Ministers and their staff.

We would be happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain

Executive Director

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023  
From: FONOM Board  
Date: August 21, 2023  
Subject: Recommendation to address Ontario's Mental Health & Addictions Crisis

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## ISSUE:

There has been a system-wide overload of Health and Social programs to handle our communities' current Mental Health and Addiction crisis. The existing systems were not designed to address the increasing numbers of the now concurrent and converging mental health and addiction issues that are partly driving homelessness.

Further complicating the situation is the lack of authority to safely and humanely support those actively suffering on our streets. Currently, no legislation provides authority to temporarily detain individuals that are highly intoxicated from a drug or substance when their own, or others, safety is at risk.

Often, drug-intoxicated individuals walk carelessly into traffic; many lay unconscious in alleys/vestibules, suffer head trauma from falling, are victimized for theft/assault, and at times accost members of the general public.

Secondly, if such authority existed, there is no place currently to hold and medically support those who are grossly intoxicated for their safety while they stabilize.

As a result, the public feels unsafe in their communities, witnessing gross intoxication, drug-induced psychosis, and at times, being confronted by those suffering from severe mental health and addiction issues. Conversely, those suffering from Mental Health and Addictions are left to their own devices, lacking support and initiated care. Municipalities are facing the brunt of the impacts due to these issues.

## ANALYSIS:

FONOM/NOMA/NODSA's work on Mental Health, Addiction, and Homelessness and the Bail Reform Taskforce have converged to address a problematic convergence of Social Issues. Agencies, Hospitals, and many of our communities are spending considerable resources to tackle Mental Health, Addiction & Homelessness issues. Despite best efforts, Mental Health incidents and drug overdose numbers are steadily increasing, and our municipal infrastructure cannot handle the growing need.

The Mental Health Act, circa 1990, now 33 years old, and in the opinion of our municipal citizens and human service providers, needs review and modernization to address the current crisis. Although significant changes were made in 2000, much has evolved since that time, including the closure of the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, the availability and high potency of illicit street drugs, the overdose crisis, and a global pandemic that inadvertently removed in-person social supports and services while government and human service agencies struggled to find a solution.

The Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019, Sec 31(2) provides the authority for a police officer or conservation officer to arrest without warrant any person who is intoxicated by alcohol if, in the opinion of the officer, it is necessary to do so for the safety of any person. Over time, the incidents of gross intoxication and harm have increased due to drug consumption, not alcohol, rendering this particular authority inapplicable and creating a void in support.

Historically, Police Services would house individuals arrested for public intoxication; however, due to increasing awareness of medical concerns and public safety, Police cells are no longer a viable option for intoxicated individuals, thus creating the additional need for secure detoxification and support beds.

Secure detoxification beds offer individuals a safe and medically supported opportunity to stabilize without charge. Before release, and now with a clearer mind, social supports can be provided to address root causes and navigate the mental health/addictions ecosystem if services are accepted. This type of

interaction offers the best-case scenario for a safe and sober connection to services.

The funding of Secure Beds can not be done by the Province alone. The Federal Government must provide Ontario with new funding for this approach. FONOM would like to help the Ministers as they work with their Federal partners to secure the financing. Municipalities also have a role as more communities are contributing to supportive housing. FONOM will continue encouraging these often-supported measures through our membership and other municipal associations.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

FONOM recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to address the current Mental Health and Addiction Crisis by reviewing the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, providing an opportunity to update definitions and authorities to the current need. Particularly, legislation that could address the ability to arrest without warrant, those found intoxicated by drugs or other substances, without charge, for the safety of the individual and/or the safety of others, and language recognizing and affirming the comorbidity and concurrence of Mental Health and Addictions.

FONOM also recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to establish medically (and socially) supported secure beds for individuals to stabilize safely for 24hrs-48hrs. These stabilization and detox beds would hold those in a safe and medically supportive environment, providing 24-hour supervision, assessment, and offers of treatment support. FONOM would work with the Province to secure additional funding from the Federal Government, as they have a significant role in addressing this issue across the country.

FONOM believes that short of the Province establishing Psychiatric Facilities, **Ontario Homes** to secure the most dangerous in our community. FONOM believes the review and changes to the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, along with funding support for Secure Detox Beds, is the necessary next step and approach to addressing the mental health epidemic and addictions in our communities.

To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023  
From: FONOM Board  
Date: August 22, 2023  
Subject: Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units

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## ISSUE:

Northern Ontario Municipalities are concerned with any reduction of the Provincial Grant provided for Northern Ontario Health Unit funding. Also, if the mitigation funding is decreased, many of our members would face great hardship. Responses from our membership show that Health Unit levies range from 0.79% – 3.23% of a Municipalities' Budget (the average Health Unit levy in Northeastern Ontario is 1.44%).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario increase the grant they provide today by moving back to funding levels for Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.

## ANALYSIS:

The Services provided by the Health Units to our member communities are vital, and with considerable financial support from the Province during COVID, they provided exceptional Health Care to residents. This Government and its Ministries appreciate how vast Northern Ontario is, but the area overseen by the Porcupine Health Unit is 270,000 sq km (note Southern Ontario area is 114,217 sq km).

Many of our communities are geographically isolated, and providing universal Public Health Care is challenging and costly. The Health Units also oversee Public Health in unorganized areas with Provincial funding.

Northern Medical Officers of Health and their Boards have repeatedly asked for increased and sustainable base funding that considers the unique challenges faced in Northern Ontario. It is vital to Public Health to work effectively on the many public health disparities northern residents face. Public Health takes the lead or takes part in many of the foundations for action to improve health equity in the North. Leveling up public health funding and other funding in the North will make Health Units more resilient to the next emergency and allow Northerners to achieve better health overall.

*"Under the Health Promotion and Protection Act, since 1997, municipal governments are legally responsible for 100% of public health costs."*

The Funding for most of the Health Units programs in the Province was 75% funded by the Provincial Government and 25% by the Unit's Municipal Partners. There were also uniquely funded programs that the Province fully funded. The Units are responsive to the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability (Standards) set by the Ministries of the Government. The Municipal Partners had representation on the Unit Boards and the Provincial Appointees but had no input on the Standards.

The Provincial Budget 2019 announced that the Government was changing the Grant amount they contribute to the Units. The Budget document stated: *"the current structure of Ontario's public health units does not allow for consistent service delivery, could be better coordinated with the broader system and better aligned with the current Government priorities."* Following the Budget announcement, the Health Units in the North increased their levy by 10% and planned for the same next year, which would have meant a 42% increase by 2021.

The Province also spoke to Public Health Modernization and consolidation. FONOM has previously shared, in August 2020, our opposition and concerns with any amalgamation with the Province.

Then the Government and the Medical Officer of Health worked together, with so many others, to bring the Province through the Pandemic.

Now that the Pandemic is behind us, FONOM wants to share with you that our membership in the Northeastern part of the Province cannot afford any increases more significant than 1.44% (*note that for many, that amount will be a hardship*). There is great concern that any further shift onto small, northern, and rural Ontario municipalities will be a financial burden.

**FONOM still believes that public health in Northern Ontario is funded through regular provincial taxation, not property taxation (*especially with an amalgamation*). Until the Government fully assumes Public Health, we ask the Province to move back to funding level Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.**

Documents

[Northern Ontario Health Equity Strategy](#)

[Being Ready - Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics –](#)

[Ontario Atlas of Adult Mortality](#)

[Funding Letter from NBPSHU](#)

	2023 increase	% of Annual Budget
<b>NBPSHU</b>		
Parry Sound	0.90%	1.50%
Perry	3%	1.55%
Seguin	6%	0.71%
Mattawan	0.04%	1.00%
Burks Falls	0.98%	0.88%
Callander	0.01%	
McKellar	0.97%	0.79%
Nipissing	-1.02%	1.00%
South River	0.97%	2.49%
Machar	0.96%	
<b>Tem HU</b>		
Cobalt	0.01%	1.50%
Kirkland Lake	2.68%	3.24%
Latchford	1.13%	
Armstrong	1%	
Coleman	0.05%	
Englehart	0.94%	0.98%
Coleman	0.97%	
Evanturel	0.91%	3.30%
McGarry	0.96%	
<b>SUD District HU</b>		
St. Charles	1.20%	1.60%
Killarney	1.12%	
Spanish	0.90%	1.80%
Assiginack	0.91%	0.80%
<b>Algoma HU</b>		
MMA&A		2.55%
Huron Shores	0.89%	0.01%
Wawa		2.09%
Plummer	0.91%	1.79%
St.Josephs	1.16	1.20%
<b>Porcupine</b>		
Hearst	0.97%	1.20%
Kapuskasing		1.50%
Mattice Val Cote	1.05%	
Greenstone	0.00%	0.00%
Smooth Rock Falls	0.96%	0.90%
Hornepayne	0.94%	
Val Rita-Harty		
<b>Renfrew</b>		
South Algonquin	0.10%	



To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023  
From: FONOM Board  
Date: August 21, 2023  
Subject: School Board Trustee Elections in 2026

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## ISSUE:

Municipal Staff oversees the Municipal and multiple School Board elections. The ratepayers of the Municipality are currently responsible for covering all costs associated with the Elections, even when there is no Municipal Election.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario make school boards responsible for conducting their own trustee election or that the school boards fully compensate municipalities for overseeing such trustee elections.

## ANALYSIS:

The Boards often will not allow their facilities (school) to be used on Election Day. The biggest challenges Municipality have with the School Board Elections are;

Citizens do not understand the rules that go along with being able to vote for a particular board (i.e., their children go to catholic school, but the parents are not catholic, so they cannot vote for the Trustee for the Catholic Board). The 2026 Election will be even more confusing for School Board Elections with the Province taking over the voters' list. Currently, MPAC cannot share an individual's school board designation with the province. FONOM knows they are still working on this issue, but if MPAC cannot share this information, this will add an extraordinary amount of work for the Clerk's Department. Going so far as saying the municipality will hire additional election assistants to have one person dedicated to ensuring everyone's school board information is correct.

School Board Elections and “non-resident” Electors are always confusing for Election workers. If you do not live in the Municipality (non-resident), you cannot vote for a school board trustee – you must vote for the trustee in the Municipality you reside in.

80-90 % of the calls the Clerks Department receives before and on Election Day are related to School Board issues.

Also, 31 Municipalities in 2022 had Councils that were acclaimed. Those Municipalities still had to prepare and operate School Board Elections at ratepayers’ expense. We polled those Municipalities, and their costs were between \$3000-30,000. The total cost of 2022 Municipal and two of the four School Board Elections in North Bay was \$324,735.00, with the Clerk attributing 50% of the cost to the School Board Elections (noting that the Ballot cost only \$0.29; it is the education of the election worker and citizens is the challenge)

Due to Provincial Legislation, there currently is no financial support for a Municipality to help offset the cost of the Trustee Election. When there is no Municipal Election, the Municipality still has the responsibility and cost.

**Due to the challenges, costs, and responsibility to conduct the trustee elections. FONOM believes the School Boards operate their own elections or financially compensate the municipality for the costs incurred.**

	<b>Amount for Trustee Elections</b>
<b>Municipal Councils that were Acclaimed</b>	
1 Township of Armour	-
2 Township of Armstrong	
3 Town of Blind River (6 acclaimed of 7 member council, 1 vacancy)	\$ 26,044.06
4 Township of Brethour	
5 Township of Chamberlain (also 2018)	
6 Township of Chapleau	
7 Municipality of Charlton and Dack (also 2018)	
8 Township of Dawn-Euphemia	13,310.69
9 Township of Dorion (also 2018)	
10 Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	\$ 29,126.00
11 Township of East Garafraxa (also 2018)	\$ 3,302.75
12 Town of Enniskillen (also 2018)	\$ 4,026.30
13 Township of Evanturel (also 2018)	
14 Front of Yonge Township	
15 Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island (also 2018)	
16 Township of Hilliard (4 acclaimed, 5 member council, 1 vacancy)	
17 Township of Hilton (also 2018)	
18 Village of Hilton Beach	
19 Township of Hornepayne	-
20 Township of Howick	\$ 14,702.00
21 Township of Kerns (also 2018)	
22 Township of Lake of the Woods	
23 Town of Laurentian Hills	
24 Town of Minto	\$ 62,000.00
25 Village of Oil Springs (also 2018)	\$ 5,932.14
26 Township of Perry	\$ 3,012.00
27 Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls	
28 Village of South River	
29 Township of Tay	\$ 29,526.00
30 Township of The Archipelago	
31 Town of Thessalon	\$ 4,425.29
32 Village of Thornloe (also 2018)	

#### Comments

- We are not experts on the questions that candidates have with regard to each board, this again would be further justification to have the boards run and manage their own elections.
- It was difficult at times trying to get timely information from the school boards. We were left trying our best to answer questions about districts, lead municipality, compensation etc., for the candidates running in the school board election.

- What isn't included is all the soft costs, as time is not tracked and all the administrative and coordination required from our Clerk and Deputy to administer the school board election. Being a small rural township, our School Board election candidate-ward boundaries are combined with three other municipalities, and as you can imagine it's a bit of a challenge.
- I should note that I do not book admin time for election purposes. The expenses are direct payouts by the Township for materials, wages, and advertising. Advertising was shared by most of the County municipalities to reduce costs. I should also note that we made use of the existing inventory of election forms and ballot boxes.
- No school board Election - However, there was an expense of almost \$18,000.00 for the election due to having to pay for the electronic voting and training, regardless of whether it was used or not.
- Including advertisements, mailing costs for Voter Information cards to electors, payments to Simply Voting and Datafix for online

## Andrée Gagné

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**From:** Nicky Kunkel  
**Sent:** September 1, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'PHILLIPE POITRAS'  
**Cc:** Lise Allard; Éric Foisy; Margo Oleskiw; Darlene Hotte; Jessica Dion; Donna Clark  
**Subject:** RE: Consent Agreement (Road Agreement)

Thank you for the email Mr. Poitras,

I will bring this to Council for their consideration.

Each component you are commenting on is a standard practice for all consents. It is typically up to the developer to pay the municipal costs of severing property, this is out of pocket money for the municipality/taxpayers. Parkland is a provision from the Planning Act for all severances. I don't have the authority to waive any of these items.

The Performance Security, again is standard practice and Council can consider any adjustments.

I will put this on the agenda for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

I hope you have a great weekend.

### *Nicky Kunkel*

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The Consent Agreement was signed without releasing the provisions as requested. The request was made and deferred at the Sept 12th Council meeting. The Board decided to sign regardless and waive the request as to start the construction of Phase 2 as soon as possible.

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**From:** PHILLIPE POITRAS <nearnorthwaste@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 12:16 PM  
**To:** Nicky Kunkel <cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com>  
**Cc:** Lise Allard <lise.f.allard@acpol.com>; Éric Foisy <foisyerich@outlook.com>; Margo Oleskiw <mr.oh@live.com>; Darlene Hotte <d\_hotte54@hotmail.com>; Jessica Dion <jedion@bakertilly.ca>  
**Subject:** Consent Agreement (Road Agreement)

Good morning, Nicky, I have read your Consent Agreement and found a few issues that I would like to discuss with you in Schedule "B".

#### **4. Cash Deposits / Security - for The Municipality**

##### **Sec a) \$2000.00 Cash Deposit for The Municipal's Legal, Planning and Engineering Expenses**

I am asking that the Township of Bonfield absorb this cost in good faith because of all the delays on the Township's part which already created considerable additional costs to the Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield. (CNPSHB)

##### **Sec b) \$2000.00 Cash in Lieu of Parkland**

This is typically assessed on Developers creating new Lots/Spaces and recuperated by them from the use and sale of portions of the Land/Lots. Since this is not the case for CNPSHB. This should be the adjacent developer. He will be the only beneficiary from new lot creation/sales. I believe this should remain the adjacent developer's responsibility or be waved altogether. Further to this matter, this portion of the road should have already been fully completed in front of the CNPSHB Housing Parcel by the adjacent developer. The CNPSHB should have no obligation to absorb these costs which in my opinion are not directly tied nor applicable to this portion of the road construction being performed.

##### **Sec c) \$40,000.00 Performance Security for Eric Street Construction(Estimated)**

I assume that the Township is using 40k as the estimated cost of the road work. This means that we would need 40k in security(100%) which the agreement only allows Cash/Letter of Credit and not Bonding. I'm wondering if there is any way to reduce or release a portion of this security as the work is completed in good faith. Assuming that all road work but the chip and seal is completed then wouldn't it be fair to say that the Township may only hold/require roughly 8k plus warranty security? It is my opinion since this is a municipally backed housing initiative, that the Township should minimize or reduce this security required upfront or if the full amount is required upfront, allow the posting of a Performance Bond as security for this work and the warranty instead of cash. This would surely help CNPSHB reduce our cash flow restraints.

##### **Sec d) \$4000.00 Warranty Security (Estimated)**

Since this is a Community Initiative I am wondering if we can reduce this to 5% of the estimated value instead of 10% and or 1year instead of 2year.

I trust that you will find the above information satisfactory, should you need further information, please feel free to email me at [nearnorthwaste@rogers.com](mailto:nearnorthwaste@rogers.com)

Yours truly,

Phil Poitras  
President CNPSHB



# The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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August 14, 2023

Via email only

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Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act**

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

**Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario



in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,



Crystal Gray

CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer

Acting Treasurer

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- cc. Thunder Bay – Superior North MP, Marcus Powlowski
- Premier Doug Ford
- Kenora-Rainy River MPP, Greg Rickford
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs
- Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- The Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario
- Northwestern Ontario First Nations
- Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)
- Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's



September \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A1  
Sent Via Email: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

In 2002 the Conservative Government created the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the health needs of the region, improve access to quality care, and contribute to the economic development of Northern Ontario. On April 1, 2022, we celebrated as your Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent Medical University.

NOSM University is one of the greatest successes in Canada as it relates to addressing health workforce supply, with over 50% of graduates choosing family medicine as a career and over 90% of combined MD and postgraduate learners staying in Northern Ontario. Today, over 400,000 northerners receive primary and acute care from a NOSM University-trained doctor. Furthermore, many specialists have been created by NOSM University, providing care closer to home and reducing the need for patients to travel south to decrease the cost of the Northern Health Travel Grant.

We attribute much of this success to a "distributed community engaged learning" model that places its learners in 90 communities (135 organizations) across Northern Ontario throughout the academic year. NOSM University's economic impact in our region is immeasurable, but the institution is in jeopardy.

Northern Ontario remains in a healthcare crisis. More than 350 physicians are currently needed to fill shortages, which does not account for anticipated retirements. Areas of the North that are still in dire need of healthcare services are rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. NOSM University is the only Northern solution to meeting our physician workforce needs.

We are grateful for your Government's decision to increase medical school spaces at NOSM University. Still, the momentum gained in addressing the health inequities in the North will be considerably impacted by the lack of financial sustainability for this newly created University.

While the creation of NOSM University gives it the autonomy to yield tremendous success in Northern physician recruitment and retention, the costs associated with

becoming a university, undertaking an unprecedented expansion, and continuing to offer world-class community-based education are significant. The University's current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently, and cost reductions are no longer attainable or feasible.

As such, we respectfully support NOSM University's request to the Province of Ontario for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government established initially in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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WHEREAS the \_\_\_\_\_ name of Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ name of Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.



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## **The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command**

### ***“Military Service Recognition Book”***

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in **The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command**, representing **Ontario’s Veterans**. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

**The Royal Canadian Legion** Ontario Command is very proud to be once again printing over **10,000 copies** of our **11th annual “Military Service Recognition Book”**, scheduled for release by October 2024. This unique remembrance publication recognizes and honours our Province's Veterans and helps us fulfill the Legion's role as the **“Keepers of Remembrance”**. Proceeds raised from this annual appeal are also used to support Veterans Transition Programs to help modern day Veterans that suffer from PTSD and other challenges.

The Legion is recognized as one of Canada’s largest Veterans Support Organizations and we are an integral part of the communities we serve. This project helps ensure the Legion’s continued success. We would like to have your organization's support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **“Military Service Recognition Book.”**

Please find enclosed a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact **Ontario Command Campaign Office** toll free at **1-855-241-6967**.

**Thank you for your consideration and/or support.**

Sincerely,

Derek Moore  
President



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# The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command

## “Military Service Recognition Book”

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## The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command- 11th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

Kevin Wells <kwells@campaign-office.com>

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Hello Andree,

I wanted to first thank you for taking a moment to speak with me today. As per our telephone conversation please find enclosed a copy of our Advertisement Letter and Rate Sheet for the **Ontario Command Legion's 11th annual edition of our Military Service Recognition Book** to honor and recognize our Veterans.

This unique remembrance publication includes past and present-day Veterans biographies and photographs. With the help of our Veterans, their families and friends, submissions are collected at local legion branches and our next edition is scheduled for release in **October 2024**, in advance of our Annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

It is available for all to see at local legion branches and online at the Ontario Command Legion's website: <http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/military-service-recognition-book>. It helps us, and our younger generations, appreciate and never forget the Sacrifices made by our Veterans for the freedoms we enjoy today.

We would sincerely appreciate **TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD's** support and appreciation for our Veterans by purchasing another advertisement in our next edition.



If you require any additional information, please reply to this email or phone me at our toll-free number below. I will follow up with you in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration and/or support.

Sincerely,



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**Kevin Wells**

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September 11, 2023

Corporation of the Township of Bonfield  
365 Highway 531  
Bonfield, ON  
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Dear Mayor Paquette and Council:

Subject: Integrity Commissioner 2022/23 Annual Report

Since the election of Council last year, I can confirm that I have not received any inquiries from electors regarding alleged violations of the Township's Code of Conduct or the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

You will recall that when we last met on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 , I recommended a review and update of the Township's Code of Conduct as well as the development of Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest complaint and application procedures, for posting on the Township's website. Acting on these recommendations will improve the accountability and transparency of Council. Should you wish to proceed with these recommendations, I am available to assist.

Lastly, my term as your Integrity Commissioner is set to expire on December 31, 2023. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if Council wishes to enter into a new service agreement based on my current fees or will be proceeding to send out a request for proposals (RFP) for Integrity Commissioner Services.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*David King*  
Integrity Commissioner  
Township of Bonfield  
249-878-0303



September 15, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's  
Recommendations**

As you know, in February 2022, the Housing Affordability Task Force delivered [its final report](#) with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Including sub-items and appendices, the Task Force made 74 unique recommendations, some of which apply to all communities in Ontario, with others more specific to large and urban municipalities. While Ontario has made progress in acting on these recommendations — with 23 implemented to date helping to achieve the highest level of housing starts in over three decades — as the province grows at incredible speed, all levels of government need to do more.

To bring the dream of home ownership into reach for more people, I have asked my ministry to renew its efforts to review and, where possible, implement the Task Force's remaining recommendations with minimal delay. As part of that review, I am asking for you, as head of council, to prioritize your top five recommendations for future consideration. For these top five priorities, this could include your advice to revisit the way a recommendation has been implemented up to this point, as well as how some of the recommendations could or should be implemented with amendments.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a chart with space to rank the top five Task Force recommendations. While I know that some of the recommendations may not be applicable to all small, rural, and Northern communities, I ask that you rank those recommendations that you feel would be, or have been, the most useful in increasing housing supply in your community.

As we look to do more to solve the housing supply and affordability crisis together, it's important for the province to have a full understanding of our municipal partners' positions on these recommendations as quickly as possible. I ask that you **please return the completed chart to [housingsupply@ontario.ca](mailto:housingsupply@ontario.ca) no later than October 16, 2023.**

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that more people can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- Kirstin Jensen, Interim Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
- Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
- Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

Attachment:

Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response



**NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA - Multi-Ministry Notes**  
**Monday August 21, 2023, 8:15-9:00am (EST)**  
**Windsor Club Room, 2nd floor of the DoubleTree by Hilton - London**

**Attendees:**

Mayor Wendy Landry of Shuniah, President of NOMA  
Councillor Danny Whalen of Temiskaming Shores, President of FONOM  
Councillor Michelle Boileau of Timmins, Chair of NOSDA  
Mayor Fred Mota of Red Lake, Executive Vice President of NOMA  
Mayor Ken Boshcoff of Thunder Bay, NOMA Executive Board Member  
Mayor Rick Dumas of Marathon, NOMA Executive Board Member  
Mark Figliomeni, CAO/Clerk of Red Rock, NOMA Board Member  
Councillor Mark King of the City of North Bay, FONOM Board Member  
Tammy MacKenzie CAO at District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board  
Donna Stewart, CAO of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
Debbie Ewald, Board Member Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board  
Andrea Strawson, Executive Director of NOMA  
Mac Bain, Executive Director of FONOM  
Fern Dominelli, Executive Director of NOSDA

**Employment Services System**

We are here to discuss an essential initiative that is underway in the Province of Ontario - the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario. This transformation is driven by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, with the aim of creating a more efficient, streamlined, and outcome-focused system that better serves the needs of job seekers, businesses, and local communities.

The foundation of this transformation lies in the integration of employment services from social assistance into Employment Ontario. By doing so, we hope to reduce fragmentation, eliminate duplication, and, most importantly, improve the quality of service provided to our clients. The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has designated 2 geographical regions in the North, being Northeastern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario.

The 789,519 people (2021 census) who live in Northern Ontario are spread across a land mass of 806,708 square kilometers, we have 0.98 people per square kilometer. By comparison, the City of Toronto has a land mass of 630.2 square kilometers with a population of 2,794,356 (2021 census) or 4,434 people per square kilometer.

NOSDA members are concerned that the two Northern regions are too large and vast a geographic area for only two Service System Managers. I am proud to share that the

Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) wholeheartedly supports this integration. NOSDA has been actively collaborating with colleges in Northern Ontario to develop a comprehensive employment service system. This collaborative approach leverages the expertise and resources of educational institutions, ensuring that we address the unique needs of job seekers and employers in our region. One key area in establishing Service System Managers in Northern Ontario will be the creation of employment performance zones. Basically, in order for a Service System Manager to receive their funding, they must achieve specific employment related targets negotiated with the Ministry.

Now it may be easier for a Service System Manager to achieve their targets in large urban centres in Northern Ontario, but the real challenge will be establishing performance zones where targets must be achieved within a sprawling geographic area. We are talking areas with unsophisticated transportation systems, minimal broadband connectivity, limited employment opportunities, lower education rates, etc. As you can imagine, achieving targets in rural and remote parts of Northern Ontario will require comprehensive planning and many meaningful partnerships.

This is where we believe CMSM's and DSSAB's can play a vital role in the success of the employment transformation. We are already well-established across the North and understand the uniqueness of our northern communities.

To ensure the success of this transformation, we present two key recommendations:

**Engaging CMSMs and DSSABs:** We believe it is crucial to involve Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) as full partners in determining and finalizing the employment performance zones. By doing so, we can ensure that the services and employment planning in Northern Ontario are precisely aligned with our region's unique requirements. This collaborative effort will foster better coordination and understanding, leading to more effective and tailored service delivery.

**Expanding Services in Rural and Remote Areas:** It is of utmost importance that we cater to the needs of job seekers and employers in our rural and remote areas. To achieve this, we recommend incentivizing our Service System Managers to expand their services to every corner of Northern Ontario. We must ensure that individuals in these regions have access to essential in-person resources to support their entry or re-entry into the local labour markets. While online services can complement these provisions, we must not do away with the invaluable 'human touch' in these regions.

In conclusion, it is critical that the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario is achieved in partnership with us Northerners. By integrating services, collaborating with colleges, engaging CMSMs and DSSABs, and incentivizing Service System Managers, we can significantly enhance client service, improve accountability, and achieve better outcomes for both job seekers and employers. We urge the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations. Let us work together to ensure a brighter future for our communities and workforce, and to support sustainable development in the region.

## **Centre of Excellence & Northern Ontario School of Medicine**

We would like to know the Ministry of Health's response to our recommendation in January regarding creating an advisory table for our 11 districts that would have direct dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

Also, our Organizations would like to speak to the urgent financial need of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. They require a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year. We want a commitment from the Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges, and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, and Kevin Holland that they act now to is the annual base increased by 4 million, not wait until March.

### **Analysis**

In January, we recommended the creation of an advisory table for each of the eleven districts in the North instead of a separate Northern Centre of Excellence. That would ensure a local strategic vision for a district's priority areas. These tables would have direct and continuous dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

This Government believes Ontario has different Health and Housing challenges than other Provinces in the Federation. Our three organizations believe we have different needs than the heavily populated Southern Ontario. We also acknowledge and know it to be true that Dryden and Temiskaming Shores have different needs and challenges. Therefore, Northern Ontario should be viewed as a One-Window Approach.

Our members lobbied for the creation of the Northern School of Medicine. Our members were thrilled when in 2022, this Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent medical university. Also, increasing the number of medical Doctors and Postgraduates spots was very well received.

The Northern School of Medicine has achieved its Vision by providing Innovative education and research for a healthier North. They have graduates that are our family physicians and specialists. But Northern Ontario still requires over 350 more physicians to serve those who don't have a family Doctor this morning.

The Northern School of Medicine Board has a zero-deficit policy, considering recent history is prudent. Therefore, an increase in annual base funding is required to allow for continuity and growing enrollment. This base funding increase is needed today to make the Northern School of Medicine what you and Northerners need to address our healthcare challenges.

## **Homelessness, Mental Health, & Addictions Series Upcoming Publication**

In 2021, Northern Policy Institute partnered with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association to analyze the state of homelessness, mental health, and addictions in Northern Ontario. The first report, titled “*More than Just a Number: Addressing the Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health Crisis in the North*,” established a baseline around homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders in Northern Ontario and recommended eight strategies for government and community practitioners to address these issues.

The second report, “*Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use in Northern Ontario, Revisited*,” provided concrete steps decision-makers and community practitioners can take to implement three of those recommendations in Northern Ontario: amend the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* to support service hub communities; support new and existing culturally sensitive community housing facilities for Indigenous peoples; and establish a Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre in Northern Ontario.

The third report aims to expand on another three of the eight strategies recommended by the first piece: provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community housing units, support new and existing Housing First programs, and establish mandated mobile crisis intervention teams (MCIT) in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario. This report will be provided to government at ROMA 2024.

The steps identified in this report will be informed not only by the analysis of the initial paper’s findings highlighting that current efforts are not enough to address the worsening homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario, but also by real-world case studies and best practices that will be gathered from literature and community members in Northern Ontario. From this information, this third report will be a guide tool that can inform decision-makers and community practitioners.

The health care crisis experienced across Northern Ontario is alarming. Municipalities are struggling to effectively fund public health care and retain adequate physicians and nurses to provide care to our residents. According to NOSM we need 364 physicians (211 family doctors and 153 medical specialists) in the North. Despite this need, as of April 1, 2023, your government reduced the number of Ministry of Health allocated physician spots on the Rural Northern Physician Group Agreement for multiple medical centres including Red Lake & Atikokan Hospitals among others. We need to retain funding for these health care professionals to avoid further exasperating the health care deficit.

Mental health, addiction, and homelessness cases are on the rise and municipalities are in desperate need of solutions. Municipalities across the North are experiencing serious financial pressures, most notably from inflation and funding inequities. Municipalities in Northern Ontario need financial relief and our organizations ask the province to restore the previous public health funding ratio of 75%/25% for all cost-shared programs and to assume 100% funding once again for those programs identified as such in the public health budget for 2018-2019. Additionally, we ask that you continue the current mitigation funding until such time as the cost-shared arrangement is restored to 75%/25% to account for the additional costs we experience to provide health care in the North.





# COMMUNIQUÉ

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
BUREAU DU COMMISSAIRE DES INCENDIES

September 6, 2023

No. 2023-09

## Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has received a number of enquiries from the fire service about fire chiefs' roles and responsibilities with respect to reporting to municipal council. In light of these enquiries, the Fire Marshal has determined that it is appropriate to provide an interpretation of Section 6(3) of the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997](#) (FPPA).

Section 6(1) of the FPPA stipulates that if a fire department is established for the whole or a part of a municipality or for more than one municipality, the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities shall appoint a fire chief for the fire department.

Section 6(3) of the FPPA then specifies the relationship between the fire chief and council as follows:

### *Responsibility to council*

*6(3) A fire chief is the person who is ultimately responsible to the council of a municipality that appointed him or her for the delivery of fire protection services.*

While a municipality may choose to have the fire chief report through an administrative organizational structure, the fire chief remains accountable directly and individually to council for all aspects of fire safety and the delivery of fire protection services within the municipality.

It is also important that any consideration of these matters be risk-based, as communities are required under [O. Reg. 378/18: Community Risk Assessments](#) to use their community risk assessments to inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services by no later than July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please speak with your Fire Protection Adviser.



**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**MEETING DATE:** September 26, 2023  
**FROM:** Ann Carr, Public Works Manager  
**SUBJECT:** To Purchase Commercial Zero Turn Lawnmower

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS it was identified in the Capital Budget that a new commercial zero turn was needed AND WHEREAS quotes were obtained, NOW THEREFORE the lowest quote from Arnstein's Lawn and Garden for a commercial Gravely zero turn for \$8,805.30 net HST be accepted.

**BACKGROUND:**

It was identified for the purpose of the parks and cemetery that a new commercial grade zero turn be purchased. The Township maintains 20 acres of grass and the zero turn that was purchased in 2014 for \$5000.00 was not commercial and has ended its life cycle.

**FINANCIAL:**

\$13,000.00 was budgeted for a new commercial zero turn.

3 quotes were obtained as follows and includes HST rebate:

<b>Arnstein's</b>	Gravely 26 H.P. Commercial 52"	<b>\$8,805.30</b>
<b>Hamelin's</b>	Toro 23.5 H.P. Commercial 52"	<b>\$15,110.35</b>
<b>Sampson's</b>	Husqvarna 23.5 H.P. Commercial 54"	<b>\$11,539.60</b>

If purchasing the Gravely from Arnstein's the cost is under budget (-\$4194.70)

This lawn mower also includes a 4-year 700-hour warranty.

Respectfully,

I concur with this report,

Ann Carr  
Public Works Manager

Nicky Kunkel  
CAO

## MEMO

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Date: August 18, 2023  
To: Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk Treasurer, Township of Bonfield  
From: David Welwood, Planner  
CC: Marilyn Cameron, Planner; Jason Ferrigan, Chief Planner  
Subject: **Bonfield Official Plan and Zoning By-law 31585 –Update on ALES Study for Prime Agricultural Designation**

### INTRODUCTION

J.L. Richards & Associates Limited (JLR) has been engaged to provide land use planning services for the review and update of the Township of Bonfield's Official Plan and Zoning By-law. As a step within this Official Plan and Zoning By-law project, JLR conducted an Agricultural Land Evaluation System (ALES) Study to identify potential areas of prime agricultural land within the Township.

The purpose of this memo is to present the findings of that ALES study.

### BACKGROUND

A purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law project is to update the Official Plan which has regard to matters of provincial interest listed under Section 2 of the *Planning Act*; is consistent with policy statements issued under Section 3 of the *Planning Act*; and conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them. It is also an opportunity to ensure that the Township Official Plan continue to reflect the community's vision, goals, and objectives for land use planning.

In order to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (PPS), municipalities must designate "prime agricultural areas" in their official plans. Prime agricultural areas are defined in the PPS as meaning:

*"areas where prime agricultural lands predominate. This includes areas of prime agricultural lands and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas where there is a local concentration of farms which exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. Prime agricultural areas may be identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food using guidelines developed by the Province as amended from time to time. A prime agricultural area may also be identified through an alternative agricultural land evaluation system approved by the Province."*

Prime agricultural lands means "specialty crop areas and/or Canada Land Inventory Class 1, 2 and 3 lands", which include central farm lands in the Township of Bonfield.

A "One Window" pre-consultation meeting with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and partner ministries was held on April 25, 2022 to ensure the Official Plan update complies with provincial legislation and is consistent with provincial policies. Comments from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) indicated that the current rural policies and terminology require updating to be consistent with changes to the Provincial Policy Statement since the existing Official Plan's adoption and that the current policies relating to Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) require updating for greater clarity on how to apply MDS setbacks surrounding agricultural uses. In addition, OMAFRA identified portions of Township lands south of HWY 17 which appear to demonstrate characteristics of a prime agricultural area and request the addition of stronger agricultural policies for the protection of these lands. They requested an evaluation of such lands under both PPS definitions of "prime agricultural land" and "prime agricultural area", and the potential redesignation of these lands, if applicable, as a result of the evaluation.

On May 9, 2023, by resolution of Council, the Township retained JLR to conduct an analysis of agricultural potential using the ALES methodology.

### **ANALYSIS & FINDINGS**

ALES is a Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) approved approach for informing the designation of prime agriculture areas for Official plans. This study uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data to help determine which areas meet the characteristics of prime agricultures. The ALES process is more of a visual exercise than the alternative Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) analysis method that relies heavily on GIS modeling to assist the process.

OMAFRA suggests Soil Class 1 to 3 and Organics (Prime soil class) are considered high priority when looking at prime agriculture. Analysis was performed on Bonfield's parcel layer to identify the percentage of Soil Class 1 to 3 and Organics. The mapping identified parcels with > 50% coverage, 25% - 50% coverage and < 25% coverage. Parcels with > 50% prime soil class are added to prime agriculture as shown in the attached maps. MPAC property Codes and Agriculture Canada Annual Crop Inventory (ACI) was used the help locate existing Agriculture activity in Bonfield. The MPAC and ACI mapping datasets were used to analyze the areas with < 50% prime soil class to see if other areas should be included add to the agriculture boundary. All analysis was done only on lands outside of the Hamlet Settlement Areas.

The Township has approximately 5280 ha, across 332 lots outside of the Hamlet Settlement Areas, containing 25% or greater amounts of Class 1-3 or organic soils. The majority of these are Class 2 and 3 soils.

The ALES process results in an agricultural boundary as shown on the attached maps. The agricultural boundary shown indicates areas with potential for designation with a new Agricultural designation with stronger protections for prime agricultural lands.

We note that the attached maps present potential agricultural lands for designation based solely on the analysis of the ALES process. This is intended as a first draft version of that designation, to be reviewed and discussed further by Staff, Council and the community. The next step in this process is to add local context to the data presented here, and ensure that the new designation is informed by the reality of existing and future agricultural practices in the Township.

Some questions to consider while reviewing include:

- Which agricultural lands are not included in this first draft agricultural boundary but should be?
- Which parcels are included in this first draft agricultural boundary that don't make sense to be included?
- What are the implications of re-designating these parcels for stronger agricultural policies?

As a next step, JL Richards will meet with Township staff to discuss incorporating the inclusion of a new designation, zone, and corresponding policies into the draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and to determine a timeline for review and sufficient discussion of the agricultural boundary as presented for later incorporation into associated Official Plan and Zoning Schedules.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Figure 1: 31585\_Analysis

Figure 2: 31585\_SoilClass\_Analysis



**MEMO**

J.L. RICHARDS & ASSOCIATES LIMITED

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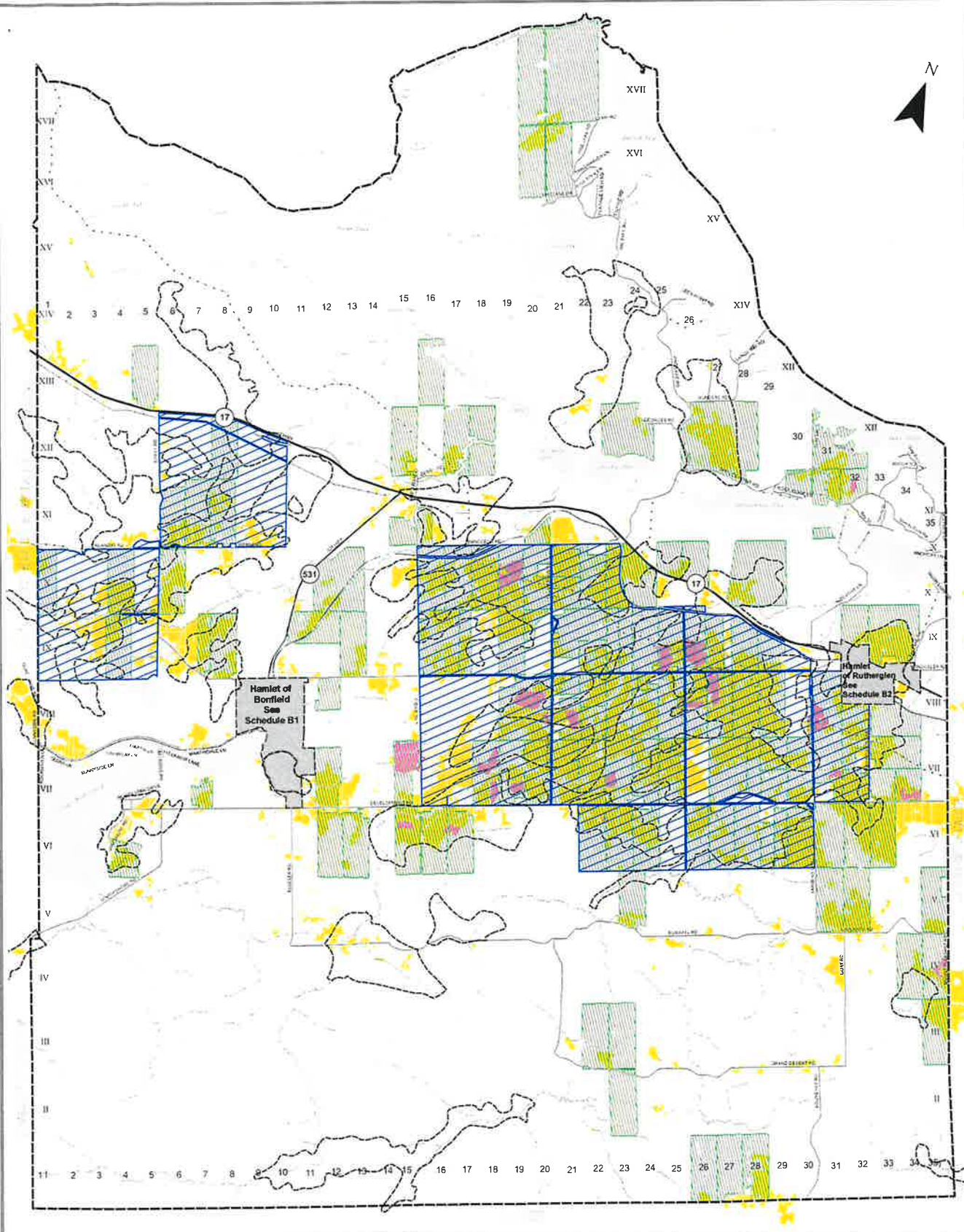
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Planner

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David Welwood, RPP, MCIP  
Senior Planner

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**Existing Agriculture Analysis**

Data Source: Source Data has been provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Township of Bonfield.



**Legend**

- Town
- Utility Line
- Culvert/Track
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Rural Fabric
- Settlement Area
- Township Boundary

**Legend**

- Agriculture Version 1
- Soil Class 1, 2, 3 and Organic

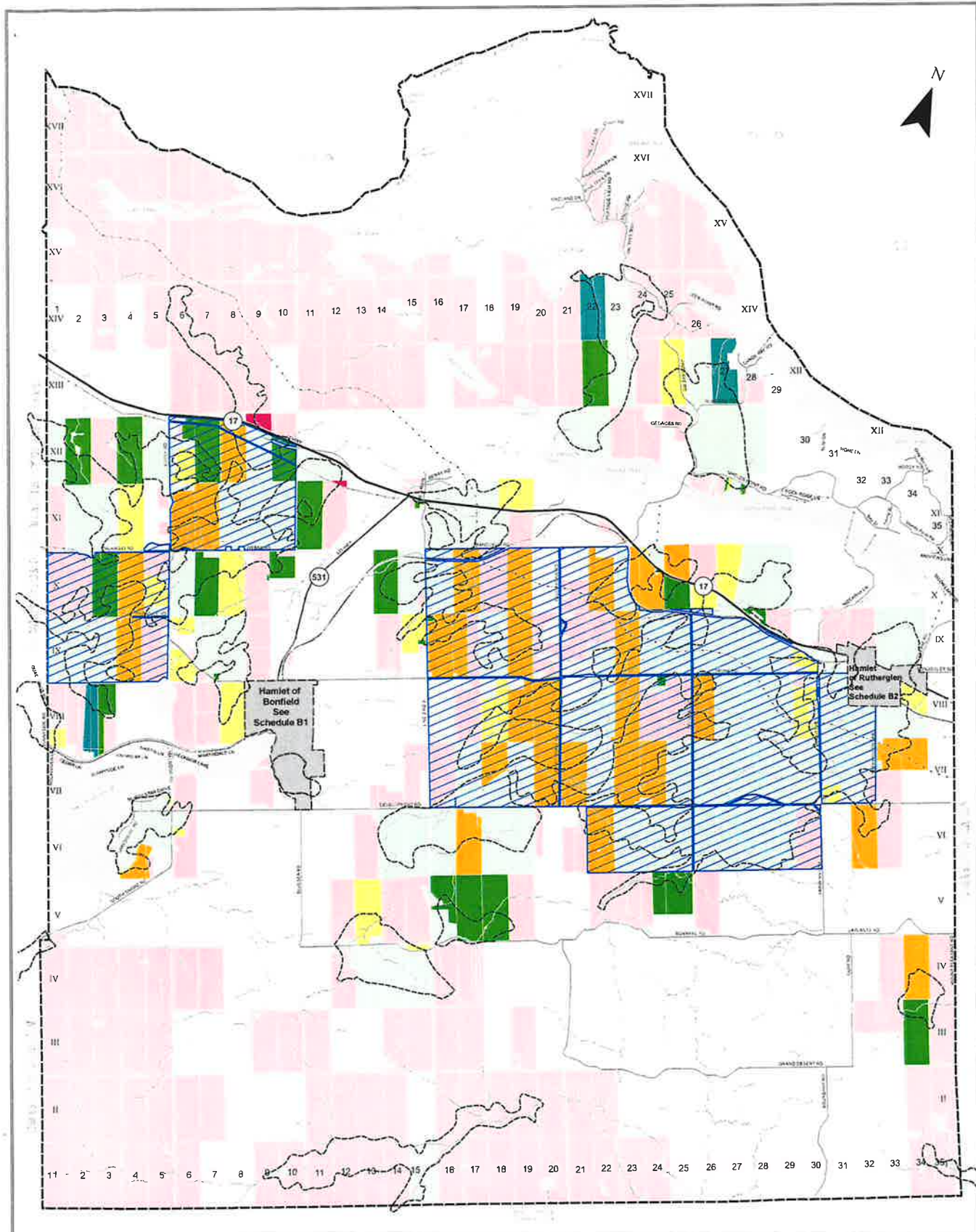
- AG Canada Crop Inventory 2021**
- Exposed sandstone
  - Pasture/Forage
  - Crops

**MPAC Agriculture Properties**

- 200 - Farm Property Without Any Buildings/Structures
- 201 - Farm With Residence - With Or Without Secondary Structures - No Farm Outbuildings
- 210 - Farm With Residence - With Secondary Structures - With Farm Outbuildings
- 211 - Farm With Residence - With Or Without Secondary Structures - With Farm Outbuildings
- 220 - Farm Without Residence - With Commercial/Industrial Operation
- 228 - Farm With Gravel Pit
- 260 - Vacant Residential/Commercial/Industrial Land Owned By A Non-Farmer With A Portion Being Farmed
- 261 - Land Owned By A Non-Farmer Improves With A Non-Farm Residence With A Portion Being Farmed

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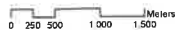


  
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**Legend**

-  Well
-  Utility Line
-  Access Road
-  Mainroad
-  Highway
-  Power Line
-  Settlement Area
-  Township Boundary

**Legend**

-  Agriculture Version 1
-  Soil Class 1, 2, 3 and Organics
- Land Use (25% to 50%)**
-  Vacant Land
-  Farm Property
-  Managed Forest Property
-  Residential
-  Crown Land
- Soil Class 1, 2, 3 or Organics**
-  + 50%
-  25% - 50%
-  + 25%

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## Nicky Kunkel

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**From:** David Welwood <dwelwood@jlrichards.ca>  
**Sent:** September 15, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** Nicky Kunkel; Marilyn Cameron  
**Cc:** Jason Ferrigan  
**Subject:** RE: Open House/Next Steps  
**Attachments:** ALES Study Memo.pdf; 31585\_Analysis.pdf; 31585\_SoilClass\_Analysis.pdf

Hi Nicky,

Just trying to give you a call but the phone just keeps ringing. Happy to chat but I thought we had sent the ALES study to you earlier – my apologies if this was not the case. It is attached along with the two attachments noted in the report outlining a potential Agricultural designation.

Next steps in ALES are:

- Feedback on the ALES agriculture layer (Version 1) from Township of Bonfield
- Create agriculture layer (Version 2) using feedback from the Township of Bonfield
- Final ALES report
- Council approves ALES study and Agriculture boundary
- Final ALES agriculture boundary is integrated with the Draft Official Plans and Zoning By-laws. Draft OP Schedules and policies
- Draft official plans will be circulated to Province and other stakeholders and agencies

I understand that a draft OP is likely to be finalized this coming week, so I am hoping to send it to you by the end of next week or early the following week.

Sorry for the delay.

Give me a call anytime to discuss, have a lovely weekend.

Dave

**David Welwood**, RPP, MCIP, MES  
Planner

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**From:** Nicky Kunkel <cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** David Welwood <dwelwood@jlrichards.ca>; Marilyn Cameron <mcameron@jlrichards.ca>  
**Cc:** Jason Ferrigan <jferrigan@jlrichards.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Open House/Next Steps  
**Importance:** High



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

**BY-LAW NO. 2023-40**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of Council to confirm all Proceedings and By-Laws:

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

1. THAT the Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for all Regular Council and Special Meetings from September 12, 2023 to September 26, 2023 inclusive.
2. THAT all By-Laws passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
3. THAT all resolutions passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. THAT all other proceedings, decisions and directions of the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**

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MAYOR

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CLERK