



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

PRESENT: Jason Corbett Steve Featherstone

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Donna Clark

ABSENT: Narry Paquette, Dan MacInnis

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

No. 1  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark  
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.  
Carried Jason Corbett

No. 2  
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Featherstone  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as  
circulated.  
Carried Jason Corbett

Presentation:

Jim McLeod made a presentation to Council regarding Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment. He has been separated from his wife for 6 years and continues to champion the Provincial Government to make changes to reunite spouses who have been separated by this Act.

No. 3  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark  
WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee has recommended to Council that Consent Application B5/2023, Caskenette, Daniel, for a new lot be approved; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation along with the conditions and notes set out on the attached Decision of Approval Authority Form.  
Carried Jason Corbett

No. 4  
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Featherstone  
WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommended to Council that Consent Application B6/2023 Gary and Nicole Benoit; creation of 2 new lots; Southshore Road be approved; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation along with the conditions and notes set out on the attached Decision of Approval Authority Form.  
Carried Jason Corbett

No. 5  
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark  
WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommended to Council that Consent Application B7/2023, Geoffrey and Jaymie Vincent; create three new lots; Sunnyside Road be approved; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation along with the conditions and notes set out on the attached Decision of Approval Authority Form.  
Carried Jason Corbett

No. 6

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended to Council that the New Year's Eve Dance Fundraiser be declared a "Community Event" of municipal significance; AND FURTHER THAT the Committee apply for a Special Occasion Permit for this event under the names of Donna Clark & Dan MacInnis; AND FURTHER THAT all money raised, after expenses, be donated to Bonfield Summer Camp and the Bonfield Fire Department; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended to Council to hire Jason Hart at a cost of \$1,050.00 to provide music for the NYE dance; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended to Council to hire East Ferries Bus Lines to provide shuttle service on NYE within the boundaries of Bonfield & Rutherglen at a cost of \$290.40 + HST and \$2.90/km + HST; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS private road assistance is not in the operational budget; AND WHEREAS a discussion will be had at the AMCTO Zone 7 meeting regarding the topic and a report will be sent to Council for information; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mary Marrs in response to her letter for assistance on a private road; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS a meeting was held with landfill staff to address concerns and improvements to the landfill to ensure safe operations as well as to increase efficiencies; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommended to Council that the recommended actions contained in the report from the Public Works Manager be implemented immediately; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 11

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS Council referred to the Public Works Committee to find a better method of collecting LCBO returns to increase revenue that is directed to Parks and Recreation programing; AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommended to Council that a larger system of collection and a social media campaign commence to educate the public of the program; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

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 Deputy Chief Building Official and Building Inspector, BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-44; 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 Jason Corbett

No. 13

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the amount of \$675,210.77, as per the annual budget and/or as approved by Council resolution.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Bonfield is a priority for Council; WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age; WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario, couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities; WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario; WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022; WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together; WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee; WHEREAS the Conservative Provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonfield supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND THAT the Township of Bonfield requests the provincial legislature to enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Premier of Ontario, Nipissing District MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and; WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and; WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and; WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71 % of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Nipissing Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on June 21, 2023 requiring all stop arm cameras on to be installed and paid for by the Province on all school buses for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Attorney General Doug Downey; the Ministry of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Bluewater in urging Minister Thompson to address the issues of childcare availability in our province and to improve childcare availability; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of the Archipelago's resolution passed at their October 13, 2023 Council meeting calling upon the Province to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 19

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS Don and Luanne Mair have submitted an Application for Licence to use a portion of the Shore Road Allowance on there property at 32 O'Connor Lane to replace an existing crib dock with helical piles and surface decking; AND WHEREAS the CAO has reviewed this application and recommends to Council to approve Don & Luanne Mair's proposal to licence a portion of the shore road allowance as per the attached application with a condition that all permits be obtained from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, Oceans and Fisheries and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, if required, prior to issuing the Licence; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 20

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS a report was presented to Council to establish practices for the Holiday Season; AND WHEREAS Council approves the recommendations presented in the report; THEREFORE the Township of Bonfield offices will be closed annually from December 24 at noon and will reopen the first scheduled day following January 1st; AND THAT staff have the option of working, use vacation days or accumulated overtime; AND THAT the 2nd Council meeting of December shall be cancelled and a Special meeting of Council scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, 2001 if required.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 21

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS a report was presented to Council on roads; AND NOW THEREFORE, that this report be sent to the Public Works Committee for review and consideration of any action the Township may deem necessary to better reflect road operations within the Township.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 22

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS a report was presented to Council on impacts of Institutional, Commercial and Industrial Recycling; AND NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Bonfield hereby confirms it will continue to receive the (IC&I) Recycling within the community (which is 3% of total recycling) after the transition to Circular Materials Ontario in 2025.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 23

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Public Works Manager recommends to Council that the procedure to enforce compliance at the landfill of By-Law 2023-27 be accepted; AND THAT the procedure be advertised through social media channels, the Township website and handouts at the Landfill; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Jason Corbett

No. 24

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

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 October 24<sup>th</sup>, to November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-43; 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 Jason Corbett

No. 25

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Carried Jason Corbett

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MAYOR

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CLERK