



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
November 4th, 2024 at 5:00 pm

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

ABSENT: Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

1. Call to order

Moved by Sheena Whalen
Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:04 p.m.
Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Holly Brodhagen
Seconded by Sheena Whalen

THAT the draft agenda dated the 4th day of November, 2024 be adopted as prepared.
Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Moved by Sheena Whalen
Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

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

5. Presentations and Delegations

None for this session

6. Staff Reports

Halloween in Bonfield

A report was given by staff on the Halloween Parade and other Halloween events. The event was fully funded by donation and sponsorships from local businesses and residents. There was a surplus of \$653.77 dollars after expenses. The Recreation & Fitness committee has decided to use these funds towards enhancing the Halloween Parade next year by purchasing decorations or a banner to promote the event in the community.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

a. Christmas in Bonfield

The Committee has finalized plans for the upcoming Christmas in Bonfield event, set for Saturday, November 30th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Community Centre. The festivities will feature a variety of activities for families, including letter writing to Santa, a coloring contest, live music and cookie decorating. There will also be a Fill-A- Cruiser event to raise non-perishable items for the Bonfield Food Bank. This year, the Committee chose letter writing as an alternative to a parade or photos with Santa.

In addition, a Soup and Chili Cook-Off will follow, new guidelines and procedures have been implemented to ensure a safe experience for all. A Baked Goods Exchange will also take place, with a dedicated area and clear signage explaining the process. This Baked Goods exchange is scheduled to take place at 2:00 pm.

b. OAC Grant

The Committee has reviewed the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) Grant and agreed to move forward with a multicultural concert that combines the works of Rendez-Vous and Beyond Ireland. This unique performance will celebrate historical arts through music and dance and include interactive elements for audience engagement. Staff will confirm the dates and times with the artists and reserve the Community Centre for this event.

c. Recreation & Fitness Committee Organization

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference for the Recreation & Fitness Committee, with members reminded to conduct all event-related communications through official channels to ensure transparency and accountability.

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 6:19 p.m.

Carried Steve Featherstone, Chair

CHAIR

SECRETARY