

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting
April 7th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

a. OAC Grant

An update was provided on the OAC Grant funding. Although one creative submission was received for the Art Installation, it did not fully align with the grant's criteria and as such it was not recommended to Council.

The Recreation Committee recommends pursuing an alternative project such as a mural installation within the park. The Committee feels that a mural will provide a more enduring artistic contribution to the community. Staff will engage with local artists and community arts organizations to explore mural concepts and determine a suitable location in Kaibuskong Park.

b. Canada Day

Staff provided a report on the updated timing of Canada Day events. Based on the Town Hall vote, the fireworks display will be held on Tuesday, July 1st. As a result, the Labour Day event has been cancelled.

Members suggested securing two musical acts; staff will contact local artists. Several volunteers have come forward, and the Committee supports including classic games such as races. Staff will confirm volunteer availability. For children's entertainment, staff will explore options such as rope courses and electronic tag. The Food Bank will be contacted to determine interest in operating the canteen.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

a. Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 19th, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The event will be organized by age groups, with children collecting one empty egg of each color to exchange for a goodie bag from volunteers, ensuring all participants receive equal prizes. Donations have been requested and are being accepted at the Library and Township Office. The Reptile Camp will run a colouring contest. Mark Robinson has volunteered to take photos of the event.

b. Community Garden

Staff have been in contact with Ecole Lorraine, and the school would like to manage one of the beds at the Bonfield Community Garden. A call for vegetable donations has been issued. Staff will contact local arborist to obtain wood shavings.

c. Provincial Day of Action

The Committee discussed the upcoming Earth Day and Provincial Day of Action. Staff will reach out to the Lion's Club to discuss partnering with their plans on April 22nd to ensure a safe and successful day.

d. 2025 Recreation Budget

The Committee discussed the 2025 Recreation Budget and was tasked with bringing forward any ideas for events supported by the Committee at the next meeting. Additionally, members were asked to propose ideas for developing a 5-year plan for the Committee's actions and initiatives.

e. 2025 Events

In 2024 the suggestion was made to support an Angel Tree initiative for Christmas. Staff will reach out to the Lion's Club to discuss partnering with them as they already have a similar initiative.

8. Motions to be Considered for Adoption

None for this session

9. Correspondence

None for this session.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Sheena Whalen

Seconded by Holly Brodhagen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Steve Featherstone, Chair

CHAIR

SECRETARY