

JULY 15TH, 2025

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Unveiling of New Website

Our new website was launched on June 28, 2025. The Township's website is often the first-place residents turn to when they need information. The recent website redesign was about more than just a fresh look—it was a strategic effort to create a reliable, easy-to-use platform that promotes transparency, service excellence, and accessibility.

- What do you love?
- What could be improved?
- Did anything feel hard to find?
- Do you have great photos to share with us?

The Township will receive feedback until July 30th.

2. Ontario Provincial Policies and Official Plan Updates

The Ontario government has introduced major changes to land use planning through new policies (like the Provincial Planning Statement 2024) and legislation (such as Bill 5 and Bill 17). These aim to speed up housing construction, simplify approvals, and reduce environmental protections and other barriers to development. The goal is to allow more flexible land use and increase housing options, while giving the province more power to override local decisions on key projects. Critics, however, are concerned about weaker environmental safeguards, reduced public input, and whether the changes will truly improve housing affordability.

Since 2021, the Township of Bonfield has been updating its Official Plan and Zoning By-law with help from J.L. Richards & Associates. Drafts have been completed, but recent provincial changes—including PPS 2024 and Bills 5 and 17—have delayed Ministry review. The July 2024 draft plan will likely need revisions. So far, only limited feedback has been received, mainly on water quality, noting the Lake Nosbonsing watershed is at development capacity. Township staff will continue working with the Ministry and stakeholders to finalize a plan that meets local needs and aligns with new provincial policies.

3. Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief

Matthew Strood, a volunteer firefighter with the Bonfield Volunteer Fire Department has been appointed by Council as Deputy Fire Chief.

Matt has been a volunteer firefighter for a number of years, is dedicated to the Department and looks forward to working along the newly appointed Fire Chief Shaun McGee.

“Save the date” on July 28, 2025 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm there will be an Open House at Fire Hall #1, 107 Railway St where the residents can meet our Fire Chief – Shaun McGee, Deputy Fire Chief – Matt Strood, Training Officer – Ben Tastula and members of the Fire Department. More details will be released next week on our Facebook page and Website.