



Winter Newsletter 2026

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2026 Township Events

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4

4th Annual Bonfield Trade Show
Saturday, April 18

Community Day
Saturday, June 6

Canada Day
Wednesday, July 1

Bonfield Summer Camp
Monday, July 13 to Friday 17
Monday, August 10 to Friday 14

Movie in the Park
Sunday, Sept 6

Halloween in Bonfield
Saturday, October 24

Christmas in Bonfield
Saturday, November 28

Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible sense of community that makes Bonfield such a special place to live. Over the past few months, we've seen our community come together in inspiring ways. Our Family Day event at the Outdoor Rink was a tremendous success, bringing families out for fun, games, and laughter – a true testament to the warmth and spirit of Bonfield. A special thank you to the Bonfield & District Lions Club, Bonfield Fire Department, Bonfield Public Library, OPP North East Region, the Recreation & Fitness Committee and all the community volunteers for making the day so special.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to remind everyone that registration is open for the 4th Annual Bonfield Trade Show! This event is a fantastic opportunity to support local businesses, discover new products and services, and strengthen our local economy. We encourage residents and visitors alike to come out and experience the vibrant offerings from our talented entrepreneurs.

Safety remains a top priority for our Township. With winter ongoing, it's important to continue taking precautions as we begin to transition to spring. Please remain mindful of road and ice conditions, and stay informed about any public safety updates. Our Fire Department, Public Works Department and emergency services work tirelessly to protect our community, and your cooperation helps them do their job effectively.

Thank you to everyone who participates, volunteers, and supports these events – it's your energy and enthusiasm that make Bonfield a thriving, connected community. I look forward to connecting with many of you at our upcoming events and enjoying the beauty of our Township together.

Mayor Narry Paquette

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EASTER EGG HUNT

365 Hwy 531, Kaibuskong Park
Apr 4th. 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Join us for our famous Easter Egg Hunt in Kaibuskong Park – a perfect way to welcome the spring season and enjoy some quality time with family and friends! Hunts are divided by age group, so every participant is guaranteed to leave with a bag full of treats.



BONFIELD TRADE SHOW

100 Yonge St Community Centre.
Apr 18th. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Whether you are interested in starting a business, growing an existing one, or connecting with local businesses to find the services you need. This is the Trade Show for you!

Register for a booth today!
[bonfieldtownship.com](http://bonfieldtownship.com/tradeshow)
/tradeshow

COMMUNITY DAY

Caisse Alliance Bonfield Public Library & Fire Hall #1

June 6th. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Come celebrate Community Day with the Caisse Alliance, the Bonfield Library, and the Bonfield Fire Department! Browse the yard sale, grab a bite at the BBQ, pick up a great read at the Bonfield Library book sale, or stop by Fire Hall #1 for a car wash and Open House – there's something for the whole family!



CANADA DAY

365 Hwy 531, Kaibuskong Park
July 1st. 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Let's come together to celebrate our incredible community and the spirit of Canada. Don't miss this chance to create memories, connect with neighbours, and enjoy a day full of fun and festivities!

Enjoy the Mayors BBQ, live entertainment, a bike decorating contest, fireworks, the Lions Duck Race and so much more!

BONFIELD SUMMER CAMP

365 Hwy 531, Kaibuskong Park
July 13th - 17th and
Aug 10th - 14th

Bonfield Summer Camp is the perfect place for kids to explore, learn, and create in a safe and welcoming environment.

Register online at
[bonfieldtownship.com](http://bonfieldtownship.com/summercamp)
/summercamp



MOVIE IN THE PARK

365 Hwy 531, Kaibuskong Park
Sept 6th. 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Join us as we say goodbye to summer with a family friendly movie under the stars.

Don't forget to bring a donation for the Bonfield Food Bank to help support those in need in our community.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Four Corners to Fire Hall #1
Oct 24th. Starting at 6:30 pm

We welcome all residents to join the festivities and make this Halloween spook-tacular! Whether you're decorating your house, participating in the parade, or just cheering along the route, your participation makes this event special.



Easter Egg Hunt

- Fill goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt
- Hide eggs in the park
- Assist with colouring contest

Can you spare 2 hours to help support your community? Are you looking for high school volunteer hours?

Canada Day

- Help set up event
- Run family games and activities
- Assit with serving BBQ

Short-term Rentals

In 2025, the Township of Bonfield passed by-law 2025-17, being a by-law that regulates, governs and licenses Short Term Rentals in Bonfield. This by-law requires that anyone wanting to rent their dwellings for Short Term Rentals (STR) must first obtain an annual license from the municipality. The process involves completing an application, paying a license fee and scheduling an inspection to ensure that vacationers enjoy a safe and pleasant experience in our wonderful outdoor environment. An STR license must be renewed yearly. For more information or help in completing the application or any questions you may have please call, Mike Pilon, Chief Building Official/ By-Law Officer.

Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

In 2025, the Township of Bonfield passed By-law 2025-16, being a By-law that regulates, governs and licenses Travel Trailers and Recreational Vehicles in the Township of Bonfield. This By-law requires persons wishing to place and use RV's and Travel Trailer campers on rural vacant lands to obtain a license from the municipality. The process involves completing an application, paying an annual license fee and scheduling an inspection to ensure that campers enjoy a safe and pleasant experience while enjoying their camping excursions. For more information or help in completing the application or any questions you may have please call, Mike Pilon, Chief Building Official/ By-Law Officer.

Why You Need to Obtain a Building Permit

Building permits allow the Township to protect the interests of both individuals and the community as a whole, and help the Township ensure that buildings comply with:

- The Ontario Building Code
- Bonfield's Zoning By-law
- Other applicable legislation

Building Permit Application Process

Step 1: Gather Required Documents

Step 2: Submit Your Application

Step 3: Review & Approval

Step 4: Pay the Permit Fee

When Are Inspections Required?

Inspections ensure construction meets safety and legal standards. For a list of required inspections review your building permit, or contact the building department.

How to Schedule an Inspection

To schedule an inspection please contact Mike Pilon, Chief Building Official. In accordance with the Ontario Building Code, building inspections may be conducted within two business days. The period to conduct the inspection begins on the business day after the request was made, excluding weekends and statutory holidays.

The Planning Department is responsible for managing land use, zoning, and development. Its primary role is to ensure that growth and development align with Bonfield's Official Plan, zoning by-laws, and provincial regulations while maintaining the community's character and environmental sustainability.

Why meet with us?

- Gain clarity on the development potential of your property.
- Understand any planning constraints or requirements.
- Avoid potential issues that could delay your project.

What is the procedure?

Step 1. Fill out the Planning & Development Inquiry Form. Download the form from our website or pick up a copy at the Township Office.

Step 2. Submit the Form

Email the completed form to

planning@bonfieldtownship.com, or deliver it in person to the Township Office.

Severances

The Township of Bonfield permits up to 3 severances, plus the retained lands, within each development plan period where all specified land use planning development requirements can be met.

In the rural areas, new lots are required to be a minimum of 1 hectare in size, and have a minimum lot frontage of 60 meters, unless a hydrogeological study has been produced that indicates a reduced lot size of no less than 0.6 hectares could be supported.

In reviewing consent applications, plans of subdivision and/or condominium, the Township will evaluate all applicable policies based upon the Map Schedules to determine whether any natural or human hazards, or other development constraints exist which may be considered a barrier to development, or require mitigation measures to be put in place.

A full checklist of supporting documents is listed within the Official Plan, which applicants may be required to adhere to on a property-specific basis.

Please note: For more complex planning inquiries and proposed application, a formal pre-consult for planning matters may be required in accordance with the prescribed fees set out in By-Law 2024-26

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 Reduced Load Restrictions
2 Recreation & Fitness Meeting	3 Planning Advisory Committee	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Council Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Bonfield Lions Breakfast
16 Corporate Services	17	18	19	20	21	22 Fire Department Open House
23	24 Council Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Interim Property Taxes Due					

Dog or Cat License Fees 2026

Before March 1st - \$20.00
 Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00
 Replacement tag - \$4.00

Reduced Load Restrictions

In effect on ALL of the roads within the Township's jurisdiction, annually starting March 1st.

APRIL 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 Summer Hours start at Landfill	2	3 Good Friday Office Closed	4 Easter Egg Hunt	5
6 Easter Monday Office Closed	7 Planning Advisory Committee	8	9	10	11	12
13 Recreation & Fitness Meeting	14 Council Meeting	15	16	17	18 Bonfield Trade Show	19
20 Emergency Management Corporate Services	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Council Meeting	29	30			

Summer Hours at Landfill

Wednesdays (April 1)
 4:00 to 7:00
Saturdays
 8:00 to 4:00

Burn Permits Required Year Round.



Campfires (3ft x 3ft) FREE
 Brush Piles - \$50.00
 Windrow - \$50.00

MAY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 Municipal Elections: Nomination period opens	2	3
4 Recreation & Fitness Meeting	5 Planning Advisory Committee	6	7	8	9 Bonfield Lions ATV Run	10 Community Clean Up Week
11	12 Council Meeting	13	14	15 Event Park Test & Tune	16 Event Park Test & Tune	17 Event Park Test & Tune
18 Victoria Day Office Closed	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Emergency Management Corporate Services	26 Council Meeting	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Recreation & Fitness Meeting	2 Planning Advisory Committee	3	4	5	6 Community Day	7
8	9 Council Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 Emergency Management Corporate Services	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Council Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Visit our website for full information on upcoming events, meetings, key deadlines, and weekly or monthly recreational and leisure activities. Meeting dates and times may change, so be sure to stay informed and connected by checking the latest updates and resources at: www.BonfieldTownship.com

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP WEEK

MAY 10 TO MAY 16, 2026

Bonfield

Join us for Community Clean Up Week as we support the Provincial Day of Action on Litter. Let's work together to keep Bonfield clean and protect our environment.

How to Participate

 **Pick Up Free Cleanup Bags**
Specially marked cleanup bags are available at:
• Township Office
• Bonfield Public Library

 **Choose a Cleanup Location**
Residents can select a location anywhere within the Township, such as roadsides, trails, shorelines, or community areas.

 **Gather Your Team**
Invite friends, neighbours, family members, coworkers, or community groups to help.

 **Bring Protective Equipment**
Participants should bring protective gear when possible, including:
• Gloves
• Litter grabbers
• Hand sanitizer

 **Bag Drop-Off**
Collected litter can be disposed of free of charge at the Bonfield Landfill. Please show the landfill attendant your specially marked cleanup bags when dropping them off.



Recycling Tips

- Use separate disposal bags for recyclables and garbage whenever possible.
- Keep hazardous waste separate from garbage and recycling. Hazardous waste includes batteries, aerosol containers, fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), helium and propane tanks/cylinders.
- Remember safety first! You can always leave certain items as you found them, note down the item and the location, and after your cleanup contact the public works department to make them aware.



Safety Tips

- Use personal protective equipment (gloves) or a litter grabber when picking up litter and properly dispose of your own personal protective equipment safely in a sealed garbage bin after your cleanup.
- Cleanups should take place during daylight hours and should not take place after sunset or before sunrise.
- Consider wearing a safety vest or brightly coloured clothing if collecting litter along a roadway.



PUBLIC WORKS

New Recycling Rules

Effective January 1, 2026, responsibility for residential recycling in Bonfield has transitioned to the Province through Circular Materials.

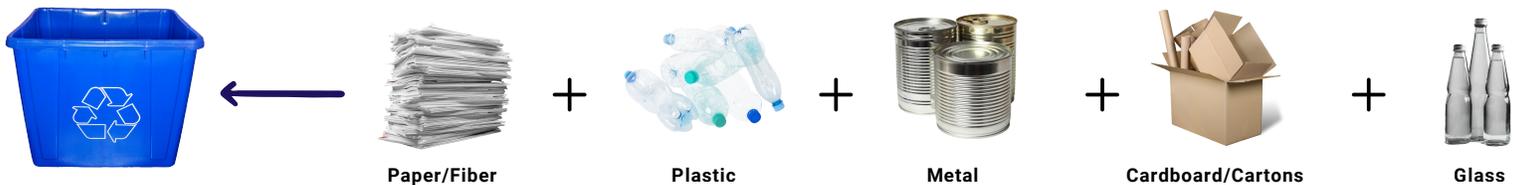
For more information, please visit <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario/> or our website at www.bonfieldtownship.com/recycling

As part of this transition, Circular Materials has released a new Recyclable Materials List to help residents understand what can and cannot be recycled. Residents are encouraged to review the updated list to ensure materials are being organized correctly.



If you have additional questions about recycling, accepted materials, or the new program, please contact Circular Materials directly for assistance at 1-877-667-2626

What goes in your recycling bin?



Recycling Tips

No food in your bin

- Food and organics can contaminate your recyclables. Keep them out of your recycling.

Flatten/break down boxes

- Save space in your recycling bin by flattening cardboard before pickup day.

No bagging recyclables

- Place your materials loose in your bin to ensure they are ready for recycling.

Rinse containers

- Rinse before you recycle! Making sure your containers are empty and rinsed ensures more material gets recycled.

Winter Road Safety

As winter continues, our Public Works team works hard to keep Township roads safe and passable for all residents. To help us do our job effectively – and to keep everyone safe – there are a few important reminders to keep in mind this season.

- **Overnight Parking Restrictions** Parking is prohibited on all Township streets from November 1 to March 31 between 12:00 am and 9:00 am. This allows our crews to fully clear roads and ensures emergency vehicles can get through without delay.
- **Keep Snow Off the Roads:** Shoveling or dumping snow onto roadways is strictly prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act. Please clear snow onto your own property – not the street.
- **Drive to the Conditions:** During and after a snowstorm, slow down. Our crews are out working to keep roads clear, so give equipment plenty of space and always drive according to road conditions.

Public Works Contact 705-776-2659

If you need to contact Public Works, please note that we have an answering service in place to ensure your call is received and addressed promptly. This applies to after hours as well.

Your cooperation helps keep our community safe all winter long. Thank you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Register your cats and dogs!

Tags must be renewed each year starting January 1st.

Dog or Cat License Fees

Before March 1st - \$20.00

Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00

Replacement tag - \$4.00

Failing to register your pet or affix its tag is a violation of Township by-law and can result in a \$105 fine per offence (Schedule B, By-law 2025-36)

How to register your cat or dog.

1. Submit the registration form.

Registration forms are available at the Township office, or on the Township website at www.bonfieldtownship.com/animalservices

Visit: bonfieldtownship.com/animalservices



2. Pay the registration fee

Registration fees can be paid in person at the Township Office using cash, debit, credit card or cheque. Payment can also be made using e-transfer or online banking. E-transfer can be sent to webmaster@bonfieldtownship.com

PROPERTY TAXES

Property Tax Payments

- Interim Tax Bills are **due March 31st, 2026**

Did you know Bonfield Township offers a Pre-authorized Payment Plan?

Benefits of PAPP:

- ✓ Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank on a schedule that works for you.
- ✓ Never miss a payment.
- ✓ Avoid interest charges.

PAPP forms are available at the Township Office, or on our website. Sign up today!

Helpful Resources

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

- Website: www.mpac.ca
- Learn about property assessments and file an appeal if needed.

Ontario Property Tax Information

- Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/property-tax>
- Overview of how property taxes work in Ontario.

Township of Bonfield

- Website: www.BonfieldTownship.com/taxes
- Find local tax rates, budget documents, and tax payment information.

BURN PERMITS REQUIRED

Burn Permits Required - Year Round

Permits Required Year-Round:

- Campfires no greater than 3 feet x 3 feet x 3 feet - FREE
- Campfire permits only need to be completed once for the entire time you own the property
- Brush piles (four-day permit) 6 feet x 6 feet x 6 feet - \$50.00.
- Windrow fire (four-day permit) - \$50.00

During Burn Season (April 1 – October 31):

- A permit is required for all open-air burning.
- Daytime burning is not permitted.

Outside Burn Season (November 1 – March 31):

- Permits are still required for all open-air burning, including campfires, brush and windrow fires.
- Daytime burning is allowed if the Fire Rating is Low, Moderate, or High

Information regarding burn permits, and regulations for open air burning can be found in By-Law 2024-27. For small campfires, property owners only need to apply once, and the permit will be valid for the lifetime that they own the home.

4th Annual

Bonfield Trade Show

Connecting Bonfield's Businesses with the Community They Serve.

Public attend for free!



Full event details and registration form available at: www.BonfieldTownship.com/tradeshow



Saturday April 18th, 2026
9 AM - 2 PM



Bonfield Community Centre
100 Yonge St, Bonfield



Vendors
\$25 registration fee.

REGISTER NOW!



Connect with fellow business owners, potential partners, and clients.



Showcase and sell your products or services to a targeted local audience.



Contribute to the growing economic opportunities in Bonfield.

Lunch available from the Bonfield & District Lions Club.



Grab lunch at the Trade Show! The Bonfield & District Lions Club will be serving chili, hot dogs, and drinks, available for purchase. Come out, enjoy a meal, and support the Lions Club!

Why should you attend?

Your one-stop destination for connecting with local businesses and organizations across a wide range of industries – from pet care and yard maintenance to construction, finance, art, and beyond.

Whether you're a homeowner, entrepreneur, or simply looking to explore what your community has to offer, you'll find the resources and services to meet your needs. Come see what's in store – there truly is something for everyone!

Meet Our Vendors

- Big Bear Photography
- PROfound Electric
- Farm Equip'd
- Pawsitive Approach Wellness
- Bonfield Fire Department
- Emergency Management Bonfield
- MPP Vic Fedeli
- MP Pauline Rochefort
- Garden Capable
- NECO Community Futures Development Corp.
- Caisse Alliance
- Young Living Essential Oils
- Molly Maid
- Degagne Aggregate
- Debra Helm Realty
- Cook's Haven
- Goulet Contracting
- Yes Employment
- **MORE TO COME**

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