



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
March 14th, 2023

PRESENT: Narry Paquette, Chair Jason Corbett
Steve Featherstone Dan MacInnis

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Donna Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk
Ann Carr, Public Works Manager
Jeff Celentano, Acting CAO

No. 1
Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 2
Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 14th, 2023 be adopted as
circulated.
Carried Narry Paquette

Presentations:

Dr. Williams and Tanya Belanger of the Mattawa Hospital made a presentation to Council regarding the importance of Mattawa Physician Recruitment Program. The Mattawa Hospital not only services residents of Mattawa but surrounding Municipalities. The program enables the recruitment of up to four future doctors. Local Municipalities help fund this program.

Mayor Paquette requested that this item be added to the next Council's Agenda.

No. 3
Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor Clark
WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield Police Services Board has recommended to Council to accept the 2023 Police Services Board Budget as submitted; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council refers this budget to the General Government and Finance Committee.
Carried Narry Paquette

No. 4

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council accepts the Township of Bonfield Police Services Board schedule of meetings for the year 2023.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 5

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Police Services Board recommends that Narry Paquette and Marc Vaillancourt, be approved to attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards 2023 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM at the Marriott on the Falls in Niagara Falls held May 30th to June 1, 2023, and that all expenses be paid as set out by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 6

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield Police Services Board has recommended to Council that they approve an amount of \$5,000.00 so that the Board can conduct business as usual until the 2023 budget process has been completed; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 7

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Township of Bonfield as indicated in the disbursement report dated March 28th, 2023, in the amount of \$297,203.05.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 8

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council refers the 2023 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Levy to the General Government Committee.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 9

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Bonfield Agricultural Society has requested Council's consideration for a sponsorship for their annual Fall Fair to be held August 12 & 13, 2023; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves a \$150.00 sponsorship to be used towards their Youth Activities Program.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 10

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council accepts the Security Audit report as information.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 11

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the Bonfield & District Lions Club is requesting the use of the Township Public Works Garage site for overflow parking and any available picnic tables for their 19th Annual ATV Fundraiser & Poker Run May 13, 2023; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of these requests and refers them to the Public Works Department.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 12

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT Council approves the additional liability coverage to its Insurance Policy to cover all events carried out by the Township of Bonfield at an additional cost of \$1,848 annually.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 13

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield values respect, integrity, equity, inclusivity and service in all areas of life, including politics; WHEREAS women have historically been underrepresented in politics and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office; WHEREAS misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world; WHEREAS the Township of Bonfield believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bonfield expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment and where everyone feels equitable; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Bonfield commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Bonfield joins the Town of Grimsby and City of Cambridge in encouraging other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equity in all areas of society; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Nipissing's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Township of Bonfield's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equity, safety, and security.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 14

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

WHEREAS Council received the attached Motion in relation to School Board Elections; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield endorses and supports the Motion made by the Council of the Town of Howick regarding School Board Elections; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Victor Fedeli, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Town of Petrolia.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 15

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's call for the Province of Ontario to increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Ontario Boards of Health, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), NBPSDHU.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT the Meeting of Council hereby proceeds to closed session in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

That the Meeting of Council resume open session at 8:08 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

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 March 14th, 2023 to March 28th, 2023; BE READ a first, second and third time, PASSED AND NUMBERED 2023-13; 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. 19

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK