



The Corporation of The Township of Bonfield

AGENDA FOR THE RECREATION AND FITNESS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD May 5th, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Adoption of previous minutes**
 - a. Regular Meeting of Recreation & Fitness Committee: April 7th, 2025
5. **Presentations and Delegations**
 - a. None for this session
6. **Staff Reports**
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt
 - b. OAC Grant – Art Kaibuskong Park
7. **Items for Committee Discussion**
 - a. Community Garden
 - i. Operations
 - b. Canada Day
 - i. Schedule of events
 - ii. Email from Debra Helm re Farmers Market
 - iii. Email from Sarah Dickout re Canada Day games
 - iv. Entertainment
 - c. Provincial Day of Action on Litter
 - i. Email from Minister of the Environment
 - d. Halloween
 - i. Sponsorship & Donations Requests
 - ii. House Decorating Contest
 - iii. Float Contest
 - e. Recreation Future Initiatives
 - f. 2025 Events
8. **Motions to be Considered for Adoption**
 - a. None for this session
9. **Correspondence**
 - a. None for this session

Small Community, Big



10. **Adjournment**

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

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: May 13, 2025
FROM: Casandra Klooster, Office Clerk
SUBJECT: Easter Egg Hunt

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee accepts this report for information purposes.

REVIEW:


The Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 19 was a resounding success, drawing approximately 150 attendees of all ages. The event offered a fun and festive experience for families, helping to strengthen our sense of community and togetherness.

A total of 80 treat bags filled with a generous assortment of toys and candy were prepared for the event. We're happy to share that only 10 remained by the end of the day—a great indicator of the high level of participation.

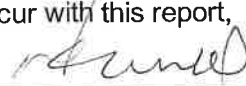
Thanks to the generosity of our community, we received \$210.00 in monetary donations, covering nearly all event costs. Total out of pocket expenses for treat bags, candy, toys, and hot chocolate came to \$207.28.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, contributed items, or volunteered their time. Your support helped make this event a fun and memorable day for all.

Respectfully,


Casandra Klooster
Clerk

I concur with this report,


Nicky Kunkel
CAO - Clerk - Treasurer

DATE: May 13, 2025
FROM: Casandra Klooster, Office Clerk
SUBJECT: OAC Grant – Mural in Kaibuskong Park

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the appointment of Mique Michelle as the artist for the Kaibuskong Park mural project, funded through the Ontario Arts Council grant, to be completed by the end of May 2025, within the approved \$2,000 budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Township of Bonfield received funding from the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) to support the creation of public art that engages the community, enhances public spaces, and reflects local culture and identity. As you will recall the Rendez-Vous event held Friday February 7th, 2025 at the Community Centre was part of this funding to celebrate the arts in Bonfield.

As part of this initiative, the Recreation & Fitness Committee identified Kaibuskong Park as an ideal location for a community mural project. The mural will enhance the park's visual appeal, celebrate the community's character, and create a welcoming public art feature for both residents and visitors.

Mique Michelle, a professional muralist based in Northern Ontario, was approached regarding the project. With extensive experience creating community-based public murals across the region, Mique Michelle brings both creative expertise and a deep understanding of Northern Ontario communities.

Artist Profile – Mique Michelle

Mique Michelle is an accomplished and highly regarded muralist whose work reflects the cultural richness and natural beauty of Northern Ontario. With over a decade of experience, Michelle has worked on numerous public art projects, bringing her artistic vision to communities across the province.

Her murals often incorporate themes of local history, Indigenous culture, and the natural environment, creating pieces that resonate deeply with the communities in which they are placed. Michelle's work is known for its vibrant use of colour, bold design, and storytelling qualities that capture the essence of the locations she works in. She uses art as a tool for community engagement, fostering a deeper connection between the artwork and local residents.

Additional Information:

- **Website:** www.miquemichelle.ca
 - **TFO Series:** *Couleurs du Nord*, which profiles her work across Northern Ontario communities ([link](#)).
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SITE SELECTION

Following a site walk-through, the front façade of the changeroom building in Kaibuskong Park was identified as the most suitable location for the mural.

Key factors for selecting this location include:

- High visibility from the street, welcoming park visitors and passersby.
- Protection from potential damage by park activities such as hockey and other recreational use.
- High pedestrian traffic, providing opportunities for interaction with the mural as people use the changeroom and surrounding park features.


PROJECT DETAILS

- Timeline: The mural is scheduled for completion by the end of May 2025.
- Budget: The project will be completed within the \$2,000 budget allocated through the Ontario Arts Council grant.
- Community Involvement: The Recreation & Fitness Committee and community volunteers will assist with priming the mural surface prior to painting, allowing the project to remain within budget and engage local residents in the creative process.
- Supplies: Mique Michelle will provide a full list of required paints and materials, all to be procured within the approved budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the appointment of Mique Michelle as the artist for the Kaibuskong Park mural project, funded through the Ontario Arts Council grant, to be completed by the end of May 2025, within the approved \$2,000 budget.

Respectfully,


Casandra Klooster
Office Clerk

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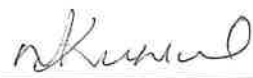

Nicky Kunkel
CAO - Clerk - Treasurer



Photo by KNorth Photography

Mique Michelle

Artist Graffiti,

Franco-Ontarienne, femme. Du Nipissing Ouest, Mique a comme objectif d'abolir les stéréotypes négative du Graffiti. Elle espère également sensibiliser le publique aux réalités des minorités visibles et invisibles ainsi que s'assurer que la jeunesse et les communautés dont elle visite ont les outils pour partager leurs messages. Aussi de mettre de la couleur sur tous les murs!

Mique Michelle is a Franco-Ontarienne, originally from West Nipissing this woman's graffiti can be found all around the world. She uses graffiti as a way to create awareness about the oppression that visible and invisible minorities face. She is convinced that murals, as just like all elements of hip hop can offer solutions to stop the discrimination.

Teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bau8G-k5pXc>

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Mique Michelle





Bonfield Market

From Debra Helm <debhelm1234@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2025-04-07 1:47 PM

To Casandra Klooster <officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com>

Good Afternoon. As per our conversation I am emailing to ask about the Canada Event. Last year we had a great turn out during the day and we were hoping to do the same this year. I have vendors who can only do events during the day. It would be difficult for me to get everyone together for the evening. My thoughts were to start around 11am and go to 3 or 4pm. If that would work. The other proposed Market would be on the Community Day. The Caisse parking lot is full but I was hoping we could set up at the Township. Please let me know if this will be possible.

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Best regards;

Debra Helm
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Broker of Record
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705-828-1234

Canada Day

From Sarah Dickhout <sarahdickhout@outlook.com>

Date Fri 2025-05-02 11:16 AM

To Casandra Klooster <officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com>


Hey Casandra, here are a few different game ideas that I've found and are very low budget ! We also own a personal set of ladder ball if that's something of interest as well ! I'm not sure of the logistics of the Lego one, but I thought it would be silly and fun. The mix and match game figured could be Canada theme as well 😊




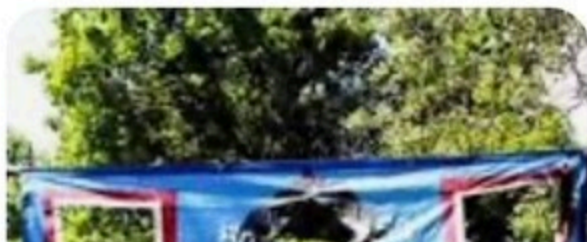
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Water Cup Races



Courtesy of All For the Boys

Reminiscent of the clown-and-balloon


carnival game, this water cup race is
super simple to set up and easy for
everyone to play. All you have to do to

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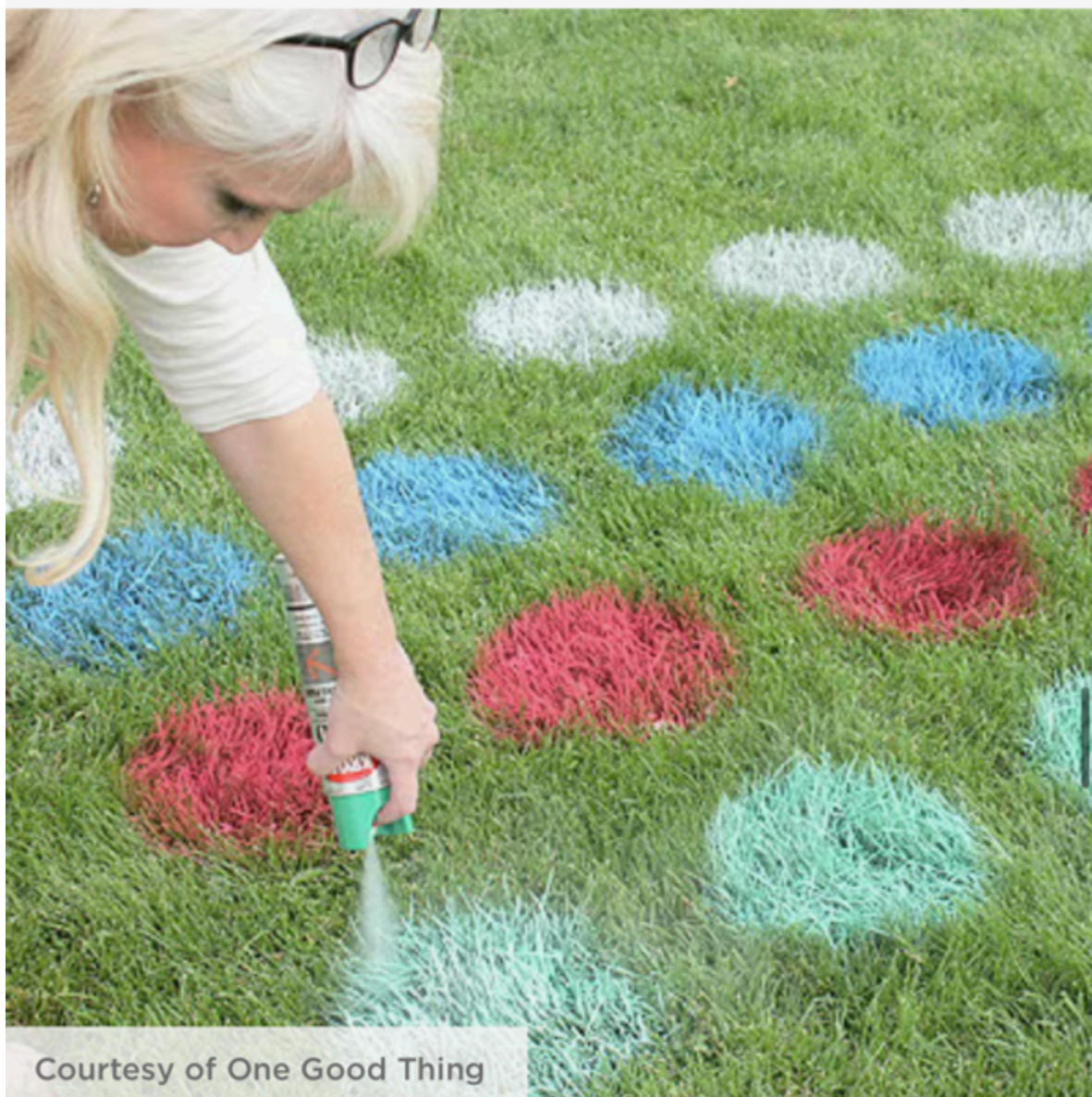
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Lawn Twister



Courtesy of One Good Thing

Spray paint red, yellow, green, and blue

spray-paint red, yellow, green, and blue

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Giant Lawn Matching Game



Customize these durable squares with any pictures or patterns you like. If you're into the summer-themed version shown here,



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From: Minister, MECP (MECP) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca>

Sent: May 1, 2025 3:04 PM

Subject: Helpful Resources for the Provincial Day of Action on Litter (May 13, 2025) |
Ressources utiles pour la Journée provinciale d'action contre les détritux (13 mai 2025)

You don't often get email from minister.mecp@ontario.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is excited to invite you to take part in **Ontario's sixth annual Provincial Day of Action on Litter** taking place on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025!**

This is a day for everyone across the province – citizens, municipalities and businesses – to work together under the common cause of creating a greener, cleaner and more sustainable environment for ourselves and for future generations.

Organizations like yours have played a pivotal role in organizing and promoting past events, and we are counting on your continued support to make the 2025 Day of Action on Litter another big success with the following activities:

1. **Promote** public participation in a local cleanup to celebrate the Day of Action on Litter and educate others on the impact of litter and waste. Please consult our [Day of Action on Litter Toolkit](#) for helpful tips and resources, including access to promotional photos and videos that you can share on your social media channels in the weeks leading up to the event.
2. **Host** a litter cleanup on or around the Day of Action on Litter - Tuesday, May 13, 2025, and invite the public, volunteers, employees or members to participate.

Here are some ideas to help boost cleanup participation:

- Create a fun, friendly cleanup competition: Turn the cleanup into an exciting contest! Split participants into teams and offer fun awards like Most Creative Litter Find or Most Enthusiastic Team. To keep the momentum going, consider organizing a friendly cleanup competition among municipalities, businesses or organizations in your region.
- Collaborate with local partners: Join forces with nearby neighborhoods, local businesses and organizations to maximize impact. Share resources like supplies, promotion or coordination to get more people involved. This could also be a great

way to increase your brand visibility and show your commitment to community engagement.

3. **Share and promote** use of the [Litter Cleanup Guides](#) to others who may be interested in coordinating their own cleanup events. The guides include information on how to organize a safe, successful litter cleanup and additional resources for school and educators across Ontario to engage students and youth in litter reduction and prevention efforts.
4. On the Day of Action on Litter, **post** before and after pictures of your cleanup site on your social media accounts to document your team's progress, using the hashtag #actONlitter.

Please keep an eye out for shareable social posts on our social media accounts (@ONenvironment on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)) and follow the #actONlitter hashtag. In past years, our Day of Action on Litter posts reached up to 5 million people — help us continue to build awareness and encourage action!

On May 13, help us spread the message that by working together, we **can** make a difference: we can keep our greenspaces and waterways clean – contributing to a safer and healthier province today and for future generations.

If you have any questions, please reach out to actONlitter@ontario.ca or visit www.ontario.ca/actONlitter for more great tips and information.

Thank you for your support and for contributing to a cleaner environment.

Todd McCarthy

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks