



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
December 2nd, 2024 at 5:00 pm

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

ABSENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

1. Call to order

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe

Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:09 p.m.

Carried Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Holly Brodhagen

Seconded by Sylvie Lamothe

THAT the draft agenda dated the 2nd day of December, 2024 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe

Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee of October 7th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

5. Presentations and Delegations

None for this session

6. Staff Reports

a. Christmas in Bonfield

Staff provided a report on the Christmas in Bonfield event, highlighting key activities and participation. The Soup & Chili Contest featured nine soup entries and four chili entries.

Entries for the Kids' Colouring Contest have been posted online for voting, with winners to be announced this week. Suggestions for improvements were noted, including adding a message about the event to the Community Centre board, adjusting the music volume, and incorporating the Farmers Market to encourage residents to stay longer and enjoy the event.

b. OAC Grant

An update was provided on the OAC Grant funding. At the November 4th, 2024, Recreation & Fitness Committee meeting, updated quotes from performance artist Rendez-Vous were presented, originally totaling \$5,000. Following discussions, staff successfully negotiated a reduced fee of \$3,000 for their performance. Staff have also been in contact with Creative Industries North Bay to develop an effective and fair approach for issuing a call for outdoor arts installations for Kaibuskong Park. This initiative will utilize the remaining \$2,000 from the grant. An official call for artists will be issued, with selections focused on aligning with the grant's objectives and the budget.

c. Labour Day Fireworks Reserve

Moved by Sylvie Lamothe

Seconded by Sheena Whalen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommends to Council that the \$3,653.09 allocated for the 2024 Labour Day fireworks display be placed in a reserve account for use at the 2025 Labour Day event in addition to the 2025 fireworks budget.

Carried Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

7. Items for Committee Discussion

a. 2025 Events

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

- **OAC Grant (Winter Festival):** Outdoor Arts installation – TBD
Rendez-Vous - Friday February 7th, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- **Family Day Event:** Monday February 17, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 4: 00 pm
- **Trade Show:** Saturday April 5th, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2: 00 pm
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday April 19th, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- **Canada Day Event:** 10:30 am to 4:00 pm
- **Bonfield Summer Camp:** July 14th to July 18th, 2025 and August 11th to 15th, 2025 from 8:15 - 8:30 pm to 4:30 - 5:00 pm
- **Labour Day Event:** Saturday August 30st, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- **Halloween Parade:** Saturday October 25th, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm
- **Christmas in Bonfield:** Saturday November 29th, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

8. Motions to be Considered for Adoption

None for this session

9. Correspondence

None for this session.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Sheena Whalen

Seconded by Sylvie Lamothe

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Carried Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

CHAIR

SECRETARY