



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
February 27th, 2024

PRESENT: Jason Corbett Donna Clark
Dan MacInnis

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Steve Featherstone

ABSENT: Narry Paquette

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

No. 1 Call to Order

No.1

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

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 2 Adoption of Agenda

No.2

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 27th day of February 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

No. 4 Adoption of Previous Minutes

No.3

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 13th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 5 Presentation & Delegations (none for this session)

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Recreation Committee Secretary – Canada Day Entertainment

No.4

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
That Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$1,535 for live entertainment at Canada Day.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Jason Corbett

6.b Report from Planning Administrator – Sale and disposition of land re Beath, Patrina and Jeffery

No.5

Moved by Councillor Clark
WHEREAS Jeffery and Patrina Beath requested to purchase Block 21, Section 36M-516, directly abutting their property located at 16 Rock Ridge Lane, Rutherglen; AND WHERE Council approved of the purchase in "principle" at the regular meeting of Council on January 30th, 2024; AND WHERE the Planning Administrator proceeded accordingly; AND FURTHERMORE the Township solicitor discovered through the Lands and Title Registry that the subject land was not transferred to the Township and therefore does not own Block 21 and cannot authorize the sale; AND NOW THEREFORE unspent funds from the Beath's deposit be returned.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Jason Corbett

6.c Report from Planning Administrator – Forming a not-for-profit committee – History of Bonfield

No.6

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Bonfield understands the importance of the heritage and culture of the Township regarding the rich railway history that developed, what is now known, as the Township of Bonfield; AND WHEREAS a not-for-profit committee will be formed to preserve the history of Bonfield as well as to celebrate our heritage through objectives and goals of the committee; THEREFORE the Planning Administrator will represent the Township of Bonfield as the liaison on the Committee to report back to the Council

Carried Jason Corbett

6.d Report from Public Works Manager – Unmaintained Roads

No.7

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

That Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby approves the policy for unmaintained roadways as presented; and further that this policy come into effect upon adoption.

Carried Jason Corbett

6.e Report from CAO/ Clerk – User Fees

No.8

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

That Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby authorizes that staff prepare a draft user fee bylaw for consideration at a Council meeting in March 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions (none for this session)

8. Items for Council Discussion (none for this session)

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a By-law 2024-10 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the North Bay & District Humane Society for the provision of animal control services

No.9

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts by-law 2024-10, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the North Bay and District Humane Society for the provision of animal control services in the Township of Bonfield, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 27th day of February 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

9 b. By-law 2024-12 being a by-law for the closure and sale of shore road allowance re Thompson

No.10

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts by-law 2024-12, being a by-law to stop up, close and sell part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Part Lot 3, Concession 6, being Part 1, 36R15133, Township of Bonfield, District of Nipissing, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 27th day of February 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

9 c. By-law 2024-13 being a by-law for the closure and sale of shore road allowance re Fleckney

No.11

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts by-law 2024-13, being a By-law to stop up, close and sell part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 2, Concession 7 being Part 1, 36R15069, Township of Bonfield, District of Nipissing, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 27th day of February 2024

Carried Jason Corbett

9.d Municipality of Calvin – Provincial and National Fire Fighting Strategy

No.12

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Calvin in urging the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting; AND FURTHERMORE to urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

Carried Jason Corbett

9.e City of Brantford – Reliable and Accessible Public Rail Transit – CN Rail Letter

No.13

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports City of Brantford in requesting the Federal Government to enact the necessary legislative and regulatory provisions thus providing VIA and Metrolinx with priority right of way over freight rail lines, and further; directing CN Rail to work positively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications, and the prompt and timely enforcement of municipal property standards.

Carried Jason Corbett

9.f Letter from DNSSAB Chair regarding Reaching Home Funding

No.14

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the stabilization of the Federal Government's Reaching Home funding to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board as the Community Entity; AND THAT funding be maintained, at minimum, at current levels for future fiscal years; AND THAT this resolution be shared with local federal representatives.

Carried Jason Corbett

9.g Bonfield & District Lions Club ATV Run

No.15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the Bonfield & District Lions Club is requesting the use of the Township Public Works Garage site for overflow parking and any available picnic tables for their 20th Annual ATV Fundraiser & Poker Run May 11, 2024; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of these requests and refers them to the Public Works Department.

Carried Jason Corbett

10. Correspondence

No.16

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of February 27, 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

11. Closed Session

No.17

Moved by Councillor Clark

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 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried Jason Corbett

No.18

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 8:26 p.m.

Carried Jason Corbett

12. Confirmatory By-Law

No.19

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council from February 13th, 2024 to February 27th, 2024, as presented and considered read three times and passed this 27th day of February 2024.

Carried Jason Corbett

13. Adjournment

No.20

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carried Jason Corbett

MAYOR

CLERK