

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRESENT:

Narry Paquette Jason Corbett Dan MacInnis Donna Clark Steve Featherstone

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

No. 1 Moved by Councillor MacInnis THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2 Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 12, 2023, and the Special Council meeting of September 18, 2023, be adopted as circulated. Carried Narry Paquette

No. 3

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the following Council member who can attend the ROMA Conference, January 21 – 23, 2024 and all expenses be paid in accordance with the Township policies.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Clark Hereby be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Bonfield receives and supports in principle the FONOM Policy Papers and their efforts to make meaningful change for municipalities and our communities regarding mental health, provincial funding allocations, and the management of school board elections.

Carried Narry Paquette

### No. 5

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS Council approved the consent application (B3/2023) for the Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield on May 9, 2023 with the condition of the entering into a Consent Agreement between the applicant and the municipality; AND WHEREAS the Agreement has been prepared by the municipal lawyer based on the consent decision and minutes of on-site meetings; AND WHEREAS the Community Non-Profit Seniors Housing Bonfield has signed the agreement acknowledging their understanding and acceptance of said agreement; HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and execute the said agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried Narry Paquette

### No. 6

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Featherstone THAT Council approves the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated September 26, 2023, in the amount of \$104,908.72.

Carried Narry Paquette

## No. 7

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor MacInnis Hereby be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Township of EMO resolution requesting the province to reevaluate its Black Ash Recovery Strategy policies.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Corbett Hereby be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in the request for a permanent increase in annual base funding to permit the school to continue to deliver on their mandate and increase health care opportunities in Northern Ontario; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, and Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli. Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Bonfield wishes to support Canadian Veteran's; AND WHEREAS Council has passed a policy to support local organizations; NOW THEREFORE Council hereby agrees to donate \$200 for local Veteran's program through the Callander Royal Canadian Legion Branch 445.

Carried Narry Paquette

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No. 10

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor MacInnis WHEREAS the four-year term for the current Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Bonfield expires on December 31, 2023; HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby authorizes a request for proposal for Integrity Commissioner Services starting January 2024.

## **Carried Narry Paquette**

No. 11

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Clark WHEREAS the Provincial Government released the Housing Affordability Task Force Report with recommendations in February 2022 and provided a short window for comments; AND WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield is growing and has its own housing and affordability challenges and is currently undertaking an Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw review; NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Bonfield hereby lists the top recommendations as follows: Recommendation # 22, 26, 36, 41 and 53. **Carried Narry Paquette** 

### No. 12

Moved by Councillor MacInnis Seconded by Councillor Featherstone WHEREAS it was identified in the Capital Budget that a new commercial zero tum was needed; AND WHEREAS quotes were obtained and are detailed in the Public Works Manager Report; NOW THEREFORE the lowest quote from Amstein's Lawn and Garden for a commercial Gravely zero tum lawn mower for \$8,805.30 net HST be accepted. **Carried Narry Paquette** 

No. 13

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett WHEREAS Council commissioned JL Richards to prepare an Agricultural Land Evaluation Study per the province's one window recommendations for the Official Plan Update; HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft report be received for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Planning Advisory Committee review the details and work with JL Richards to determine the significance and how it may be incorporated into the Official Plan review to meet the Ministry's requirements.

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 7:37 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. 15

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark Hereby be is resolved that Council reconvenes to open session at 8:28 pm having discussed senior management employment matters.

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

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No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor MacInnis Hereby be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Bonfield agrees to temporarily hire Garry Keown on a contract basis for Public Works management and training consulting services.

NOTE: This resolution emanated from closed session discussions.

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

No. 17

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 September 12th, to September 26th, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-40; 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. 18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

**Carried Narry Paquette** 

MAYOR

CLERK