

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRESENT:

Narry Paquette Jason Corbett Dan MacInnis Donna Clark Steve Featherstone

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

No. 1

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.; AND THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of the Letter from Mr. J. Hone requesting the closure of the trail called George's Road on his property as it relates to the agenda item no. 10.4.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 11th, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Narry Paquette

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Paquette declared an interest with Correspondence item #10.4 with respect to her employer's involvement.

No. 3

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Featherstone WHEREAS the Public Works Committee has reviewed options for road work for the 2023 capital budget; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to add the projects discussed to the Capital Budget for Council deliberation; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to present information for budget purposes for the purchase of a Columbarium in 2024 for the Mount Pleasant Cemetery; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Manager will alert Council if an opportunity to receive funding shall arise in the interim; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the soft opening to move to a clear bag system will end on September 30th, 2023, AND WHEREAS By-Law No. 2023-27, being a by-law to govern the management of waste and recycling under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield, shall be in full compliance thereafter; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation. Carried Narry Paquette

## No. 6

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-Law for Establishing Tax Ratios for the year 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-31, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book; AND THAT this By-Law be placed on the Municipal Website for public information purposes.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to adopt the 2023 Operating Budget including estimates of all Sums required for the purposes of the Municipality during the year 2023 and to establish the Tax Rates to be levied; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-32, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book; AND THAT this By-Law be placed on the Municipal Website for public information purposes. Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT Council approves the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated July 25th, 2023, in the amount of \$103,420.32. Carried Narry Paquette No. 9

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Featherstone THAT the 2023 Capital Expenditures Budget be approved as presented to Council as per attached.

## Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Wawa in requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario; AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

## No. 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS in 2021 a grant was received to develop a Municipal Energy Plan; AND WHEREAS the contract was awarded to JL Richards; AND WHEREAS the Energy Plan was completed in 2021 but not received by Council; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council accepts the Municipal Energy Plan as prepared; AND THAT a copy be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Control to close the funding file; AND THAT the report be posted to the website.

## **Carried Narry Paquette**

Mayor Paquette vacated the chair at 7:27 p.m. for the discussion of Correspondence item #10.4 due to her employer's involvement.

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS a request has been submitted by Beth & Don Scott and Jamie Hone regarding the closure of a trail through their property once referred to as Georges Rd; AND Whereas the Township is not the owner of the land. THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Bonfield requests that Staff research the steps needed to proceed with the closure of the trail. **Carried Narry Paquette** 

Mayor Paquette resumed the chair at 7:29 p.m.

No. 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark WHEREAS the Public Works Manager recommends to Council that the 2007 CASE Grader, 2007 GMC Topkick with appurtenances, and 1982 International Harvester Tractor be deemed surplus and that the items be sold by auction on govdeals.com; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 15Seconded by Councillor ClarkTHAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 8:01 p.m.<br/>Carried Narry Paquette

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield has been recruiting a family physician since May of 2023; and WHEREAS Dr. Fan-Hsia Mang has applied and attended an interview with Council, where Council was able to conclude that serving the community and residents of Bonfield in an effective and efficient manner to meet community needs, including completing necessary patient forms, majority on-site full day services and extended hours when necessary is desirable to both parties in exercising the role of health care professional and doctor at Bonfield Medical Center; NOWTHEREFORE Council recommends to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Dr. Mang for the Township of Bonfield at the Bonfield Medical Center.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from July 11th, 2023 to July 25th, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-30; AND THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 18 Moved by Councillor Featherstone THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK