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Email:

cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com

Address:

365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON, P0H 1E0

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More Questions?

Contact the Township Office at:
705-776-2641

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Are you interested in being part of a community plan for the stray cats?

At last night's meeting, Council acknowledged the strong concern and compassion many community members have for the stray and feral cats in our community. In response, Council agreed to host a public meeting to allow residents who are passionate about the wellbeing of the cats to come together and be part of the conversation.

Council has approved an approach that focuses on safely capturing feral cats, providing a 72-hour holding period, and ensuring any injured or sick animals are assessed by a veterinarian. Since the meeting, several community members have reached out to Council expressing a willingness to help and to be involved in finding compassionate, longer-term solutions.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for residents interested in working collaboratively on a community-based plan for the cats beyond the 72-hour holding period. The meeting will begin with an overview of existing rules, legislation, and the criteria that must be met for any community plan.

Participants will then have an opportunity to work together to develop ideas within these parameters and present them back to Council for consideration.

ROMA Conference – Ministerial Meetings

Deputy Mayor Corbett and Councillor Clark reported back to Council on meetings held with provincial ministries at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference.

Bonfield joined the Townships of Calvin and Strong in a meeting with the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction to discuss the emergency funding application process. The ministry showed interest in reviewing the submission, with the goal of simplifying the process for future applications.

A meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure focused on the need for funding support for small rural communities to maintain roads and bridges. Bonfield highlighted ongoing infrastructure work and the need for assistance to complete repairs on Railway Street. The ministry requested a copy of the Township's Asset Management Plan, which will be submitted this week.

The final meeting was with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the planned consolidation of conservation authorities. Township representatives stressed the importance of maintaining local service levels. The Minister and the new Commissioner confirmed the intent is a seamless transition with no service changes for municipalities.

Growing Bonfield continues this spring

Council discussed next steps for community growth planning at last night's meeting. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has provided feedback on the draft Official Plan, which will help guide future revisions. The Township has also been awarded funding to develop an economic development strategy and a community profile. These tools will support targeted business attraction and help plan for Bonfield's growth through 2050.

Opportunities for public input and feedback will be available this spring. Please watch the Township website, newsletters, and social media channels for updates as engagement opportunities are scheduled.