

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

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1. Write an email or a letter

You can submit your comments to Council regarding municipal matters by emailing the Clerk or dropping it off at the Township Office.

Email:
cao.clerk@bonfieldtownship.com

Address:
365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON, P0H 1E0

2. Connect with a Member of Council

You can speak to a Council member directly.

Find full contact information at www.BonfieldTownship.com in the Municipal Directory.

More Questions?

Contact the Township Office at:
705-776-2641

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. 2026 Elections

The Township is preparing for the 2026 Municipal Elections. At the meeting last night several election policies were reviewed and adopted as outlined below. If you are considering running for office these are important documents. Over the next few months staff will continue to prepare for the election and we can answer any questions you may have about being a candidate. Feel free to also reach out to a current Council member to get a firsthand account of what it means to be a Council member.

1. Remuneration of Council – Council reviewed the comparison of similar municipalities and chose option 5 with amendments. Typically, a sitting Council will review the remuneration for the next term of Council. The last time remuneration was reviewed in Bonfield was 2019. A bylaw to set the remuneration received 1st and 2nd reading. A third reading will be considered on December 16, 2025. If you have any feedback please share with the municipal office.
2. Method of Vote – Council chose to continue with in-person paper ballot voting. This is the traditional method in Bonfield so residents are familiar with the system.
3. Placing a Question of the Election Ballot – Council received the report but there will not be question on the ballot for the election.
4. Advance Voting – The advance vote will be held on October 17, 2026 at the Municipal Office from 10 am to 8 pm.
5. Use of Corporate Resources Policy – This policy applies to candidates in the upcoming election and lays out do's and don'ts for using the municipal resources, including the logo, social media and website to name a few.
6. Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan – Every election the Township reviews the Elections Accessibility Plan to ensure all residents are provided a fair and equitable voting experience. Please share any feedback on accessibility with the Township Office.
7. Lame Duck Period – this occurs when there is a possibility of 4 out of 5 council members will not return to the council table. This is called Restricted Acts and Council can delegate these "acts" to the CAO to ensure corporate continuity should lame duck occur.
8. Placement of Election Sign By-Law – This policy outlines how to advertise your campaign sign during the election period. This is often one of the most referred to policies.

Staff will continue to have reports regarding the election on the agenda. Next month will have final reading for some bylaws and will include the Clerk's Procedures for the Election.

2. ARE YOU THINKIN OF RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has announced new virtual training dates to help you learn about the rules in the election, the role of Council and how to have a good experience as a member of Council.

For more information, please visit www.amo.on.ca/events-training/events

Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at the Township Office located at 365 Hwy 531, Bonfield, P0H 1E0

WANT TO ATTEND A MEETING ?