



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
September 12th, 2023

PRESENT: Narry Paquette Donna Clark
 Jason Corbett Steve Featherstone
 Dan MacInnis

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk
 Ann Carr, Public Works Manager
 Nicky Kunkel, CAO

No. 1
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.; AND THAT the Agenda be amended to include a Closed Session for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 25th, and Special Meetings of Council held August 15th, August 24th, and August 28th, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Narry Paquette

Public Presentation

Maxime and Samantha, representatives of Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee made a presentation to Council on their mission to work collaboratively toward ending intimate partner violence and supporting victims of violence. They urges Council to pass a motion declaring IPV an epidemic.

No. 3
Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council to not make a decision to enter into an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario until an observation of depot only transitioning communities in 2023 are able to report their experiences with other municipalities; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the quote from Pinchin for a topographical survey be accepted for a cost of \$2,830.00 plus HST; AND THAT the work will be performed later in the fall; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the landfill site will be open on Wednesday evenings beyond the current level of service as a pilot project; AND WHEREAS the additional costs for lighting and staffing of \$27,011.00 was added to the operational budget for environmental services in 2023; AND WHEREAS the program will be evaluated at the December 2023 Public Works Committee with reports on additional visits during extended hours.; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 6

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to amend By-Law 2023-22 being a by-law to execute a financing agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield and Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield for the purposes of a financing guarantee agreement, BE READ a first, second and third time; PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-36, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to amend the Committee Structure for the Property Standards Committee in By-Law 2004-30; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-38, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-to adopt a Social Media Policy; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-39, AND THAT the said By-Law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council approves the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated September 12th, 2023, in the amount of \$195,568.08.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Severn in formally endorsing the call for a new “Just Transition Transfer” and urges the Federal Government to establish a new “Just Transition Transfer,” starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield recommends that Ms. Contant’s idea for a Children’s Fair be referred to the Recreation and Fitness Committee for consideration in their 2024 events.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and WHEREAS, every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and WHEREAS, on any given night in Canada, over 6,000 women and children sleep in shelters because it is not safe for them at home; and WHEREAS each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence, accounting for about 12% of all violent crime in Canada; and WHEREAS over one in three women in Canada aged 15 years and older will experience IPV in their lifetime; and WHEREAS the cost of violence against women costs the national justice system, social assistance budgets, and municipal budgets millions of dollars per year; and WHEREAS IPV is preventable; and WHEREAS at a municipal level, IPV contributes to an unsafe community, an increase in homelessness, decreased police and ambulance capacity, additional needs for social housing, and added pressures on the healthcare system and social services; and WHEREAS in 2022, Victim Services of Nipissing District received 475 calls for service for IPV and supported 400 female IPV victims as well as 39 children, who were harmed or witnesses of IPV; and WHEREAS in 2022, Children’s Aid Society had 146 investigations open for a child’s exposure to domestic violence, which accounts for 13.1% of their total call volume for the year; and Whereas 400 survivors of intimate partner violence accessed supports offered by the Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing in 2022; and WHEREAS in 2022, 201 or 31% of admissions to the North Bay Jail had an active domestic violence alert, and 7.8% had an active sex offence charge;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bonfield Council

- recognizes the issues of violence against women and girls in Bonfield as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and
- is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our community; and
- declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are an epidemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipality integrate IPV into its community safety and well-being plan, which aligns with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, The Honourable Parm Gill Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and Vic Fedeli, MPP; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, Ontario Provincial Police and the North Bay Detachment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Councillor Corbett requested a recorded vote on Resolution No. 12

Yea: Donna Clark, Jason Corbett, Steve Featherstone, Dan MacInnis, Narry Paquette

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 13

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded 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 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Meeting of Council resumes open session at 9:56 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from July 25th, 2023 to September 12th, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-37; AND THAT the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK