



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
May 28th, 2024

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

ABSENT: Dan MacInnis

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

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
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 Featherstone
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 28th day of May 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 14th be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

5. Presentation & Delegations

- a. Presentation from Dave Hodges – Proposed Changes to the 2023-48 Procedural By-Law

Mr. Hodges made a request to Council in amending the Procedural By-Law to add a “Question and Answer” section. He also suggested that a sign-up sheet should be considered where residents could sign up as first come first serve. Other suggestion included: a time limit assigned and limit topics to items on the agenda.

Mayor Paquette thanked him for his presentation and asked Staff to prepare a report for Council.

b. BDO LLP – 2023 Financial Report

Dean Dicaire of BDO LLP, presented Council with the 2023 Financial Report which will be available to the Public at a later date.

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Township of Bonfield hereby acknowledges receipt and approves the 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Township of Bonfield as prepared by the firm BDO Canada LLP; and that Council directs the CAO to provide public notice that a copy of the 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements is available at the Municipal Office and on the Township's website in accordance with the Section 295 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried Narry Paquette

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Public Works Manager – Report for Dust Suppression 2024

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield awards Request for Quotes EF 2024-03 for the supply and application of dust control and road stabilization materials to Pollard Hwy Products in the amount of \$79,139.55 including H.S.T. for the volume required by the Township of Bonfield.

Carried Narry Paquette

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions**Motion 6**

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Corporate Services Committee received reports on the replacement of the backhoes on March 22, and April 11, 2024 with quotes for a new backhoe and excavator; AND WHEREAS the Committee receive this updated report of May 22, 2024; AND WHEREAS the Committee recommended to Council the purchasing of new equipment, a backhoe & excavator, from John Deere allowing for standardizing the fleet with two new pieces of equipment from the same supplier; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Consent Application B1/2024, Denis and Denise Raymond, for a lot addition, be approved; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves this recommendation along with the conditions and notes as set out on the attached Decision of Approval Authority Form.

Carried Narry Paquette

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
WHEREAS JL Richards provided the Planning Advisory Committee with a report regarding the designation of Prime Agricultural Lands; AND WHEREAS the Planning Administrator provided a technical report supporting the letter received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food at the Official Plan Review in 1997; AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommended to Council to accept the report that will be presented to JL Richards concerning the designation of the Prime Agricultural Lands within the Official Plan; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

8. Items for Council Discussion None for this session

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a Resolution to adopt By-Law 2024-38 – 2024 Tax Ratios

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-38, being a by-law for Establishing Tax Ratios for the year 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 28th day of May, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.b Loyalist Township - Accessible Ontario by 2025

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Loyalist in encouraging the Provincial Government to create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis and to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.c Municipality of Trent Hills - Funding Social Services

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Trent Hills calling upon the Province to significantly increase funding for housing, shelters, and other necessary social services to ensure adequate levels of services to meet the needs of our residents.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.d Town of Bracebridge - Request to the Province for New Provincial Municipal Fiscal Framework

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Bracebridge calling on the Province of Ontario committing to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.e Town of Smith Falls - Basic Income Guarantee

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Smith Falls calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults.

Carried Narry Paquette

10. Correspondence

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of May 28th, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

11. Closed Session (none for this meeting)

12. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 15

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-37 to confirm the proceedings of Council from May 14th, 2024 to May 28th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 28th day of May, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

13. Adjournment

Motion 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK