



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Saturday, November 2, 2024

Minutes

PRESENT : Narry Paquette Jason Corbett
 Donna Clark Steve Featherstone (11:00AM)
 Dan MacInnis

STAFF PRESENT: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Simon Blakeley Planning Administrator, Mike Pilon Chief Building Official, Alex Hackenbrook Public Works Manager, Allan Reid, CEMC.

The meeting was advertised on the website and the municipal office door.

No. 1

Moved by Councillor Dan MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT this Special Meeting of Council to discuss community growth and development and the strategic plan be opened at 9:19 am.

Carried Narry Paquette

The CAO and Planning Administrator presented planning models for the Township of Bonfield, breaking down the Township into 7 distinct areas and identifying constraints and opportunities for each area. There was discussion on location of employment lands and industrial uses such as manufacturing versus commercial such as professional services and warehousing. Council touched on points to review for the zoning bylaw housing keeping amendments. Another consideration is the Rural Zone and distinguishing between rural residential and rural commercial. Then Council was presented with options for economic development including learning about the Bonfield current economy and local home-based businesses. A modified business retention and expansion program overview was presented along with a community first impression exchange. These programs would provide a foundation to build upon in creating an updated community and investment profile to attract businesses. Council communicated they are open to staff pursuing economic development endeavours. Staff will provide a report to Council to formalize initiatives prior to commencement.

The afternoon was spent with a review of the recommendations from Township studies completed in recent years and Council/Committee directions to create and prioritize draft action items for a 10-year strategic plan. Council had the package ahead of time and each rated the pillars, goals and action items allowing for the consensus of the draft plan. Staff will now take the feedback and finalize the draft plan to present to the community at a Townhall meeting early 2025.

No. 2

Moved by Councillor Dan MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Jason Corbett
That Council adjourn the special meeting at 3:06 pm.

Carried Narry Paquette

Mayor

Clerk