



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

PRESENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair  
Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair  
Sylvie Lamothe  
Sheena Whalen  
Holly Brodhagen

ABSENT:

STAFF: Casandra Klooster, Secretary

**1. Call to order**

**Moved by** Sylvie Lamothe  
**Seconded by** Sheena Whalen

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be opened at 5:04 p.m.  
**Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair**

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Sheena Whalen  
**Seconded by** Sylvie Lamothe

THAT the draft agenda dated the 5th day of May, 2025 be adopted as prepared.  
**Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None for this session

**4. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

**Moved by** Sylvie Lamothe  
**Seconded by** Sheena Whalen

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation & Fitness Committee of April 7th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
**Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair**

**5. Presentations and Delegations**

None for this session

**6. Staff Reports**

a. Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 19 was a success, drawing approximately 150 attendees. A total of 80 treat bags filled with an assortment of toys and candy were prepared for the event. Only 10 remained by the end of the day—a great indicator of the high level of participation.

b. OAC Grant

An update was provided on the OAC Grant funding. The Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended 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.

**7. Items for Committee Discussion**

a. Community Garden

Dan and Mel MacInnis have volunteered to install six raised garden boxes in the Bonfield Community Garden.

b. Canada Day

The Committee discussed the upcoming Canada Day 2025 event.

- Bonfield Farmers Market will run approximately 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., organized by Debra Helm.
- Children's games and activities will be coordinated by Sarah Dickout, who will also recruit additional volunteers.
- Live music will be provided by Dual Play 5:00–7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$850 and Shawn Sasyniuk 7:00–9:00 p.m. at a cost of \$300.
- Disc golf games will be offered by Mike McCubbin of Silvermede Disc Golf.
- Children's entertainment will include Christophe the Magician, performing from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$536.75.

c. Provincial Day of Action

The Committee supports participating in the Provincial Day of Action on May 13, 2025, by:

- Distributing bags to residents for collecting roadside litter.
- Allowing residents to bring up to two bags of collected trash to the landfill at no cost, without it counting against their bag allotment.

d. Halloween

- The Committee discussed the Halloween Parade scheduled for Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2025. A House Decorating Contest will run from October 1 to 14.
- A Pumpkin Decorating Contest will run from October 15 to 25.
- The parade route will remain the same as in 2024, beginning at the Four Corners and ending at Firehall #1.
- A float contest will also be held during the parade.

e. Recreation Future Initiatives

The Committee discussed future recreation priorities for the Township of Bonfield. The Committee supports:

- The installation of a pickleball court
- Relocating skate park equipment to a permanent site
- Installing eavestroughs on the covered rink
- Repairing the existing fence on the basketball court

Staff will explore grant and sponsorship opportunities to support these initiatives.

**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** Sylvie Lamothe

THAT the Recreation & Fitness Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**Dan MacInnis, Vice Chair**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY