



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk  
Ann Carr, Public Works Manager  
Allan Reid, CEMC  
Jeff Celentano, Acting CAO  
Sabrina Green, Manager of Planning & Development  
Andrew O'Reilly, Building Inspector

No. 1  
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.  
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2  
Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Clark  
THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 28th, 2023 and Regular Meeting of Council held February 28th, 2023 adopted as circulated.  
Carried Narry Paquette

Presentations:

Scott Gardiner – Near North Palliative Care Network made a presentation to Council regarding the services they provide to residents and the need for more volunteers. Asking Council's help by posting on the website and future mail outs.

Allan Reid – CEMC Township of Bonfield – updated Council on the Emergency Management Response Plan review for 2023

No. 3  
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council to accept the 2023 Recreation and Fitness Committee Budget as submitted; AND THAT it be referred to the General Government and Finance Committee; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.  
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council to purchase the fireworks display for Canada Day in the amount of \$3,800 taxes included; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommended to Council that By-Law No. 2015-31, being a by-law to decrease the rate of speed of motor vehicles, be repealed; AND WHEREAS a by-law be prepared in draft form for the next Police Services Board Meeting; AND WHEREAS the new by-law will implement “unless otherwise posted” the speed limit will be 60km/h, as well as describing a new school zone speed limit of 40km/h and any other speed limit changes deemed necessary; AND THAT the by-law be presented to Council for a first reading; AND FURTHERMORE THAT the first reading of the by-law initiate a notice to be sent to the residents of Bonfield by mail before the passing of the by-law; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 6

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee has begun budgeting for Capital Planning for 2023 Road Work; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the Public Works Manager engage the Township Engineer to begin preparing a tender, to execute on the approval of the Capital Budget, for the following projects: Development Rd, Railway St and Pine Lake Rd gravel; AND FURTHERMORE THAT the following projects be added to the Capital Budget for consideration by Council; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Parks & Recreation Department purchased new hockey nets for the rink; AND WHEREAS Ecole Lorrain has an interest in acquiring the old hockey nets; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the old hockey nets be donated to Ecole Lorrain; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee as been working on a proactive approach on waste diversion from entering the landfill; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to move to a clear bag system and to not permit recyclable materials from entering the landfill; AND THAT an education program commence to alert the residents of Bonfield of upcoming changes; AND FURTHERMORE that By-Law 97-03 be repealed in its entirety; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that all proceeds from the LCBO bottle returns from the Landfill Site be give to the Parks & Recreation Department for future revenue use; BE IT HEREBY RESLOVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10

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 authorize the execution of an agreement with the North Bay and District Humane Society for the provision of animal control services in the Township of Bonfield, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-09; 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. 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to Appoint an Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-10; 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. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with Pauline Carmichael for Wildlife Compensation Investigator Services, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-11; 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. 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to Appoint a Weed Control Inspector, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-12; 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. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the amount of \$704,325.59.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Community Emergency Management Program Committee will cause the emergency management program to be reviewed annually and to recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer recommendations to Council for further review and approval.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, requires that the Treasurer of a Municipality shall in each year on or before March 31st provide to the Council of the Municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield accepts the 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Members of Council and Members of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council directs staff, effective immediately to enforce any and all applicable law for building permit applications and to rectify the matter of non-compliant uses of structures for human habitation, effective immediately.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the 2007 GMC Topkick will not pass safety in November 2023; AND WHEREAS the lead time for the purchase of new vehicle is four to twelve months; THEREFORE the Public Works Manager recommends to Council that the purchase of the replacement truck as well as appurtenances be tendered before the approval of the Capital Budget to prevent any gap in service; AND THAT the tender be prepared and executed; AND FURTHERMORE that the existing vehicle and appurtenances be declared surplus and sold.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 19

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council adopt the Municipal Donations Policy (shown as F/T 001) for implementation in the 2024 Operating Budget.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 20

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of East Ferris' resolution passed at their February 28, 2023 meeting, regarding their concerns with the application criteria for the Construction Funding Subsidy (CFS) by the Ministry of Long-Term Care; AND THAT a copy of this motion be provided to Ministry of Long Term Care, Treasury Board, MPP Victor Fedeli, and Member Municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 21

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, Orléans MPP; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Nipissing MPP; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 22

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council support the resolution put forward by the Town of Cobourg and the Municipality of Greenstone; WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is a described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council; AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premiere at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities; AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council; AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer; AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the COA, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will not take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs; AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Township of Bonfield; and
2. THAT is the Ontario Government if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and

3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Vic Fedeli, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Councillor Corbett requested a recorded vote on Resolution No. 22

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

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 23

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded 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 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 24

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

That the Meeting of Council resume open session at 9:04 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 25

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

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 February 28th, 2023 to March 14th, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-08; 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. 26

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

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MAYOR

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CLERK