

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

**BY-LAW NO. 2024-25**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES  
CHARGED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield may pass by-laws establishing and requiring the payment of fees for information, services, activities and use of the Municipality's property;

AND WHEREAS Section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, provides for a municipality to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on persons for services and activities provided or done by or on behalf of it, for cost payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board, and for the use of its property including property under its control;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield enacts as follows:

1. That this By-law be cited as the "Fire Department Fees and Charges By-Law"
2. That the fees set out in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law shall be charged for licenses, permits, services and documents listed therein;
3. That if the provisions of this by-law conflict with any other by-law of the Corporation heretofore passed then the provision of this by-law shall prevail;
4. That any schedule of this By-law can be amended by resolution or by-law of Council and that the amended schedule shall form part of and be included in the Fees and Charges By-law.
5. That all fees and charges are due and payable at the time the service is provided. If the fees and charges or any portion thereof remain unpaid 30 days from the date of invoicing, interest at the rate of 1.25% shall be charged, and again on the first of each month thereafter until the account is paid in full.
6. That all fees and charges payable under this by-law including taxes, interest and collection costs constitute a debt of the person or persons charged and if unpaid, where permissible, shall be added to the tax roll for any property in the Township of Bonfield owned by such person or persons and may be collected in the same manner as taxes.
7. That HST will be charged where applicable.
8. That this by-law shall come into force on the final passing of the Open-Air Burning Permit in July 2024.
9. That any previous By-law or User Fee outlined in a by-law be hereby repealed.

**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME ON APRIL 9, 2024 AND**

**READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9th DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

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MAYOR

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CLERK

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD**

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**1. Open Air Burn Permit Fees**

A. Campfire, Incinerator Fire Permit (span of ownership)	FREE
B. Commercial Campground Annual Permit	\$50.00
C. Special Burn Permit (Brush Pile or Windrow)	\$50.00
D. Penalty for Burning Without a permit	\$300.00

**2. Cost of Fire Department Services**

A. Call out to fires not in compliance with Open Air Burn By-law	Fire Call Rates
B. Inspection Fees	
I. Commercial and Industrial Inspections	\$150.00
II. Home Occupation	\$100.00
III. Propane Storage and Handling (includes report)	\$150.00
IV. Woodstoves – existing	\$ 50.00
C. Administrative Fees	
I. Letters of Compliance, Fire Reports	\$50.00
II. Plans Review/Examination	\$50.00
III. Plans Re-Examination, per occurrence	\$30.00
D. Non-Emergency Services	
I. Fire Apparatus Standby	Fire Call Rates
Non-profit community organizations exempt from fees.	
II. Fire Watch Fees	MNRF Rates
III. Use of heavy machinery with operator for clean up	\$140.00/hour
IV. All other non-urgent Fire Services	At cost

**E. Emergency Response / Fire Call Rate**

The expenses for which the person/agency responsible or the property owner of a property where an emergency response was required may be liable, to cover the cost of sufficient personnel and equipment required to execute response, including but limited to Emergency Response on roadways, waterways, railways, such costs have been deemed as being:

- I. Current MTO rates per vehicle for the first hour or part thereof, as amended from time to time
- II. Half the current MTO rates per vehicle for each subsequent half hour or part thereof
- III. Cost of personnel per MNRF rates

Rates shall be calculated from the initial dispatch of the fire department or any fire department under contract or agreement, until such time as each vehicle is back in service (defined as when the vehicle is back at the fire station and has been replenished with the requirements for the unit to respond to the next activation). These fees are in addition to any charges or penalties established elsewhere, in accordance with other municipal by-laws.

As revised and presented to Council at the regular meeting of June 11, 2024

As revised and presented to Council at the regular meeting of June 25, 2024

As revised and presented to Council at the regular meeting of July 9, 2024