



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
January 6th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair
Sheena Whalen
Steve Featherstone, Chair
Holly Brodhagen
Sylvie Lamothe

ABSENT:

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

1. Call to order

Moved by Dan MacInnis

Seconded by Sheena Whalen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:05 p.m.
Steve Featherstone, Chair

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sheena Whalen

Seconded by Dan MacInnis

THAT the draft agenda dated the 6th day of January, 2025 be adopted as prepared.
Steve Featherstone, Chair

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Dan MacInnis

Seconded by Sylvie Lamothe

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee of December 2nd, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Steve Featherstone, Chair

5. Presentations and Delegations

None for this session

6. Staff Reports

a. OAC Grant

An update was provided on the OAC Grant funding. At the December 2nd meeting, updated quotes from Rendez-Vous reduced the cost to \$3,000. This adjustment provided the opportunity to issue a call for artists to create an installation in Kaibuskong Park as originally planned. Subsequent discussions with local artists and industry experts revealed that the delay in issuing a call for submissions made it impractical to secure qualified artists and complete the installation by February 2025. Upon consulting with the OAC, it was confirmed

that the installation date could be postponed without penalty, provided it remained aligned with the original grant application. As a result, it was decided to proceed with the Rendez-Vous Performance as planned on February 7, 2025, while moving the art installation to May 2025. This rescheduling will allow the community to enjoy the installation into the summer.

b. Community Garden

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe

Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council that the Township of Bonfield apply for the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7443.66 of which the Township costs will be \$0.00 for new planters, soil and other gardening materials for the Community Garden.

Steve Featherstone, Chair

7. Items for Committee Discussion

a. Recreation & Fitness Committee 2025 meeting schedule

The Committee discussed the schedule for upcoming 2025 events and has proposed the following event schedule:

The first Monday of every month unless a Stat.

Monday January 6th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday February 3rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday March 3rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday April 7th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday May 5th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday June 2nd, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday July 7th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday August 11th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday September 8th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday October 6th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday November 3rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Monday December 1st, 2025 at 5:00 pm

b. Family Day

The Committee discussed the upcoming Family Day Event scheduled for Monday February 17th, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Committee has assigned members to attend and roles for the event to ensure it runs smoothly. Based on last years' experience the Committee agreed that this event is weather dependent and if there is not enough snow or ice, the event will be cancelled with no alternative event taking place.

c. 2025 Events

Spring Clean- Up: The Committee discussed the opportunity to support the Lions in their spring clean up. Staff will contact the Lions to confirm the details.

Canada Day: The Committee discussed the event timeline and agreed to maintain it as a daytime event, running from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. It was agreed that the fireworks display would be permanently moved to the Labour Day weekend to encourage greater community participation and attract visitors from other municipalities, as it will no longer compete with similar events. A call for artists will be issued, and the Committee will review the submissions and make a final recommendation. The Bonfield Farmers' Market will be contacted to manage the Canteen and organize a market during the event. Additionally, staff will compile an information package detailing new children's events, including pricing and other relevant details.

8. Motions to be Considered for Adoption

None for this session

9. Correspondence

None for this session.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Holly Brodhagen

Seconded by Sheena Whalen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Featherstone, Chair

CHAIR

SECRETARY