



Winter Newsletter 2025

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2025 Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Town Hall**
Tuesday March 18th
- ✓ **Bonfield Trade Show**
Saturday April 5th
- ✓ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday April 19th

And more...

Interested in advertising your business in our newsletters?

We are excited to present you with an opportunity to elevate your business's visibility through our upcoming newsletters.

Contact

officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com
for further details.

Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for our incredible community. Winter is in full swing, and while the snow and cold bring their challenges, they also bring opportunities for us to come together—whether at the outdoor rink, on the snowmobile trails, or at one of our many community events.

This year, we are committed to strengthening Bonfield through smart planning, improved services, and ongoing community engagement. One of the most important ways we can do this is through our municipal budget review. Your input is essential in shaping the future of our Township. We encourage you to share your thoughts on how funds should be allocated, what services need enhancement, and what projects should take priority. You can participate by attending public meetings, submitting feedback through our website, or reaching out to Council directly.

I also want to highlight some exciting upcoming events, including the Bonfield Trade Show on April 5th and our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th. These gatherings celebrate our strong local businesses and the vibrant spirit of our families.

Thank you for making Bonfield a great place to live, work, and play. Your voice matters, and together, we will continue to build a community we are all proud of. Stay warm and stay involved!

Mayor Narry Paquette
Township of Bonfield

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HAPPENING IN BONFIELD



3RD ANNUAL BONFIELD TRADE SHOW

Community Centre, 100 Yonge St.
Apr. 5th. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Whether you are interested in starting a business, growing an existing one, or connecting with local businesses to find the services you need. This is the Trade Show for you!

By attending the trade show, you're not just discovering great products and services—you're investing in our local economy, fostering growth, and helping small businesses succeed.

Calling all residents looking for quality goods and services close to home and business owners seeking networking opportunities!

[Visit our website for more details.](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT

365 Hwy, 531 Kaibuskong Park
Apr. 19th. 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hop on over for our famous Easter Egg Hunt. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the spring season, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy Kaibuskong Park.

Easter egg hunts will be divided by age groups, ensuring all participants leave with some treats.



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Expanding Your Horizons

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Email: bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Telephone: 705-776-2396
Website: www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca



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Monday	10 - 4	How to join the Library Membership is free of charge to all residents and ratepayers of the Bonfield and Calvin Townships. Members less than 16 years of age require a Parent/Guardian's signature. One-On-One Free Tech Help Drop in on the second Monday of each Month 10:00am to 1:00pm and we'll help you on your journey to becoming more tech-savvy.
Tuesday	4 - 8	
Wednesday	10 - 8	
Thursday	4 - 8	
Friday	Closed	
Saturday	10 - 1	
Sunday	Closed	

Popular New Releases:
 Jean Grainger - *History's Pages*
 J.D. Robbs - *Bonded in Death*
 Jonathan Kellerman - *Open Season*
 Pam Jenoff - *Last Twilight in Paris*
 Mary Connealy - *Whispers of Fortune*
 Rebecca Yarros - *Onyx Storm*
 Robert Crais - *The Big Empty*
 PC Cast - *Boudicca*
 James Patterson - *Texas Murders bk3*

Check out the Interlibrary Loan Service, which allows you to access materials not available on our shelves but may be borrowed from other participating Public Libraries in Ontario.

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."
 -Albert Einstein

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 for library events and activities!
www.facebook.com/bonfieldpubliclibrary



Chief Building Inspector - Mike Pilon

bylaws@bonfieldtownship.com
705-776-2641 ext 129

Why You Need to Obtain a Building Permit

Building permits allow the Township to protect the interests of both individuals and the community as a whole, and help the Township ensure that buildings comply with:

- The Ontario Building Code
- Bonfield's Zoning By-law
- Other applicable legislation

Building Permit Application Process

Step 1: Gather Required Documents

Step 2: Submit Your Application

Step 3: Review & Approval

Step 4: Pay the Permit Fee



When Are Inspections Required?

Inspections ensure construction meets safety and legal standards. For a list of required inspections review your building permit, or contact the building department.

How to Schedule an Inspection

Contact the Bonfield Building Department at 705-776-2641 ext 129

In accordance with the Ontario Building Code, building inspections may be conducted within two business days. The period to conduct the inspection begins on the business day after the request was made, excluding weekends and statutory holidays.

Helpful Resources

If you're considering a building project in Bonfield Township, we've got you covered. Our website, www.BonfieldTownship.com, offers a range of resources to make navigating the process easy.

- Find checklists to help simplify the process
- Explore example layouts and designs
- Learn when permits are necessary and what steps to take

Ontario Building Code Updates

As of January 1, 2025, the Ontario Building Code has undergone significant revisions, including stricter fire safety measures, updated seismic design standards, enhanced energy efficiency requirements, and clearer guidelines for accessibility, with a particular focus on improved regulations for secondary suites in residential buildings, all aimed at harmonizing with national building codes across Canada.

Learn more about these changes by visiting: the government of Ontario Website at: www.ontario.ca/page/building-code-updates

Planner - Simon Blakeley

planning@bonfieldtownship.com
705-776-2641 ext 126

The Planning Department is responsible for managing land use, zoning, and development. Its primary role is to ensure that growth and development align with Bonfield's Official Plan, zoning by-laws, and provincial regulations while maintaining the community's character and environmental sustainability.

How to connect with Bonfield's Planning Office

If you are planning a development project, property improvement, or have questions about zoning or land use, schedule an appointment with the Planning Office.

Why meet with us?

- Gain clarity on the development potential of your property.
- Understand any planning constraints or requirements.
- Avoid potential issues that could delay your project.

What is the procedure?

1. Fill out the Planning & Development Inquiry Form. Download the form from our website or pick up a copy at the Township Office.
2. Submit the Form
Email the completed form to planning@bonfieldtownship.com, or deliver it in person to the Township Office.



Township's Budget Overview

Each year, the Township sets an annual budget that includes both operational costs and capital works needed to maintain and develop the community. The budget is divided into two major components:

- **Operating Budget:** This includes the day-to-day costs required to run municipal services, such as staffing, building maintenance, and program delivery.
- **Capital Budget:** This focuses on larger, long-term investments in infrastructure and equipment, such as road repairs, facility upgrades, or new public works projects.

Importance of Municipal Budgets

Resource Allocation: The budget determines how scarce resources—money, personnel, and materials—are allocated among various municipal departments and services.

Policy Implementation: Council uses the budget as a tool to implement policy priorities. For instance, Council might want to invest more in infrastructure projects or environmental programs and will reflect those goals in the budget allocations.

Accountability & Transparency: A well-prepared and publicly available municipal budget promotes transparency and accountability. Taxpayers can see how their money is spent, which fosters trust between the Council and the community.

We want to hear from you!

An important aspect of the municipal budgeting process is ensuring that it reflects the needs and priorities of the community. That's where resident input becomes invaluable. To better understand the desires and concerns of residents, the Township is actively seeking your feedback.

- What municipal services or projects should be prioritized in the upcoming budget? (e.g. by-law enforcement, recreation, emergency services)
- What infrastructure improvements should be prioritized? (e.g. roads, public buildings etc)
- How would you like to receive updates on budget decisions? (e.g. website, public meetings, newsletters)
- What are the top three areas where you think the municipality could reduce spending?

You can submit your comments to Council by emailing the Treasurer at: cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com or dropping it off at the municipal office.

They will be appropriately addressed and shared with Council. Your comments may appear on a Council Agenda as a public document depending on the topic and outcome you desire in your letter.

You may also submit to Council Members directly. Their contact information is available on the website at www.BonfieldTownship.com

PROPERTY TAXES

Property Tax Payments

- Interim Tax Bills are due **March 28th, 2025**

Did you know Bonfield Township offers a Pre-authorized Payment Plan?

Benefits of PAPP:

- ✓ Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank on a schedule that works for you.
- ✓ Never miss a payment.
- ✓ Avoid interest charges.

PAPP forms are available at the Township Office, or on our website. Sign up today!

Helpful Resources

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

- Website: www.mpac.ca
- Learn about property assessments and file an appeal if needed.

Ontario Property Tax Information

- Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/property-tax>
- Overview of how property taxes work in Ontario.

Township of Bonfield

- Website: www.BonfieldTownship.com
- Find local tax rates, budget documents, and tax payment information.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Council Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	Family Day Event Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Council Meeting	26	27	28	
<p>Dog or Cat License Fees 2025 Before March 1st - \$20.00 Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00 Replacement tag - \$4.00</p> 						

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Reduced Load Restrictions
2	Recreation & Fitness Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Council Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	Emergency Management & Fire Department Meeting	Townhall Meeting 7pm Community Centre	19	20	21	22
23	24	Council Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	31	<p>Reduced Load Restrictions In effect on ALL of the roads within the Corporation's jurisdiction, annually starting March 1st. To apply for an overweight permit please contact the Public Works Department at (705) 776-2659</p>				

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Burn Permit Required	Summer Hours start at Landfill	5	6	Bonfield Trade Show
7	Recreation & Fitness Meeting	Council Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	Good Friday Office Closed	Easter Egg Hunt
19	Easter Monday Office Closed	Council Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	Emergency Management & Fire Department Meeting	29	30			
<p>Summer Hours at Landfill Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00 Saturdays 8:00 to 4:00</p>  <p>Burn Permits Permits required April 1st to October 31st Campfires (3ft x 3ft) FREE Brush Piles - \$50.00 Windrow - \$50.00 Visit www.BonfieldTownship.com for application</p>						

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	Recreation & Fitness Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	Victoria Day Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	Emergency Management & Fire Department Meeting	Council Meeting	28	29	30	31
<p>Stay up to date Visit our website for comprehensive details on upcoming events, meetings, important deadlines, and other essential information. Meeting dates and times may change so stay informed and connected with the latest updates and resources available to you at: www.BonfieldTownship.com</p>						

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN BONFIELD

Outdoor Rink



The outdoor rink is open and ready for another season of fun. The schedule and rules are posted at the rink as well as on our website. Be sure to check our website for updates on closures and new events.

www.BonfieldTownship.com

Want to rent the Outdoor Rink?

Looking for a fun way to enjoy winter with family, friends, or your community group? Bonfield's Outdoor Rink is available for rentals! Whether it's a friendly hockey game, an afternoon of skating or a birthday party the rink is the perfect place to make memories this season.

Booking is simple! Contact the Township at: officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com to request a rental agreement. For full details on fees and guidelines, please refer to By-Law 2024-20.

Bonfield Snowmobile Club

The Bonfield Snowmobile Club is brimming with excitement as the winter season is upon us. Our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work throughout the spring, summer, and fall, preparing to deliver an exceptional snowmobiling experience for our community and visitors.



Trail access is crucial, and we cannot stress enough the importance of supporting our sport by purchasing an Ontario snowmobile trail permit. Riders can easily obtain their permits at www.ofsc.on.ca, and we encourage everyone to select the Bonfield Snowmobile Club when registering.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community members, local businesses, gracious landowners, and club supporters who make our passion for snowmobiling possible. Your continued support ensures we can maintain and improve our beautiful trail system for everyone to enjoy. Stay up to date on everything going on at your local club by following on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BonfieldSC>

Thank you from The Bonfield Snowmobile Club

Facility Rentals:

officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com

Public Works Contact

pwmanager@bonfieldtownship.com

705-776-2659

Sledding hill

The Bonfield Sledding Hill, located beside the Outdoor Rink in Kaibuskong Park, is your go-to destination for winter thrills.

Gather your sled, bundle up, and bring your friends and family for an unforgettable day of snowy excitement! Sleds are available for use, and are stored in the change room.



Snowmobile Safety

To drive a snowmobile, you must carry:

- a valid driver's licence, motorized snow vehicle operator's licence (MSVOL) or a snowmobile driver's licence from your home province, state or country
- proof of insurance
- snowmobile registration permit

Drivers and passengers must wear an approved snowmobile helmet.

Provincial SAVE Unit

Snowmobile, ATV and Vessel Enforcement Unit



- Conduct regular patrols and RIDE checks for alcohol enforcement with an emphasis on trails and waterways
- Inspect vessels for safety equipment compliance
- Attend public education events like outdoor shows and boat shows

Learn more about snowmobile safety at:
www.ontario.ca/page/snowmobile-safety

PUBLIC WORKS

All about roads in Bonfield

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 120 kilometres of roads in the Township of Bonfield.

Bonfield currently has 2 dedicated snowplows and a 1 ton truck with a plow attachment. In extreme weather even our grader supports Public Works to help clear the roads.

There are 4 full time and 3 part time employees trained to run the plows, and during a storm, crews start at 4:00 am and will have the entire Township plowed and sanded by 12:00 pm.

Winter Maintenance Activities:

The Bonfield Winter Operations Policy sets out the policy and procedural framework for ensuring the safe and sustainable delivery of winter maintenance services. This policy is compliant with the Province's minimum maintenance standards.

All roadways in the Municipality are classified from 1 to 5 based on traffic volume and maintenance needs. Within Bonfield Township, most roadways fall under Class 4 or Class 5.

- **Class 4 Roads:** These allow up to 8 cm of snow accumulation and must be cleared within 16 hours after the snowfall ends.
- **Class 5 Roads:** These allow up to 10 cm of snow accumulation and must be cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall ends.

The Public Works Department is committed to timely snow removal and will deploy resources as quickly as possible to address snow accumulation and ensure safe travel.

Public Works Contact 705-776-2659

If you need to contact Public Works, please note that we have an answering service in place to ensure your call is received and addressed promptly. This applies to after hours as well.



Residents' Responsibilities

- **Overnight Parking:** Prohibited on all streets from November 1 to March 31 between 12:00 am and 9:00 am. This ensures the Township can completely clear streets of snow and that large emergency vehicles can get down the street.
- **Snow on Roadways:** Depositing snow or ice on roads is strictly prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act to prevent hazards for vehicles and pedestrians.
- **Ensure Children's Safety** Depositing snow or ice on roads is strictly prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act to prevent hazards for vehicles and pedestrians.
- **Drive according to conditions:** During and immediately after a snowstorm, reduce your driving speed to account for slippery road conditions and snow clearing operations.

Snowplow Safety

Give Plows Space:

- Keep streets clear of parked vehicles and maintain a safe distance from snowplows to allow crews to work safely and efficiently.
- Snowplows need room to operate safely. Avoid following too closely, as they often make unexpected stops or turns. Stay back at least 30 meters (about 10 car lengths) to allow plenty of space for both vehicles.
- Never attempt to pass a snowplow while it's operating. Reduced visibility and icy conditions make this extremely dangerous.

Be Visible:

- Snowplow drivers have limited visibility, especially during storms. Avoid lingering in their blind spots, which include the areas directly behind and alongside the plow.

3rd Annual

Bonfield Trade Show

Grow Your Business While Growing Our Community!

Public attend for free!



Full event details and registration form available at: www.BonfieldTownship.com



April 5th, 2025
9 AM - 2 PM



Bonfield Community Centre
100 Yonge St, Bonfield



Vendors

\$25 registration fee. Residents of Bonfield and businesses based in Bonfield will be refunded their \$25 fee at the event.

Register Today!

- ✓ Connect with fellow business owners, potential partners, and clients.
- ✓ Showcase and sell your products or services to a targeted local audience.
- ✓ Contribute to the growing economic opportunities in Bonfield.
- ✓ Attend presentations to gain valuable business insights.

Want to start a business or grow an existing one? Attend powerful presentations by industry experts!

Whether you're just starting out or looking to take your business to the next level, we've got something for you! Here are some of the exciting topics our presentations will touch on:

- ✓ Starting a Small Business: From Idea to Launch
- ✓ Financial Planning and Budgeting
- ✓ Key Organizations and Resources to Support

Your Small Business Growth



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