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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. DELAY IN TRUNK ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Last night the Engineer presented a new timeline for the replacement of Trunk Road Bridge. A manufacturing delay, from a third party, means the new bridge will not arrive until Monday, November 3, 2025. With that date secured, Trunk Road, at the bridge, will now be closed from October 22, 2025 to November 12, 2025.

All other steps of the project will continue as planned within those new dates. There was discussion on potential weather risks and/or moving the project to 2026 which was quickly dismissed as all the contractors committed to the timelines which mitigated the risks. The bridge has been slated for major repair/replacement for several years and as the planning has been done, it makes the most sense to move forward with the delayed timeline.

2. SUBDIVISION GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT

Council approved the final conditions for draft subdivision approval, allowing the proposed 18-lot residential development off Talon Crescent to move forward. This project represents a positive step for both the developer and the community. While several steps remain before the subdivision agreement is finalized, the Township—particularly the Rutherglen area—can look forward to continued growth and new housing opportunities.

The Township continues to experience growth, with housing sales moving quickly and exceeding our annual new housing start targets, this development will promote why Bonfield is a great place to live, work and play.

3. RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW ADOPTED

Bylaw 2025-36 to regulate responsible pet ownership was adopted last night as well. This bylaw saw the return of policies and tools for larger animals/livestock at large as well reinforces the responsibilities of owning a dog or cat.

In 2024, the Township adopted a bylaw requiring pet owners to obtain tags for their cats and dogs to help ensure lost pets can be returned to their owners. To date, only two households have tagged their cats. The bylaw also requires that cats not run at large and remain on their owner's property.

Unfortunately, the Township continues to see cats roaming freely. Council has asked staff to explore additional options to help manage the at-large cat population. A report will be presented in the coming months outlining possible next steps. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to tag their pets, cats and dogs alike, and ensure they remain on their property. Spaying or neutering your pet is also an important step in promoting a healthy and manageable pet population.