



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
February 5th, 2024 at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair
Dan MacInnis
Cassandra Pugh
Sylvie Lamothe
Lise Houle
Renée Contant
Nathalie Bertin

PRESENT VIA ZOOM :

ABSENT:

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

1. Call to order

Moved by Nathalie Bertin

Seconded by Lise Houle

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:01 p.m.

Carried Chair, Steve Featherstone

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Cassandra Pugh

Seconded by Renee Contant

THAT the draft agenda dated the 5th day of February, 2024 be adopted as amended by adding New Year's Eve Report under Unfinished Business.

Carried Chair, Steve Featherstone

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

5. Reports

5.1 NYE Dance

A report was given on the NYE Dance. The event raised \$2648.50, which will be split evenly and donated to the Bonfield Fire Department, and Bonfield Summer Camp.

6. New Business

6.1 Grants from the Ontario Arts Council

Information was given on a report from the Ontario Arts Council explaining the economic and cultural impact of developing a thriving arts community. The committee will investigate future grants that support growth in this sector.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 OAC Grant

Committee discussed the OAC Grant Application. An application is being developed to submit to the OAC to receive funds to support bringing professional artists to Bonfield. This would take the form of a Winter Festival in February of 2025, and would focus on celebrating Bonfield's history using storytelling, music, and lectures.

7.2 Family Day

Committee discussed the upcoming Family Day event and the possibility of a lack of snow impacting the event. It was decided that the event will continue as planned to be reevaluated closer to the event.

7.3 2024 Trade Show

Committee discussed the upcoming Trade Show set for April 13th, 2024. The committee agreed that inviting a speaker from either the Caisse or The Business Centre would be a great addition to the event.

7.4 Easter Egg Hunt

The Committee discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and decided on a different format to allow each child to leave with the same goodies.

7.5 Community Day

The Committee discussed Community Day, and how we can support the event.

7.6 Canada Day

Committee discussed the Canada Day event and decided on a condensed schedule to have the event end at 5pm. Entertainment will be contacted and finalized to perform at the event.

7.7 Summer Camp

Committee discussed upcoming Bonfield Summer Camp, and the need to support members of the community who may face financial barriers to attending.

7.8 2024 Events

Committee discussed the need to plan for 2024 events, and how to promote them to residents.

8. Correspondence

None for this session

9. Information

None for this session

10. Next Meeting

March 4th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Nathalie Bertin

Seconded by Lise Houle

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Carried Chair, Steve Featherstone

CHAIR

SECRETARY