

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Trunk Road Bridge Replacement Project Update: Enhancing Safety for Our Community

We're excited to share that Council has awarded the final contracts to replace the Trunk Road Bridge. This essential project will address long-standing safety concerns and provide a modern, two-lane bridge for our community.

Why This Project is Necessary? Regular inspections are required to ensure the safety of our infrastructure. The Trunk Road Bridge has consistently received a poor condition rating (scoring 37 out of a possible 100, where 60 is considered "good"). Replacing it is a critical step to ensure the safety of all drivers. Demolition of the old bridge is scheduled to begin around October 13th, with the new bridge arriving and being installed the week of October 20th.

To complete this work efficiently, a full closure of Trunk Road is necessary. The closure period is October 13 to November 7, 2025 (approximately 3 weeks). During this time, Trunk Road will be open to local traffic only. All other traffic will be re-directed. Residents should expect delays and are encouraged to plan extra travel time.

Your understanding and cooperation are vital to the success of this project. We are committed to keeping you informed and will provide more specific details as the start date approaches

2. Strengthening Our Fire Department: New Gear, New Faces, and a Safer Future

In a decisive move to prioritize firefighter health and safety, Council has authorized the Fire Department to apply for the second phase of a critical Fire Protection Grant. This grant is a targeted cancer-prevention initiative. Following the successful use of 2024 grant funds to purchase new bunker gear, this year's application seeks funding for an on-site extraction washer and dryer. This essential equipment will eliminate the current, unsafe practice of volunteers transporting gear contaminated with cancer-causing agents in their personal vehicles to an out-of-town cleaning facility. Council's action ensures our firefighters can decontaminate their gear immediately and safely at the station, directly addressing a significant health risk.

Further demonstrating its commitment to a robust emergency response team, Council has appointed two new firefighters, Adam Fulton and Spencer Turcotte. Under the leadership of Fire Chief Shaun McGee, Deputy Chief Matt Strood, and Training Officer Ben Tastula, the department is on target to achieving full NFPA compliance. The department's dedication is evident, having matched the entire 2024 call volume of 67 incidents by September. Council extends a formal welcome to the new appointees and a sincere thank you to all volunteers for their rising service to our community.

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3. Communicating With the Community

A motion was made last night to request Canada Post, through the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, to reconsider their moratorium on sending out unaddressed mail such as the Township's newsletter and community event posters.

We know residents value these updates—our surveys show many of you still want a paper copy in your mailbox! While we work on this, here's how you can stay connected:

- **Follow our Facebook page** for instant updates.
- **Sign up for email notices** on our upgraded website.
- **Check our Events Calendar** for everything from Halloween fun to economic forums.

Don't miss a thing! Visit our calendar here: [Events | Township of Bonfield](#)

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