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Township of Bonfield Welcomes New Fire Chief and Celebrates Fire Department Milestones

The Township of Bonfield recently hosted an Open House at the Fire Department to welcome its new Fire Chief and recognize significant achievements among its dedicated volunteer firefighters.

Mayor Narry Paquette, along with Chair and Vice-Chair of the Emergency Services Committee Councillors Steve Featherstone and Donna Clark, formally welcomed Chief Shaun McGee to his new role, stating, "Leadership is essential, and our department now has a new leadership team in place to support both our volunteers and the broader community." Chief McGee brings 24 years of firefighting experience and a strong background in leadership. Appointed in February 2025, he has since relocated to Bonfield with his family. "My vision is to provide the highest level of fire protection services to the residents of Bonfield," said Chief McGee. "We have a very dedicated team here, and I'm extremely proud to be part of this department."

Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Strood was also recognized during the event. He received a certificate to mark his recent appointment, with Mayor Paquette offering his congratulations: "Our volunteers are truly exceptional. Tonight, we celebrate Matt's new role and the continued commitment of all our volunteer firefighters."

Long-service awards were presented to Captain Nick Watson and Zach Mason, each receiving a 10-Year Service Certificate. Nathan Landry was honoured with a 5-Year Service Pin, acknowledging his ongoing dedication to the department and the community.

Mayor Paquette also provided an update on Council's ongoing support for the Fire Department. Over the past year, Council has invested in new bunker gear and has committed to replacing the department's breathing apparatus system. A pilot project for an enhanced Training Officer position has been launched to ensure volunteers are trained to NFPA standards. Additionally, the department is reviewing and updating its bylaws and policies to align with the findings of the 2024 Community Risk Assessment and better serve the needs of Bonfield residents.

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