



## The Corporation of The Township of Bonfield

### AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 22nd, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Adoption of previous minutes**
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council: October 8, 2024
5. **Presentations and Delegations** – None for this session
6. **Staff Reports** – No Reports for this session
7. **Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions**
  - a. **Corporate Services Committee:** No Minutes for this session
  - b. **Emergency Services Committee:** No Minutes for this session
  - c. **Planning Advisory Committee:** October 16, 2024
  - d. **Recreation Committee:** October 7, 2024
  - e. **Police Services Board:** No Minutes for this session
8. **Items for Council Discussion**
  - a. 2025 ROMA Conference – January 19-21, 2025, Early Bird Registration
  - b. Special meeting of Council – Reschedule November 26 Meeting to November 19, 2024
  - c. 2025 OPP Annual Billing Letter for Municipalities
  - d. OAPSB Zone 1A Conference
9. **Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption**
  - a. MHIP – HECS Funding Application for Development Rd
  - b. Township of East Ferris – Combined ROMA/AMO Conference
  - c. City of Temiskaming Shores – Alcohol Sales in Convenience Stores
  - d. Municipality of Waterloo – Solve the Humanitarian Crisis
10. **Correspondence**
  - a. Library Board Minutes – October 7, 2024
  - b. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Deposit Return Program
  - c. Town of Cobourg - Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions
  - d. Township of Springwater - AMO OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign
  - e. FONOM Resolution - To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget
11. **Question Period**

*Small Community, Big Heart*



12. **Closed Session – None for this session**
  
13. **Confirmatory By-Law**
  - a. Resolution to adopt By-law No. 2024-61
  
14. **Adjournment**



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager  
Dave Vieira, Acting Fire Chief  
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 Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 2**

Moved by Councillor Corbett  
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None for this session**

**4. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

**5. Presentation & Delegations – None for this session**

**6. Staff Reports – None for this session**

**7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions – None for this session**

**8. Items for Council Discussion**

8.a Appointment of Community Member to the Bonfield Medical Centre Board

**Motion 4**

Moved by Councillor Clark  
Whereas the Bonfield Medical Centre Board received and reviewed two submissions from community members, Council for the Township of Bonfield accepts the recommendation from the Board to appoint Dr. Paul Preston to the Bonfield Medical Centre Board as the Community Representative.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette



**9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption**

9.a Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-59 – To appoint a Deputy Mayor

**Motion 5**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

That Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby resolves that By-law 2024-59 to appoint Councillor Jason Corbett as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council term be considered read three times and finally passed in open session this 8th day of October 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.b Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-60 – To appoint an acting Deputy Fire Chief

**Motion 6**

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Whereas the Acting Fire Chief has recommended Captain Josh DeWaal for the position of Acting Deputy Fire Chief; now therefore Council for the Township of Bonfield resolves that By-law 2024-60 to appoint Mr. DeWaal as Acting Deputy Fire Chief be considered read three times and finally passed in open session this 8th day of October 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.c Resolution to confirm MOU with the Bonfield Snowmobile Club

**Motion 7**

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Whereas the Township first entered into an agreement and memorandum of understanding with the Bonfield Snowmobile Club in 1996 and amendments have been granted since that date; Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby confirms their granting of permission to utilize certain municipal roads and unmaintained road allowance for snowmobile trails within Bonfield as per the attached schedule.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.d City of Kitchener – Supporting the City of Toronto - Renovictions

**Motion 8**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

That the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the City of Kitchener and Toronto in advocating the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of Renovictions and to urge the Province of Ontario to proclaim and bring into force all regulations pertaining to Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023; AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP for District of Nipissing and AMO.

Carried Narry Paquette



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
October 8, 2024

9.e Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities

**Motion 9**

Moved by Councillor Corbett  
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for District of Nipissing and to AMO.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

9.f Donation to the Callander Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund

**Motion 10**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone  
That the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Callander Royal Canadian Legion Branch #445 with a \$200.00 donation towards their Poppy Fund.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

**10. Correspondence**

**Motion 11**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone  
THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

**11. Question Period** – There were no questions submitted for this meeting

**12. Closed Session – Sharing of Bylaw Enforcement Services**

**Motion 12**

Moved by Councillor Corbett  
THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual; to discuss potential arrangement for sharing of by-law enforcement services

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

**Motion 13**

Moved by Councillor Corbett  
THAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 8:40 p.m. having discussed personal matters about an identifiable individual and shared service concepts.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette



**13. Confirmatory By-Law**

**Motion 14**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-58 to confirm the proceedings of Council from September 24th, 2024 to October 8th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 8th day of October, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion 15**

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

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MAYOR

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CLERK



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

Planning Advisory Committee

October 16, 2024

PRESENT: Jason Corbett (Chair) Gina Langlois  
Narry Paquette Kamil Wroblewski  
Eric Foisy

STAFF PRESENT: Nicky Kunkel - CAO/Clerk  
Simon Blakeley, Planning Administrator

## 1. Call to Order

**MOVED BY: Narry Paquette** **SECONDED BY: Gina Langlois**  
**MOTION #1**

THAT this meeting be opened at 6:01 p.m.

**CARRIED Chair, Jason Corbett**

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED BY: Narry Paquette** **SECONDED BY: Gina Langlois**  
**MOTION#2**

THAT the agenda presented to the Planning Advisory Committee dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024 be adopted as prepared.

**CARRIED Chair, Jason Corbett**

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest-none

## 4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

**MOVED BY: Gina Langlois** **SECONDED BY: Kamil Wroblewski**  
**MOTION#3**

THAT the Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED Chair, Jason Corbett**

## 5. Presentation & Delegations – None

## 6. Consent Applications

6.a Planning Report for consent B3/2024 - Lot Addition, 1937 Southshore Road, Barrie

**MOVED BY: Kamil Wroblewski** **SECONDED BY: Eric Foisy**  
**MOTION #4**

That the Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the lot addition application B3/2004 for 1937 Southshore Road - Barrie, be approved with a certificate of consent for the retained parcel lands, and one for the severed piece as the new lot consolidated into one parcel.

**CARRIED Chair, Jason Corbett**



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
Planning Advisory Committee  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**7. Referrals from Council**

7.a Report to Council on Housekeeping Amendments

Nicky Kunkel provided a summary of a recent report containing staff recommendations, and a decision made by Council at its meeting on 8 October 2024, that Council delegate the preparation of a Draft Housekeeping Zoning By-law to the Planning Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the Planning Administrator, Clerk, and Chief Building Official.

The approved report identifies Additional Dwelling Units, Accessory Storage Structures, Hunt Camps, and Shipping Containers as the primary focus - based upon conversations with residents who want to build smaller, more affordable dwellings for family members.

PAC indicated they were willing to work with Staff on the development of a new housekeeping bylaw and a 'workshop' was tentatively scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @6:00pm.

**8. Other Business**

8.a Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Training on the new Provincial Planning Statement 2024.

Staff confirmed the province is offering on-demand training on the new Provincial Planning Statement with details previous circulated to the PAC via email. The deadline to register was Tuesday 15 October; however, the province may continue to accept participants subject to a waiting list. Staff will also share details at a future PAC meeting once the training has taken place.

**9. Correspondence - None**

**10. Unfinished Business - None**

**11. Adjournment**

**MOVED BY: Kamil Wroblewski**

**SECONDED BY: Eric Foisy**

**MOTION # 5**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:45pm.

**CARRIED Chair, Jason Corbett**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting  
October 7th, 2024 at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair                      Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair  
              Sheena Whalen                                      Holly Broadhagen  
              Sylvie Lamothe

ABSENT:

STAFF:            Casandra Klooster, Secretary

**1. Call to order**

**Moved by** Sylvie Lamothe  
**Seconded by** Holly Broadhagen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:02 p.m.  
**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Holly Broadhagen  
**Seconded by** Dan MacInnis

THAT the draft agenda dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 be adopted as prepared.  
**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None for this session

**4. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

**Moved by** Sheena Whalen  
**Seconded by** Dan MacInnis

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee of September 9th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

**5. Presentations and Delegations**

None for this session

**6. Staff Reports**

None for this session

## 7. Items for Committee Discussion

- a. Halloween Parade  
Committee discussed plans for the upcoming Halloween Parade.
- b. Christmas in Bonfield  
Committee discussed plans for the Christmas in Bonfield event.
- c. 2024 Events  
Committee discussed plans for upcoming events. The Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Township Office.
- d. Lise Houle Resignation

**Moved by** Dan MacInnis

**Seconded by** Sylvie Lamothe

That the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council to accept Lise Houle's resignation from the Committee, and that a letter be sent thanking her for her services.

**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

- e. Recreation & Fitness Committee Structure

**Moved by** Sylvie Lamothe

**Seconded by** Dan MacInnis

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee terms of reference state that the Committee should be comprised of 3 or 5 members of the public THEREFORE the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council to revise the terms of reference to 3 members of the public only.

**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

## 8. Motions to be Considered for Adoption

None for this session

## 9. Correspondence

None for this session.

## 10. Adjournment

**Moved by** Sylvie Lamothe

**Seconded by** Dan MacInnis

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY

**Andrée Gagné**

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**From:** ROMA Events <events@roma.on.ca>  
**Sent:** October 5, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** Nicky Kunkel  
**Subject:** ROMA Conference: Registration and Hotel Information

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612-20

October 4, 2024

Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

Please find attached the OPP municipal policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement package.

This year's billing package includes a statement for the 2023 year-end reconciliation. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2023 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the municipality during the 2025 calendar year.

The final reconciliation of the 2025 annual costs will be included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.

For more detailed information on the 2025 Annual Billing Statement package please refer to the resource material available on the internet, [www.opp.ca/billingmodel](http://www.opp.ca/billingmodel). Further, the Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting a webinar information session in October/November. An e-mail invitation will be forwarded to the municipality advising of the session date.

If you have questions about the Annual Billing Statement please e-mail [OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@OPP.ca](mailto:OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@OPP.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ridout", written in a cursive style.

Steve Ridout  
Superintendent  
Commander,  
Municipal Policing Bureau

## OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement

### Bonfield Tp

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Please refer to [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) for 2025 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

			<b>Cost per Property \$</b>	<b>Total Cost \$</b>
<b>Base Service</b>	<b>Property Counts</b>			
	Household	1,147		
	Commercial and Industrial	37		
	<b>Total Properties</b>	<b>1,184</b>	189.44	224,292
<b>Calls for Service</b>	(see summaries)			
	Total all municipalities	209,489,870		
	Municipal portion	0.0591%	104.59	123,833
<b>Overtime</b>	(see notes)		17.45	20,664
<b>Prisoner Transportation</b>	(per property cost)		1.67	1,977
<b>Accommodation/Cleaning Services</b>	(per property cost)		5.70	6,749
<b>Total 2025 Estimated Cost</b>			<b>318.85</b>	<b>377,515</b>
<b>2023 Year-End Adjustment</b>	(see summary)			32,377
<b>Grand Total Billing for 2025</b>				<b>409,892</b>
<b>2025 Monthly Billing Amount</b>				<b>34,158</b>

## **OPP 2025 Annual Billing Statement**

### **Bonfield Tp**

**Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025**

#### **Notes to Annual Billing Statement**

- 1) **Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Costs** - The costs allocated to municipalities are determined based on the costs assigned to detachment staff performing municipal policing activities across the province. A statistical analysis of activity in detachments is used to determine the municipal policing workload allocation of all detachment-based staff as well as the allocation of the municipal workload between base services and calls for service activity. For 2025 billing purposes the allocation of the municipal workload in detachments has been calculated to be 50.7 % Base Services and 49.3 % Calls for Service. The total 2025 Base Services and Calls for Service cost calculation is detailed on the Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 2) **Base Services** - The cost to each municipality is determined by the number of properties in the municipality and the standard province-wide average cost per property of \$189.44 estimated for 2025. The number of municipal properties is determined based on MPAC data. The calculation of the standard province-wide base cost per property is detailed on Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 3) **Calls for Service** - The municipality's Calls for Service cost is a proportionate share of the total cost of municipal calls for service costs calculated for the province. A municipality's proportionate share of the costs is based on weighted time standards applied to the historical billable calls for service. The municipality's total weighted time is calculated as a percentage of the total of all municipalities.
- 4) **Overtime** - Municipalities are billed for overtime resulting from occurrences in their geographic area and a portion of overtime that is not linked specifically to a municipality, such as training. Municipalities are not charged for overtime identified as a provincial responsibility. The overtime activity for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 has been analyzed and averaged to estimate the 2025 costs. The costs incorporate the estimated 2025 salary rates and a discount to reflect overtime paid as time in lieu. The overtime costs incurred in servicing detachments for shift shortages have been allocated on a per property basis based on straight time. Please be advised that these costs will be reconciled to actual 2025 hours and salary rates and included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.
- 5) **Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT)** - Municipalities with court security responsibilities in local courthouses are billed court security costs based on the cost of the staff required to provide designated court security activities. Prisoner transportation costs are charged to all municipalities based on the standard province-wide per property cost. The 2025 costs have been estimated based on the 2023 activity levels. These costs will be reconciled to the actual cost of service required in 2025.  
  
There was no information available about the status of 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant Program at the time of the Annual Billing Statement preparation.
- 6) **Year-end Adjustment** - The 2023 adjustment accounts for the difference between the amount billed based on the estimated cost in the Annual Billing Statement and the reconciled cost in the Year-end Summary. The most significant year-end adjustments are resulting from the cost of actual versus estimated municipal requirements for overtime, contract enhancements and court security.



**OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary**

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Salaries and Benefits	Positions	Base		Total Base Services and Calls for Service	Base Services	Calls for Service	
		FTE	%				\$/FTE
<b>Uniform Members</b>	<b>Note 1</b>						
Inspector		26.56	100.0	187,318	4,975,177	4,975,177	-
Staff Sergeant-Detachment Commander		8.60	100.0	156,717	1,347,770	1,347,770	-
Staff Sergeant		38.53	100.0	168,657	6,498,335	6,498,335	-
Sergeant		226.23	50.7	143,480	32,459,478	16,460,024	15,999,454
Constable		1,618.15	50.7	120,835	195,529,705	99,147,813	96,381,892
Part-Time Constable		11.97	50.7	91,572	1,096,112	555,839	540,272
<b>Total Uniform Salaries</b>		<b>1,930.04</b>			<b>241,906,577</b>	<b>128,984,959</b>	<b>112,921,618</b>
Statutory Holiday Payout				6,207	11,906,411	6,262,929	5,643,483
Shift Premiums				1,129	2,095,821	1,062,740	1,033,081
Uniform Benefits - Inspector				29.47%	1,466,114	1,466,114	-
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.38%	85,791,541	44,909,750	40,881,790
Uniform Benefits - Part-Time Salaries				18.75%	205,571	104,245	101,326
<b>Total Uniform Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>					<b>343,372,035</b>	<b>182,790,737</b>	<b>160,581,298</b>
<b>Detachment Civilian Members</b>	<b>Note 1</b>						
Detachment Administrative Clerk		164.29	50.7	75,342	12,377,949	6,276,748	6,101,201
Detachment Operations Clerk		3.41	50.7	69,798	238,011	120,750	117,260
Detachment Clerk - Typist		1.74	50.7	62,349	108,488	54,867	53,620
Court Officer - Administration		28.73	50.7	92,124	2,646,719	1,342,245	1,304,474
Crimestoppers Co-ordinator		0.89	50.7	73,240	65,184	32,958	32,226
Cadet		1.62	50.7	51,219	82,974	41,999	40,975
<b>Total Detachment Civilian Salaries</b>		<b>200.68</b>			<b>15,519,324</b>	<b>7,869,568</b>	<b>7,649,757</b>
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.13%	5,606,608	2,843,009	2,763,599
<b>Total Detachment Civilian Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>					<b>21,125,933</b>	<b>10,712,577</b>	<b>10,413,355</b>
<b>Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>Note 2</b>						
Communication Operators				6,682	12,896,527	6,782,230	6,114,297
Prisoner Guards				2,061	3,977,812	2,091,915	1,885,897
Operational Support				7,119	13,739,955	7,225,785	6,514,170
RHQ Municipal Support				3,208	6,191,568	3,256,120	2,935,448
Telephone Support				157	303,016	159,355	143,661
Office Automation Support				938	1,810,378	952,070	858,308
Mobile and Portable Radio Support				357	693,298	364,522	328,776
<b>Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs</b>					<b>39,612,554</b>	<b>20,831,997</b>	<b>18,780,557</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>					<b>404,110,521</b>	<b>214,335,311</b>	<b>189,775,210</b>
<b>Other Direct Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Note 2</b>						
Communication Centre				150	289,506	152,250	137,256
Operational Support				1,112	2,146,204	1,128,680	1,017,524
RHQ Municipal Support				360	694,814	365,400	329,414
Telephone				1,458	2,813,998	1,479,870	1,334,128
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance				168	326,258	171,540	154,718
Office Automation - Uniform				4,487	8,660,089	4,554,305	4,105,784
Office Automation - Civilian				1,154	231,585	116,485	115,100
Vehicle Usage				10,219	19,723,079	10,372,285	9,350,794
Detachment Supplies & Equipment				1,073	2,070,933	1,089,095	981,838
Uniform & Equipment				2,360	4,583,144	2,409,725	2,173,418
Uniform & Equipment - Court Officer				1,037	29,793	15,109	14,684
<b>Total Other Direct Operating Expenses</b>					<b>41,569,403</b>	<b>21,854,744</b>	<b>19,714,660</b>
<b>Total 2025 Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Cost</b>					<b>\$ 445,679,925</b>	<b>\$ 236,190,055</b>	<b>\$ 209,489,870</b>
<b>Total OPP-Policed Municipal Properties</b>						<b>1,246,809</b>	
<b>Base Services Cost per Property</b>						<b>\$ 189.44</b>	

## OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

### Notes:

Total Base Services and Calls for Service Costs are based on the cost of salary, benefit, support and other direct operating expenses for staff providing policing services to municipalities. Staff is measured in full-time equivalent (FTE) units and the costs per FTE are described in the notes below.

- 1) Full-time equivalents (FTEs) are based on average municipal detachment staffing levels for the years 2020 through 2023. Contract enhancements, court security, prisoner transportation and cleaning staff are excluded.

The equivalent of 85.71 FTEs with a cost of \$17,779,996 has been excluded from municipal costs to reflect the average municipal detachment FTEs required for provincially-mandated responsibilities eligible for Provincial Service Usage credit.

Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2025 salaries incorporate the 2025 general salary rate increase set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Agreements (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75% in 2023, 4.50% in 2024 and 2.75% in 2025.)

The benefit rates are estimated based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2024-25). Statutory Holiday Payouts, Shift Premiums, and Benefit costs are subject to reconciliation.

Two new premiums were added in these new agreements: a 3% Frontline Patrol Premium (which applies to Constables and Sergeants in Frontline roles only) and a 3% Second-In-Command Premium (which applies to members when temporarily backfilling a short term platoon command position.) An allowance of \$2,101 per Constable FTE and \$3,330 per Sergeant FTE for the Frontline Patrol Premium and \$76 per Constable FTE for the Second-In-Command premium have been included in the salary rates for Constables and Sergeants. These allowances are subject to reconciliation.

FTEs have been apportioned between Base Services and Calls for Service costs based on the current ratio, 50.7% Base Services : 49.3% Calls for Service.

- 2) Support Staff Costs and Other Direct Operating Expenses for uniform FTEs are calculated on a per FTE basis as per rates set in the 2024 Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula.

## OPP 2025 Calls for Service Billing Summary

### Bonfield Tp

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	3	0	1	1	1	5.9	7	0.0004%	848
Drugs	1	1	0	1	1	88.1	66	0.0036%	7,601
Operational	85	78	77	136	94	3.9	367	0.0201%	42,169
Operational 2	29	26	18	20	23	1.7	40	0.0022%	4,547
Other Criminal Code Violations	11	11	12	10	11	7.1	78	0.0043%	8,984
Property Crime Violations	49	30	29	25	33	6.2	206	0.0113%	23,713
Statutes & Acts	23	24	20	30	24	3.5	85	0.0047%	9,763
Traffic	16	9	14	10	12	3.8	47	0.0026%	5,355
Violent Criminal Code	10	11	14	14	12	14.8	181	0.0100%	20,855
<b>Municipal Totals</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>212</b>		<b>1,077</b>	<b>0.0591%</b>	<b>\$123,833</b>

### Provincial Totals (Note 4)

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
	A					B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	2,803	2,979	2,483	2,363	2,657	5.9	15,676	0.8608%	1,803,207
Drugs	1,127	1,050	797	920	974	88.1	85,765	4.7092%	9,865,380
Operational	178,171	180,823	176,502	180,423	178,980	3.9	698,021	38.3272%	80,291,662
Operational 2	48,046	48,395	46,304	47,019	47,441	1.7	80,650	4.4283%	9,276,939
Other Criminal Code Violations	12,123	12,103	12,206	12,931	12,341	7.1	87,619	4.8110%	10,078,638
Property Crime Violations	46,799	47,403	48,878	49,446	48,132	6.2	298,415	16.3855%	34,325,987
Statutes & Acts	31,261	32,888	32,697	34,047	32,723	3.5	114,531	6.2887%	13,174,266
Traffic	32,067	34,757	38,776	32,713	34,578	3.8	131,397	7.2148%	15,114,318
Violent Criminal Code	19,343	20,055	21,513	22,640	20,888	14.8	309,139	16.9743%	35,559,474
<b>Provincial Totals</b>	<b>371,740</b>	<b>380,453</b>	<b>380,156</b>	<b>382,502</b>	<b>378,713</b>		<b>1,821,214</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$209,489,870</b>

### Notes to Calls for Service Billing Summary

- 1) Displayed without decimal places, exact numbers used in calculations
- 2) Displayed to four decimal places, nine decimal places used in calculations
- 3) Total costs rounded to zero decimals
- 4) Provincial Totals exclude data for dissolutions and post-2021 municipal police force amalgamations.

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**OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details**  
**Bonfield Tp**  
**For the calendar years 2020 to 2023**

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>212.25</b>
Drug Possession	3	0	1	1	1.25
Drug Related Occurrence	1	0	0	1	0.50
Possession - Cocaine	1	0	0	0	0.25
Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	0	0	1	0	0.25
Drugs	1	1	0	1	0.75
Cultivate/Propagate/Harvest cannabis by adult	0	1	0	0	0.25
Trafficking - Cocaine	0	0	0	1	0.25
Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	1	0	0	0	0.25
Operational	85	78	77	136	94.00
Animal - Bear Complaint	1	0	1	0	0.50
Animal - Bite	0	0	0	1	0.25
Animal - Dog Owners Liability Act	1	0	1	1	0.75
Animal - Injured	2	0	0	4	1.50
Animal - Master Code	2	0	0	0	0.50
Animal - Other	2	0	1	0	0.75
Animal - Stray	4	0	3	0	1.75
Assist Fire Department	0	0	0	1	0.25
Assist Public	4	5	8	19	9.00
Bomb Threat	0	1	0	0	0.25
By-Law - Master Code	0	1	0	0	0.25
Distressed / Overdue Motorist	1	0	0	0	0.25
Domestic Disturbance	21	15	12	21	17.25
Family Dispute	7	7	6	25	11.25
Fire - Building	2	0	1	1	1.00
Fire - Other	1	1	1	2	1.25
Fire - Vehicle	1	1	0	0	0.50
Found - Gun	0	0	0	1	0.25
Found - License Plate	0	1	0	0	0.25
Found - Others	0	0	2	0	0.50
Found Human Remains - Suspected Homicide	0	0	1	0	0.25
Found Property - Master Code	2	4	1	0	1.75
Insecure Condition - Building	0	1	0	0	0.25
Lost - License Plate	0	1	0	0	0.25
Lost - Others	0	0	0	1	0.25
Lost Property - Master Code	0	0	2	0	0.50
Missing Person - Master Code	0	0	2	0	0.50
Missing Person 12 & older	1	0	0	1	0.50
Missing Person Located 12 & older	0	0	2	1	0.75
Neighbour Dispute	5	11	11	21	12.00
Noise Complaint - Animal	1	0	1	1	0.75
Noise Complaint - Master Code	4	4	3	3	3.50
Noise Complaint - Others	0	1	0	0	0.25
Other Municipal By-Laws	0	0	0	1	0.25

**OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details**  
**Bonfield Tp**  
**For the calendar years 2020 to 2023**

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Phone - Nuisance - No Charges Laid	1	1	0	1	0.75
Sudden Death - Accidental	0	0	0	1	0.25
Sudden Death - Apparent Overdose/Overdose	0	1	0	0	0.25
Sudden Death - Natural Causes	2	1	4	1	2.00
Sudden Death - Others	0	0	2	1	0.75
Sudden Death - Suicide	0	1	0	2	0.75
Suspicious Package	1	0	0	0	0.25
Suspicious Person	7	8	4	9	7.00
Suspicious vehicle	8	5	4	4	5.25
Traffic By-Law	0	0	1	0	0.25
Trouble with Youth	1	3	1	6	2.75
Unwanted Persons	3	3	2	6	3.50
Vehicle Recovered - Automobile	0	1	0	0	0.25
<b>Operational 2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23.25</b>
911 call - Dropped Cell	6	7	2	4	4.75
911 call / 911 hang up	4	5	0	6	3.75
False Alarm - Cancelled	1	0	0	1	0.50
False Alarm - Others	14	7	5	0	6.50
Keep the Peace	4	7	11	9	7.75
<b>Other Criminal Code Violations</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Bail Violations - Breach of Recognizance	0	0	1	0	0.25
Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	4	3	5	3	3.75
Breach of Probation	1	1	2	1	1.25
Causing unnecessary suffering to Animals	0	0	0	1	0.25
Criminal breach of contract (fraud-corruption)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Disturb the Peace	0	0	0	1	0.25
Indecent acts - Master Code	1	0	1	0	0.50
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	0	1	0	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Careless use of firearms	2	0	0	0	0.50
Offensive Weapons - Other Weapons Offences	1	1	1	0	0.75
Offensive Weapons - Possession of Weapons	0	0	0	1	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Prohibited	0	1	0	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Restricted	0	1	0	0	0.25
Other Criminal Code * Sec. 78 - Sec. 96	0	1	0	0	0.25
Other Offences Against the Person and Reputation	0	0	0	1	0.25
Possess Firearm while prohibited	0	1	0	0	0.25
Public Mischief - mislead peace officer	0	0	0	1	0.25
Public Morals	0	0	1	0	0.25
Trespass at Night	1	0	1	1	0.75
Uttering Counterfeit Money	0	1	0	0	0.25
<b>Property Crime Violations</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33.25</b>
Break & Enter	10	4	4	3	5.25
Break & Enter - Firearms	0	0	2	0	0.50
Fraud - False Pretence Under \$5,000	1	1	1	2	1.25
Fraud - Fraud through mails	2	1	0	1	1.00

**OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details**  
**Bonfield Tp**  
**For the calendar years 2020 to 2023**

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Fraud - Master Code	1	1	1	1	1.00
Fraud - Money/property/security Over \$5,000	1	0	3	1	1.25
Fraud - Money/property/security Under \$5,000	3	3	3	1	2.50
Fraud - Other	2	2	2	2	2.00
Identity Fraud	1	1	0	0	0.50
Mischief	4	9	2	3	4.50
Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5,000	0	0	1	0	0.25
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	4	1	1	0	1.50
Property Damage	1	0	0	1	0.50
Theft from Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	0	2	1	0	0.75
Theft of - All Terrain Vehicles	0	1	1	1	0.75
Theft of - Snow Vehicles	2	0	1	0	0.75
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0	0.50
Theft Over \$,5000 - Construction Site	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Other Theft	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Construction Site	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Gasoline Drive-off	6	1	1	0	2.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Master Code	2	0	2	1	1.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Other Theft	6	3	1	4	3.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Trailers	1	0	1	1	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 Shoplifting	1	0	0	0	0.25
<b>Statutes &amp; Acts</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24.25</b>
Landlord / Tenant	3	5	3	11	5.50
Mental Health Act	6	5	4	3	4.50
Mental Health Act - Apprehension	0	1	2	3	1.50
Mental Health Act - Attempt Suicide	0	0	1	0	0.25
Mental Health Act - No contact with Police	1	1	0	0	0.50
Mental Health Act - Placed on Form	0	1	1	1	0.75
Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide	3	1	1	3	2.00
Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport	0	2	3	0	1.25
Trespass To Property Act	10	8	5	9	8.00
<b>Traffic</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.25</b>
MVC - Others (Motor Vehicle Collision)	1	0	0	0	0.25
MVC - Personal Injury (Motor Vehicle Collision)	4	1	2	1	2.00
MVC - Prop. Dam. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	3	0	0	0	0.75
MVC - Prop. Dam. Non Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	1	2	2	1	1.50
MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	7	6	9	8	7.50
Road Rage	0	0	1	0	0.25
<b>Violent Criminal Code</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12.25</b>
Assault - Level 1	5	2	3	2	3.00
Assault Peace Officer	0	1	0	0	0.25
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	2	2	1	2	1.75
Criminal Harassment	0	1	0	3	1.00
Criminal Harassment - Offender Unknown	0	1	0	0	0.25
Forcible confinement	0	0	1	0	0.25

**OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details**  
**Bonfield Tp**  
**For the calendar years 2020 to 2023**

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Indecent / Harassing Communications	0	0	2	2	1.00
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images	0	0	1	0	0.25
Sexual Assault	1	1	2	1	1.25
Sexual Interference	0	1	1	2	1.00
Utter Threats - Master Code	1	0	0	0	0.25
Utter Threats to Person	1	2	3	2	2.00



**OPP 2023 Reconciled Year-End Summary**  
**Bonfield Tp**  
**Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023**

			<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Reconciled Cost \$</u>	<u>Estimated Cost \$</u>
<b>Base Service</b>	<b>Property Counts</b>				
	Household	1,129			
	Commercial and Industrial	34			
	Total Properties	<u>1,163</u>	174.11	202,496	192,665
<b>Calls for Service</b>	Total all municipalities	187,830,598			
	Municipal portion	0.0581%	93.91	109,220	103,839
<b>Overtime</b>			26.38	30,682	14,067
<b>Prisoner Transportation</b>	(per property cost)		1.45	1,686	1,361
<b>Accommodation/Cleaning Services</b>	(per property cost)		5.06	5,885	5,664
<b>Total 2023 Costs</b>			<u><u>300.92</u></u>	<u><u>349,969</u></u>	<u><u>317,596</u></u>
<b>2023 Billed Amount</b>				<u><u>317,592</u></u>	
<b>2023 Year-End-Adjustment</b>				<u><u>32,377</u></u>	

**Notes**

The Year-End Adjustment above is included as an adjustment on the 2025 Billing Statement.  
This amount is incorporated into the monthly invoice amount for 2025.  
The difference between the estimated and billed amount is due to rounding the bills to the nearest dollar throughout the year.

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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**MEETING DATE:** October 21, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
**SUBJECT:** OAPSB Zone 1A Conference

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Marc Vaillancourt be approved to attend the OAPSB Zone 1A Conference in Sudbury on November 13-14, 2024; AND THAT all expenses be paid accordingly by the Township of Bonfield.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On December 13, 2022, Rusty Vaillancourt was appointed by Council as the member at large to sit on the Bonfield Police Services Board.

There was also discussion by the Ontario Association of Police Services Board to amalgamate certain municipalities into one Board. It was uncertain if Bonfield would join the Mattawa area board or East Ferris and Chisholm. When the 2024 budget was prepared, no decision had been made regarding the Police Services Board, therefore Staff recommended the same budget as the previous year and it was approved by Council.

Just recently, Marc Vaillancourt was appointed as Director for Section 10 North 1A, North Bay Detachment.

The OAPSB Zone 1A meeting his being held in Sudbury November 13 and 14, 2024. Marc Vaillancourt is seeking Council's approval to attend this Conference and that expenses be paid from the Bonfield Polices Services Board budget. In the past, Members were approved to attend both the Provincial Conference and the Zone 1A conference and the budget reflected the expenses incurred by the members.

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**ANALYSIS:**

The Nosbosing Police Services Board was formed in April 2024 and no budget has been established for this board.

In 2025, a budget will be established and shared between East Ferris, Chisholm and Bonfield. This budget should include training and conferences expenses for the Board members.



# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Email: [deputyclerk@bonfieldtownship.com](mailto:deputyclerk@bonfieldtownship.com)

Cost of Conference:

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Registration Cost:	\$150.00
Accommodation:	\$180.00
Travel:	\$151.00
Meals:	\$ 50.00
Total Cost:	\$531.00

There remains \$2,800 in the budget.

It is recommended to approve Marc Vaillancourt attend this conference under the remaining budget of the Bonfield Police Services Board.

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Respectfully,

Andrée Gagné  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

I concur with this report,

Nicky Kunkel  
CAO

# OAPSB **ZONE 1A** MEETING NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Hosted at Towneplace Suites by Marriott  
1710 The Kingsway, Sudbury

Registration Fee: \$150

## November 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting from 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Evening Reception begins at 5:30pm

## November 14<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am  
Meeting from 9:00am-12:00pm

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RSVP by **October 30th, 2024**, by completing the attached registration form  
to [chief@gspcs.ca](mailto:chief@gspcs.ca)

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Book hotel at Towneplace Suites for the special group rate of \$180 CAD per night

**Must book by October 14th, 2024**

Book using the following link, or scan the QR code below

[www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1724249780910&key=GRP&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1724249780910&key=GRP&app=resvlink)



**Zone 1A**



**ZONE 1A MEETING  
REGISTRATION FORM  
NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

DELEGATE NAME	BOARD	EMAIL

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$150.00 CAD**

**Please submit registration form & payment by October 30th, 2024**

**Submit to: [chief@gsps.ca](mailto:chief@gsps.ca)**

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**ACCOMODATIONS:**

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Submitted By:	
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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2024-204**

**Moved by Councillor Champagne  
Seconded by Councillor Trahan**

WHEREAS on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

AND WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, moving to a combined ROMA/AMO conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**



**East Ferris**  
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 24th day of September, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk





The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

## Resolution

### **Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy**

#### Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

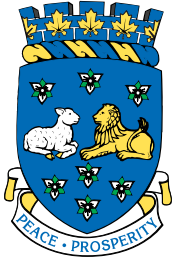
Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

Certified True Copy  
City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger  
Municipal Clerk



September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Solve the Crisis**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

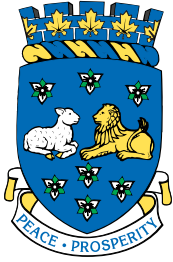
**Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and**

**Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and**

**Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and**

**Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and**

**Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and**



**Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.**

**Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;**

**And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;**

**AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;**

**AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;**

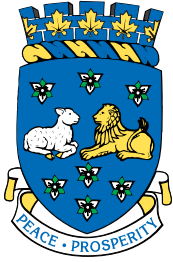
**AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;**

**AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.**

**AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;**

**And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;**

**And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:**



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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk  
[regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca)

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)



September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

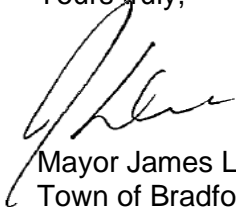
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
[clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca)

### **Delivered via email**

Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org  
premier@ontario.ca

October 4, 2024

### RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and





# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);  
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,  
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and  
All Ontario Municipalities

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
[Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org)

Sent via electronic mail

October 4, 2024

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on October 2, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C506-2024 endorsing the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign.

**Resolution C506-2024**

Moved by: Garwood  
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and,

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine; and,

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77% in 2008 to 65% in 2022; and,

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and,

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the Province; and,

Whereas these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level; and,

Whereas in response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario residents and communities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Springwater and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Doug Downey, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

I can be reached via email at [jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca](mailto:jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca) or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2020.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin  
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
Hon. MPP Doug Shipley  
Ontario Medical Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

*To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget*

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;


WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, \_\_\_\_\_ local MPP \_\_\_\_, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.





**2024-25**

# **Provincial Budget Submission**

**Ontario Forest Industries Association**  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A person wearing a safety vest and gloves is using a chainsaw to cut wood in a forest. The background is slightly blurred, showing trees and a clear sky.

# Ontario's Forest Industry By the Numbers

**\$21B**

total revenues

**72.6M**

trees planted

**\$4.4B**

contribution to the provincial GDP

**300M+**

seeds in aerial seeding

**142,000**

direct, indirect, and induced jobs

**\$60M**

renewal expenditures

**7.2B Tonnes**

Carbon Stored in Ontario's Public Forests

**25.5M Tonnes**

Carbon stored in wood products from Ontario's  
Managed Forest

## Introduction

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Since 2018, the forest industry has invested 3.6 billion dollars in Ontario. Autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, advanced chemicals, machine learning, optimization, and artificial intelligence are commonplace across our industry's operations. The pace of change and innovation will only increase as our industry meets a rising global demand for green energy and sustainable, low-carbon forest products.

An ambitious growth plan, as outlined in *Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the "Strategy"), a well-managed forest resource, and an "open for business" attitude have formed the groundwork for an incredible green economic growth opportunity in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province. Released in 2020, the Strategy is committed to utilizing the full annual allowable cut (AAC) of 30 million m<sup>3</sup> by 2030, sustainably doubling the sector's current footprint.

Ontario, however, is not immune from global economic and market pressures. High inflation, rising interest rates, workforce shortages, protectionist trade policy, and declining or stagnant market segments represent significant and challenging headwinds. These are complex issues that require a whole-of-government approach. Attracting new investment, developing new products, and growing the sector are important, yet maintaining its existing footprint is essential.

Ensuring a thriving forest sector requires a fully integrated network of forest management planning, road infrastructure, competitive woodland and mill operations, a skilled workforce, and open market access. Above all else, Ontario must keep our public forests working for the people and meet the increasing global demand for sustainably sourced forest products.

To assist Ontario in navigating these complex issues, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has developed its 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission to serve as a roadmap to success in Strategy implementation. Acting on the following recommendations will unlock the vast economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources and contribute to a better Ontario.



## **Summary of OFIA's 2024-25 Recommendations**

Implement *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy (the Strategy)*, focusing on key competitiveness measures:

- 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency;**
- 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments;**
- 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework;**
- 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing;**
- 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction;**
- 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forest community livability.**

## **1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency.**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure a multi-year commitment and expansion to the \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Fund*;
- b. Modify provincial energy policy to procure greater amounts of forest biomass-fired electricity, supporting community energy and district heating projects;
- c. Prioritize the global competitiveness of Ontario's pulp and paper sector and potential commercialization of innovative products and advanced chemicals;
- d. Incentivize greater use of low-carbon forest biomass within industrial (e.g., steel, mining, chemical, and forestry facilities) processes through Ontario's Emission Performance Standard (EPS) program and innovation funding.

Every year, a sustainable yield of approximately 14 million m<sup>3</sup> of timber is harvested from Ontario's managed public forest. This material works through a highly integrated network of mills and facilities, producing a wide range of products, materials, and secondary products.

Market development within biomass and pulpwood markets is perhaps the greatest opportunity to enhance the supply chain and bolster competitiveness across Ontario's forest industry. Alternatively, a contraction within this market segment poses a significant threat to the future viability of the entire forest sector.

Canada used to be the largest market pulp-producing country in the world but continues to lose share to lower-cost mills in other regions. While Ontario's Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) remains highly sought after for its desirable technical properties, some facilities require significant capital investments to stay competitive. North America competes with low-cost international jurisdictions like Southeast Asia and South America, which have seen significant capital investment in new mills and intensively managed tree plantations over recent years.

The OFIA strongly supports initiatives such as Ontario's \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Program* and *Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program* that aim to maximize the use of wood residuals, reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuels, and avoid unnecessary pressures on landfills. Ensuring the success of these programs will help sustain the circular bioeconomy and the integration of Ontario's forest sector. Government support for existing pulp, paper, and biomass facilities is essential to the sector's long-term success.

Bioenergy production, the most deployable and scalable forest biomass technology currently available, presents an enormous opportunity to assist in this goal. Increasing volumes within existing power purchase agreement (PPA) generation facilities, developing community projects, supporting district heating projects, and incentivizing the use of forest biomass in other industrial processes are not only opportunities but are essential to the success of the industry.

## **2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments.**

The OFIA recommends the following to improve Ontario's *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*:

- a. Make an inflationary adjustment of \$15 million/year;
- b. Make a \$5.6 million/year increase to address end-of-life road, bridge, and water crossing infrastructure.

The forest industry builds and maintains public forest infrastructure on behalf of the people of Ontario. This public infrastructure provides essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and all citizens of Ontario by providing access to the Province's abundance of parks, natural spaces, working forests, critical minerals, and communities. Thousands of Ontario citizens, businesses, anglers, hunters, cottagers, and emergency services depend on a safe and well-maintained public forest road network.

The current funding envelope of \$54 million for the roads program is no longer adequate to meet the infrastructure needs of public and private users of Ontario's forest road infrastructure. Since 2018, the road building and maintenance sector has seen exceptionally high inflation – increased fuel, equipment, and wage costs have significantly weakened the program's purchasing power over the last six years.

Through a comprehensive survey of all forest managers in the province, we estimate a \$20.6 million/year funding deficit. This data reflects annual road maintenance, inflation, and replacing end-of-life bridges, water crossings, and roads.

Improving this program will provide an incredible economic development opportunity for all northern and rural communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, right across the province.

### **3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework.**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Continue to defend Ontario softwood lumber producer's interests in the ongoing trade dispute with the United States;
- b. Work with industry to address non-tariff trade barriers, e.g., "deforestation-free" procurement bills and "forest degradation" initiatives;
- c. Continued implementation of the *Ontario-Canada Boreal Caribou Conservation Agreement*, focusing on caribou range-boundary review and other scientific methods to assess self-sustaining caribou populations;
- d. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to explore potential contributions to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs);
- e. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to ensure forest management guidance supports the objectives of Ontario's *Forest Sector Strategy*.

Governments play an essential role in maintaining a positive reputation with customers and honouring commitments to reduce trade barriers within critical export markets. Over \$800 million of Ontario softwood lumber producer's money is on deposit in the U.S. Treasury due to the current iteration of the dispute. This is money that could be re-invested into Ontario facilities and communities. We ask Ontario to continue the rigorous legal defence of its programs and stumpage system, which is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This issue needs to be raised at every opportunity with Canadian and American officials and viewed as a top diplomatic priority.

Members of the OFIA remain committed to upholding the highest standards of sustainable forest management to maintain ecological processes and conserve biological diversity. We strongly encourage the Ontario government to continue communicating our adaptive forest management framework's effectiveness to the federal government, stakeholders, and defending our industry in the face of misinformation and activist campaigns.

Ensuring our forests remain resilient under a changing climate requires human intervention through sustainable forest management. In pursuing a Federal protected area target, we are concerned that Ontario could erode the working forest landscape. Ontario must carefully consider how protected areas, OECMs, and ecological offsetting will impact the forest industry. We ask MECP and the MNRF to work with us to ensure the forest sector is fully recognized for its contributions to conservation and avoid unintended economic and environmental consequences.

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as "deforestation-free" procurement bills in New York and California, concern our industry. We ask that you continue working with your federal counterparts and state legislators to defend Ontario's world-class forest management system.

#### **4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing**

OFIA recommends:

- a. Finalize the proposed approach to the redistribution of EPS proceeds to eligible facilities;
- b. Ensure projects beyond the property limits of facilities are eligible to receive EPS proceeds;
- c. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of the federal carbon fuel charge to the forest sector, evaluating the potential for a made-in-Ontario program.

The OFIA supports an Ontario-based carbon pricing program, and this long-term planning will provide stability for businesses looking to invest in Ontario. We believe that Ontario is better positioned to understand the needs and context of Ontario's emitters.

The world's leading carbon reduction jurisdictions have only achieved such significant progress due to massive increases in the use of forest biomass within industrial processes, combined heat and power, district heating, and electrical generation. Forest biomass is also a much more price-stable source of energy, something that has been highly beneficial to European countries. We view the EPS program as an incredible opportunity to position Ontario as one of these leaders and incentivize increased use of this valuable and sustainable material.

We strongly support using proceeds to create a fund to support research and development into decarbonization and implementing capital-intensive, low-carbon technologies. As an industry, we have made significant progress and investments in decarbonizing operations. Since 1990, Ontario's pulp and paper industry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56%. Addressing the remaining high-emitting processes will require new research, significant technological advancement, and large capital expenditures.

Re-injecting EPS proceeds into the industry will fast-track the adoption of new technologies and assist companies in making further investments in Ontario. Developing an Ontario fuel surcharge to replace the federal program would provide access to a larger pool of funds to help in this transition.

In parallel, we are concerned that the proposed federal *Clean Fuels Standard* will compound the impacts of the federal fuel surcharge on forestry operations and transportation. There presently are no viable alternatives to decarbonize the sector. We strongly encourage the government to consider ways to collaborate and support the industry through this transition.

## **5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure government initiatives align with the goals and objectives of the *Forest Sector Strategy* to reduce cost and administrative burden to the sector;
- b. Establish service standards, improve service delivery, and remove the need for low-risk approvals;
- c. Adjust and make permanent the 'fixed' portion of Crown dues for poplar and white birch stumpage to ensure that the rate is consistent with other provincial jurisdictions;
- d. Reduce current electricity costs while maintaining and enhancing existing energy programs (e.g., the Northern Energy Advantage Program, the Industrial Conservation Initiative, the Interruptible Rate Pilot, and the Industrial Electricity Incentive Program).
- e. Lower costs and reduce carbon emissions by increasing payloads on tractor-trailer configuration.
- f. Make the current reduction in provincial fuel tax permanent.

The OFIA fully supports this government's focus on red tape reduction and working together to reduce barriers.

The OFIA has repeatedly flagged cost competitiveness, the speed with which we conduct business, and streamlined approval processes as themes that continue to inhibit global competitiveness and negatively impact wood supply access. Initiatives (the Strategy, provincial policy working groups (TAT, SID, FMPAG), and policy changes) have supported a provincial mandate to reduce red tape and administrative burden. More work on these projects is required for the Strategy to succeed.

Burdensome and lengthy approval processes are a problem for the industry across all business areas. The lack of enforceable service standards has been raised within the industry's mill environment, forest management planning and operations, transportation, and human resource departments. Approvals are either unnecessary (e.g., low-risk), duplicative, or take excessive time.

We look forward to working with various ministries to address these issues in upcoming red-tape reduction bills.

The OFIA is thankful for the continued extension of gas and fuel tax cuts, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We hope to see this excellent initiative continue past the current expiration date.

## **6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forestry community livability**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Establishing a new "*Forestry Truck Driver Experience Grant*" to offset high insurance costs preventing new drivers from entering the industry;
- b. Recognize and streamline foreign credentials and commercial truck driving licenses;
- c. Remove the *Non-Resident Speculation Tax* from northern, rural, and remote communities.
- d. Continued investments into northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Ontario's forest industry is hiring. Developing a sustainable workforce of the future will be essential for our industry's continued success and achieving the Strategy's goals. We ask the Ontario government to continue supporting the work being done with colleagues at the MNRF, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to fast-track new workers and new Canadians with relevant skillsets into the forestry workforce.

Transportation costs have increased significantly over the last six years, and trucking capacity has decreased. Increased capital entry costs, insurance, tire and fuel costs, and an escalating carbon tax are contributing to the trucking crisis within the industry. Furthermore, increased driver training costs, underwriting barriers, and premiums restrict new entrants while we manage an ageing and retiring workforce. We ask the Ontario government to work with the industry, licensing, insurance, and training agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to alleviate the current trucking shortage.

The OFIA has partnered with Forests Ontario on *Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth & the Provincial Forest Sector*, an Employment Ontario research project. This project investigated job vacancies and training requirements within the sector and provided critical insights into youth perceptions of employment within the forest industry.

The livability of forestry-dependant communities is central to attracting a new workforce. Continued healthcare, education, affordable daycare, and housing investments are necessary to ensure that all Ontarians enjoy the same quality of life. For example, the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) was intended to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. However, the NRST acts as a barrier to foreign workers filling critical roles in Ontario's small, northern, rural, and remote communities. This was clearly never the program's intent, and we ask that it be corrected.

This government has already invested substantially in infrastructure across the north, including roads and improved internet and cellular coverage, and we look forward to seeing that investment continue. In an increasingly digital age, communities across the north must have

strong technological and built infrastructure. Forestry-dependent communities must become more competitive in drawing residents, particularly new Canadians, through programs such as the *Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot*. The Province needs to consider incentivizing living in the north and enhancing the quality of life for those already there.

## **Conclusion**

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The forest sector is integral to Ontario's history and critical to its economic, social and environmental prosperity. OFIA strongly believes we can create a better Ontario through working forests, leveraging visionary policies such as *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. We look forward to continuing productive dialogue and supporting sustainable economic recovery initiatives with the Ontario government.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

**BY-LAW NO. 2024-61**

**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 October 8, 2024 to October 22, 2024 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 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.**

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MAYOR

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CLERK