



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10th, 2024

PRESENT:

Narry Paquette, Chair
Jason Corbett
Dan MacInnis

Donna Clark
Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager
Dave Vieira, Deputy Fire Chief
Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 10th day of September 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Corbett declared a pecuniary interest with Agenda Item 5. His spouse is employed by Cassellholme.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 27th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

5. Presentation & Delegations

Councillor Corbett vacate his chair at 7:01 pm for the Cassellholme presentation

Angie Punnett, Dave Smits and William Brooks updated Council on the Cassellholme Development Project. Angie Punnett provided Council with an update on funding and the services provided to its residents and the surrounding communities. Dave Smits updated Council on the construction project. William Brooks provided Council with future impact on the levy due to interest rates and total cost of project.

Councillor Corbett resumed his chair at 7:32 pm



6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Deputy Chief

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield accept the department report and further that Council approve of the Fire Protection grant submission.

Carried Narry Paquette

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions – None for this session

8. Items for Council Discussion

8.a Cancellation of the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

That the CAO Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to attend the Municipal Finance Officers Associations training in Sudbury; AND THAT the meeting of Council scheduled for November 12, 2024 be cancelled in its entirety; AND THAT a special meeting of Council be scheduled if required.

Carried Narry Paquette

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a Resolution to adopt By-law 2024-54 to enter into an agreement with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team

Motion 6

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-54, being a by-law to execute an agreement with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 10th day of September, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.b Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Physician Shortage

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system



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through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine. WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Bonfield urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Nipissing District and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Vic Fedeli, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.c City of Quinte West – Community Building Fund

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the City of Quinte West calling on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF Agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.d Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Cellular Communications Services

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in requesting that the Federal Government and ISED to make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.e Township of Stirling Rawdon – Public Sector Salary Disclosure

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Stirling Rawdon requesting the Provincial Government to update the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; AND THAT the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried Narry Paquette



9.f Town of Caledon – Support for Family Doctors

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Petrolia and City of Belleville requesting the Provincial Government to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increase and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.g Township of Nairn & Hyman - Radioactive Material Being Transported to the Township of Nairn and Hyman

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman and The Township of Baldwin demanding full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocol and the future management plan for the ALMA site; AND THAT environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; AND THAT the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM.

Carried Narry Paquette

9.h Town of Lincoln and Fort Erie – Increase Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Lincoln and Fort Erie in requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Carried Narry Paquette

10. Correspondence

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of September 10th, 2024.

Carried Narry Paquette

11. Question Period – There were no questions submitted for this meeting



12. Closed Session

Motion 15

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board employees.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

Motion 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 9:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

Motion 17

Moved by Councillor Corbett
THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby authorizes the Public Works Manager to negotiate with Evan Hughes Excavating for the purchase of a compactor.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

Motion 18

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby authorizes the CAO to post for a 2-year contract for a Fire Chief/ Fire Prevention Office for 3 days a week.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

13. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 19

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-53 to confirm the proceedings of Council from August 27th, 2024 to September 10th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 10th day of September, 2024.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

14. Adjournment

Motion 20

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK