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It is my hope that as you read this brochure you are doing well and staying healthy. Each of us continues to cope with the COVID-19 situation as best we can.

Fortunately for us, Northern Ontario has not been as severely affected as southern Ontario and the GTA. I thank you on behalf of your neighbouring citizens, Municipal Staff and Council for doing your part in this achievement.

Please keep up the good work. With the new variant versions of COVID circulating around, it is more important than ever to maintain our habits of physical distancing, washing hands and staying home as much as possible.

Spring is here and this brings us greater optimism for the better days ahead. Also, the population continues to be vaccinated more and more each day. It might not feel sometimes like we are winning but we are!

Municipal services and operations continue in the new COVID safe manners we have implemented. If you require any assistance or information, please do not hesitate to call or email. On behalf of Council, I wish you a healthy and happy springtime.

Randy McLaren,
Mayor.

Interim Tax Bills

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Council of the Township of Bonfield has decided to extend the Interim Tax Billing due date of March 26th, 2021 to May 31st, 2021.

However, interest/penalty will continue to be applied on all prior tax arrears on a monthly basis.

New Contact Info for Director of Planning & Development and Building Department

Please contact Andrew O'Reilly at 705-492-4707 or bylaws@bonfieldtownship.org regarding the following:

- By-law enforcement
- Building permits

All other inquiries should be directed to Doug Laplante CBO at 705-776-2300 or cbo.planner@bonfieldtownship.org



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

May 2-8, 2021

About Emergency Preparedness Week

Take action so that you, your family, and your community are prepared for emergencies. Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national event supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private sector who support activities at the local level. An annual event for over 25 years, it traditionally takes place during the first full week of May.

Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the theme is *Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything*. The intent of this theme is to encourage Canadians to take action to become better prepared for the range of emergencies they could face in their region.

This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners.

Resources

- Emergency Preparedness Week Toolkit [Emergency Preparedness Week Toolkit \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](https://getprepared.gc.ca)
- Emergency Preparedness Guide [Your Emergency Preparedness Guide \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](https://getprepared.gc.ca)
- Make an emergency plan [Make an emergency plan \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](https://getprepared.gc.ca)
- Build an emergency kit [Emergency Kits \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](https://getprepared.gc.ca)

For more information, please contact info@GetPrepared.ca or call 1-800-830-3118.

For more information contact:

Steven Kerr, CEMC by email at cemc@bonfieldtownship.org

Additional information can be found at www.getprepared.ca - www.preparez-vous.ca

Phone: 1-866-515-2025 TTY Toll Free: 1-800-268-7095 TTY: 416-325-5408



Know the Risks



Make a Plan



Get a kit

During an Emergency

During an emergency, you may not have time to make alternative plans. You may also not be aware of who to listen to for instructions, that's why it is important to know who to call and what to do under different circumstances.

When to call 9-1-1

- In case of a major emergency, shelter-in-place, evacuation orders,
- Report a fire, report a crime, save a life

For non-emergency calls, use the ten-digit numbers listed in your local phone book for police, fire and paramedic services.

In case of a major emergency

- Follow your emergency plan
- Get your emergency kit
- Make sure you are safe before assisting others.
- Listen to the radio or television or check the Township's website for information from local officials and follow their instructions.
- Stay put until all is safe or until you are ordered to evacuate.

Make an Emergency Plan

A family emergency plan will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency. Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan.

It will take you about 20 minutes to complete your personalized plan online. You can then print it out. Before starting your home emergency plan, you will need to think about:

- Safe exits from home and neighbourhood
- Meeting places to reunite with family or roommates
- Designated person to pick up children should you be unavailable
- Contact persons close-by and out-of-town
- Health information
- Place for your pet to stay
- Risks in your region
- Location of your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve and floor drain.

Government emergency plans assume all households will be prepared to do what is needed in the first 72 hours of an emergency to protect life and property.

The GetPrepared.ca or www.preparez-vous.ca website contains detailed information on specific risks and allows Canadians to go online to complete and download their own family emergency plan, and offers short videos on how to make an emergency preparedness kit. We encourage Canadians to learn more about Emergency Preparedness, to increase their knowledge of their region, and to be prepared in case of a specific emergency.

NBPSDHU Launches New Dashboard

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is launching their COVID-19 dashboard named the COVID-19 Status Report. The COVID-19 Status Report is a one-stop location for the most up-to-date COVID-19 data for the Health Unit's district. Data includes:

- COVID-19 cases overview including variant of concern information;
- Cases by age and exposure;
- Number of confirmed cases by reported date;
- Number of confirmed cases by month;
- Outbreaks in child care centres, long-term care homes/retirement homes and schools;
- COVID-19 testing numbers;
- Vaccination rates and numbers.

The COVID-19 Status Report is available at www.myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19, with a walk through of the dashboard available on our [YouTube channel](#). The dashboard is updated Monday to Friday at 3 p.m. and Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

A graphic with a dark teal background. On the left, there is a stylized teal cloud with raindrops and a blue lightning bolt. The text 'Emergency preparedness starts with you' is in white, and 'stay informed' is in a larger, light blue font. Below this, it says 'Sign up for' in white, followed by 'ALERTS' in white text inside an orange rounded rectangle. A light blue mouse cursor arrow points to the 'ALERTS' button. At the bottom left, the URL 'ontario.ca/beprepared' is written in white. At the bottom right is the Ontario logo and the word 'Ontario' in white.

Emergency preparedness starts with you
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Is your house number visible from the street?

Bonfield and Rutherglen residents who live in the Hamlets should be aware that individual house numbers must be visible from the street.

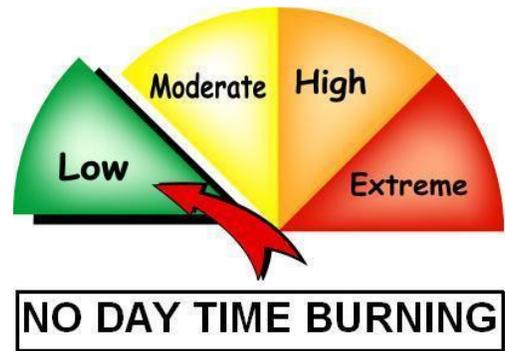
This is required according to By-law 93-15, Section 3 and 4. The purpose of this By-law is to ensure that residential house numbers are visible. In the event of an emergency, this will help the police, ambulance and fire vehicles to locate your home quickly.

The By-law states that numbers shall be a minimum of 10cm (4inches) in height and coloured to contrast strongly with the background. They should be mounted on the front of the building, facing the road and near a light fixture where possible. When the building is more than 20 metres (65 feet) from the road, or is not plainly visible from the road, the numbers should be displayed on a sign.

OPEN AIR BURNING

Before burning, check to see if a Fire Ban is in place. The Fire Rating Signs located at Fire Hall Station 1 and 2, are updated frequently on Fire Bans. Fire Ban alerts will also be posted on the Township's Website

Additional information on Open Air Burning and other Safety Messages can be found on the message board at Fire Station #1, 107 Railway Street.



Smoke Alarm Program

The purpose of the **Smoke Alarm Program** is to ensure that your smoke alarms are working, and it helps to increase your fire prevention knowledge to prevent a fire tragedy striking your home and family.

It is the practice of the Bonfield Volunteer Fire Department to inspect smoke alarms following an emergency response call.

Your fire department reminds you to test your smoke alarms each month by pushing the alarm test button. If the alarm does not sound, replace the battery or the alarm immediately. Remember, only a working smoke alarm can save your life.

Some residents are not even aware that their smoke alarms are not working.

Firefighters from the Bonfield Fire Department will be visiting local residents to perform a free inspection of all smoke alarms in your home.



The Public Works Department appreciates members of the community sharing important information on social media such as road closures and events within the Township. **However, please make sure the department is aware of any issues that are happening within the Township immediately so they can be resolved. The Public Works Department is open 24/7 and can be reached at 705-776-2659.**

Landfill and Recycling

Just a reminder, that the landfill site is not a social gathering place. Be mindful of social distancing while using the landfill and recycling areas. Please be patient as we do our best to limit the amount of people in the landfill at one time to follow the Ontario Health Protocols. Be mindful of people waiting to enter the landfill, empty your recycling or refuse and immediately exit the area for another resident to enter the landfill. Tipping fees still apply.



Beginning Wednesday May 3rd, the landfill site will be open Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Homeowners are now required to have a **Contractor's Permit** to allow the contractor working on your residence to be able to use the landfill to dump construction materials. The contractor **MUST** present the permit to the attendant to have access to the Landfill on behalf of the homeowner. We encourage renovations and improvements on your homes; therefore, the permit will be free of charge. **Apply at the Township Office.**

Hazardous Waste Materials may be taken to the Hazardous Waste Depot - 112 Patton Street, North Bay, Ontario.

Free Loads - Definition of LOADS – one truck or trailer

Remember the 3 R's! We often tend to forget the other two R's beside recycling. **REDUCE. REUSE.** The Public Works Department is working hard to lower our waste impact as a community. Here are a few tips to help lower your household waste:



- Buy reusable grocery bags
- Use refillable water bottles
- Buy reusable utensils instead of single use plastic
- Donate unwanted clothing to secondhand stores, even old ripped t-shirts can be accepted for rags!
- Ensure you are sorting your recyclables and disposing of electronics properly!

We Recycle Batteries

We recycle batteries now free of charge. Household batteries, cell phones, rechargeable batteries for power tools. Car batteries not included.

Tires

We accept all tires without rims free of charge. Please tell the Landfill attendant of your drop off as we need to record the origin of the tire for auditing purposes.

Electronic Waste

Free of charge, we accept televisions, computers, stereos, keyboards etc. Microwaves not accepted in bin.



Bonfield Public Library
365 Hwy 531
Bonfield, Ontario
POH 1E0

Curbside Hours

Monday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 1:00pm

Telephone: 705-776-2396

Email: bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com



Bonfield Public Library and Bonfield Seed Lending Library are happy to join in with the Grain Farmers of Ontario to provide What's Growing On!! Seed Kits.

These kits are designed to educate Ontario grade school students on where their food comes from, the types of grains grown in Ontario and how plants grow. The kit includes everything you need to grow your own grain plants. For more information visit: <https://goodineverygrain.ca/> Please contact the Bonfield Public Library at 705-776-2396 or bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com to arrange curbside pick-up for a free Grain seed starting kits.



The Bonfield Public Library is participating in an Ontario Parks Day-Use Permit Library Lending Program. Through the program, Patrons with a valid library card can borrow a day-use pass, free of charge. This free pass provides access for one vehicle and its occupants to more than 100 provincial parks in Ontario. This program is motivated by a commitment to help Ontarians spend more time in nature by making it easier and more affordable for people to enjoy the benefits of provincial parks. Please visit <http://www.ontarioparks.com/hphp> website for more information about the benefits of spending time outdoors.

The BPL staff can also arrange a “mystery bag of books” that you can borrow which relate to outdoor fun and activities.

Connect.

We're here to help!

If you have questions about your library account, or want help using BPL from home.

Please contact us!

The Scoop on Dog Poop



Dog owners urged to prevent “poo-lution”! Don’t be a poop-a-traitor! Help us improve our Township

While it may not be the most enjoyable aspect of taking your dog for a walk, picking up his feces and most importantly, disposing of it in a bin is an important aspect of responsible dog ownership.

Did you know, it is an offence not to do so under By-Law 2013-09 Section 3.6 (1). It states that: Every owner of a dog shall immediately remove excrement left by such dog on any private or public property in the Township, other than on the owner’s property. **Fine \$55.00**

Who is most at risk?

Young people, especially toddlers, are at most risk as they commonly handle soil and are more likely to put their hands in or to their mouths without washing them first.

Dog waste carries tons of disease-causing bacteria, and by picking it up and with proper disposal we prevent harmful fecal coliform bacteria and excess nutrients from washing into our wells and lakes.

Waste produced by one dog may not feel like a big deal but multiply that by the number of dogs that live in our area and it adds up to a pile of problems.

Prevention:

- Deworm your dog regularly—most dogs should be dewormed four times a year (dependant of the worming procedure) but puppies require more frequent deworming so contact your local veterinary practice for advice
- If you have a children’s sandbox, cover it over when not in use.
- Pick up poop daily from your yard & garden
- Pick up and bin poop when out dog walking

If you happen to walk in an area with little or no bins available there are now handy poo holding gadgets that can be found online.



NO DOGS IN PARKS

Section 3.7 (1)

No owner shall take a dog onto Township parkland, or any part thereof that is designated by signage as an area where dogs are prohibited either at any time, or during specific designated times, or in specific designated park areas.

FINE \$55.00