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2026 Township Events

Family Day

Monday, February 16

Trade Show

TBD April 2026

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

Canada Day

Wednesday, July 1

Bonfield Summer Camp

Monday, July 13 to Friday 17
Monday August 10 to Friday 14

Movie in the Park

Sunday, August 30

Halloween in Bonfield

Saturday, October 24

Christmas in Bonfield

Saturday, November 28



Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

Greetings, to all our residents from the Mayor, Council and Staff of the Township of Bonfield. We have another year of our term pass by and I am so grateful for the wonderful community we live in. We are so fortunate we live in a thriving community with many wonderful residents.

Our Emergency Management Plan was tested this year with the major storm devastating our area. Not to dwell on our major storm; however, our Township once again was placed in a state of emergency. Many roads throughout our community were washed out and impassable. This created a setback in completing various scheduled projects during the summer months. However, the roads were all repaired quickly and were brought back to where we were before the storm. Many thanks to the Emergency Management Team, Public Works Crews, Administration and the Fire Department. Emergency Preparedness will always dominate the priority list for training for our council and staff. We are now concentrating on submitting our report to the Province for assistance in Emergency funding.

This past year we have seen various work completed on our roads with the Trunk Road bridge replacement. This project replaced a single lane bridge.

It has also been a busy year in the Building and Planning and Development Departments. In an attempt to diversify our tax base and support new and existing businesses, the Planning Department has launched new initiatives, under the theme "Growing Bonfield Together" Recently, an Agri-food and Developer's Forum was held and was attended by our community and as well as the neighbouring Townships. We are looking forward to the next steps to produce an Economic Development Action Plan, to guide the Township into the future.

This year, we said goodbye to our Librarian, Jennette Shields who worked with us for forty years and has made the library a valuable facility in our Township. We would like to welcome Holly Brodhagen who has joined the team as our new librarian.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, and all committee members who worked with Council this term. Your dedication and commitment to our municipality is greatly appreciated. Of course, we must not forget our Fire Department who are always there to keep our Township safe.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please have a safe and Happy Holiday.

- Mayor Narry Paquette



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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

As Christmas approaches, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable strength and dedication shown across the Township of Bonfield this past year. Our community faced an extraordinary challenge with the downburst that led to a state of emergency—an event that tested us in ways we could never have anticipated.

In the days and weeks that followed, I witnessed an incredible response from our residents, municipal staff, volunteers, neighbouring communities, and partner agencies. Your hard work, resilience, and cooperation played a vital role in restoring safety and stability to our community. It was a powerful reminder of what Bonfield can achieve when we come together with determination and purpose. Amid this demanding period, we also pushed forward with significant roadwork and infrastructure improvements. Even in a year filled with unexpected obstacles, we continued to invest in long-term progress, ensuring our township grows stronger and more resilient for the future.

We are also seeing the beginnings of a renewal in Bonfield, with a record number of new home builds taking shape throughout the township. Council is proud to have approved an 18-home subdivision to be constructed by Degagne Carpentry—an investment that marks another positive step forward in Bonfield’s continued growth and vibrancy.

This year also marked an important milestone as we embarked on completing our Official Plan—our roadmap for how Bonfield will grow and develop over the next decade. We look forward to receiving it back from the Ministry and working together as a community to move forward with confidence and clarity.

As 2025 comes to a close, I hope all of us can take pride in what we’ve accomplished—both in overcoming the state of emergency and in building for tomorrow. The spirit of Bonfield shines brightest when we face challenges with unity and move forward with pride in who we are.

From my family to yours, I wish you a safe, joyful, and peaceful Christmas, and a very happy New Year ahead.

Warm regards,
Deputy Mayor Jason Corbett

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I would like to begin by telling everyone how proud I am of our entire team in the Township of Bonfield. Everyone has worked diligently to be able to provide the best service we can in our community. Our Administrative team, our Public Works team, our Volunteer Fire Department, our various committees and our team of elected Council have all worked well as a team to best serve Bonfield. I look back on the work our teams have collectively completed during this term of Council with a great sense of accomplishment, and a hint of excitement for the future. We have made significant improvements to our infrastructure, we have purchased heavy equipment to ensure more work can be completed by our team, we have been fiscally responsible ensuring every dollar is well spent and we have made the necessary changes to put ourselves in a position to be proud of our community, and set us up for future successes.

I never thought I would want to be in politics as it was never something that interested me. I ran for Council simply because I did not like how the previous Council was representing our community. I did not feel they were working as a team, or even with a community first mindset. I remember talking to so many residents that were frustrated by how things were developing in our Township, and how people were treated. People didn't feel like they had a voice. Becoming an elected official has been a lot of hard work and takes up a lot of our time. I have taken every phone call and message sent my way, as I believe all of our other Council members have as well. Every concern you brought forward to me had a voice, and every question was answered to the best of my ability. This team truly cares about everyone, about each other and most importantly about Bonfield. I am proud to say every decision this team has made was looked at from all angles and was implemented with the best interest of the community and its people. We all deeply care.

This holiday season, I hope all of our community members have an opportunity to spend some time with loved ones and truly reflect on how lucky we are to live in this special place. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and encourage each and every one of you to be good neighbours who are proud of their community. The small community with the big heart.

Councillor Steve Featherstone

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Merry Christmas Bonfield! As we gather with family, friends and neighbours, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together and to look ahead with hope as we continue to build a strong, connected community.

This year we have continued our momentum: we successfully passed the operating budget with minimal impact to taxpayers, ensuring essential services remain strong. Meanwhile, following a severe storm earlier in the year, our Public Works team tirelessly restored roads and infrastructure, and today I am grateful to say that we have largely recovered and submitted formal applications to secure disaster-recovery funding. They also oversaw the rebuilding of the Trunk Road bridge, which was greatly overdue. Alongside these efforts, our Library programs continued to grow, our exceptional staff provided environmental stewardship, economic development and enhanced training for our volunteer fire fighters. Together, these accomplishments reflect our ongoing commitment to building programs that are fiscally responsible and sustainable for our township.

This Christmas, let us celebrate not only the season but the strength we build together and enter the new year with optimism, creativity, and unity. Thank you for your trust, your time, and your belief in Bonfield's future.
From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2026.

Sincerely,
Councillor Donna Clark

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Looking Back on 2025

As I reflect on the past year, Council, staff, and residents have much to be proud of and, I would like to take a moment to thank Council and staff for their hard work and dedication over the year. It has been a busy and exciting year filled with events, activities, and significant accomplishments throughout the Township.

In February, we were pleased to host Rendez-Vous, supported by the Ontario Arts Council Grant through the Provincial Government. This funding not only made this event possible but also helped create the vibrant new mural now featured on the side of the rink building in Kaibuskong Park.

Public Works completed a number of enhancements throughout the Township including brushing and ditching projects across the Township to keep our roads in good condition. Culverts were replaced on Fichaut Road, Line 3, and Development Road, and fresh gravel was applied to Webbs Road and Rainville Road in the fall. Pine Lake Road and Development Road saw 1km of chip seal applied to further our road rehabilitation. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure.

On June 22, the Township declared a State of Emergency following a severe wind and rainstorm. In the days that followed, our community truly came together. Staff and local partners responded quickly to ensure essential repairs were completed. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all Township staff for their tireless efforts during this challenging time. A true demonstration of the resilience of a small community with a big heart.

This fall, the single-lane Trunk Road bridge was replaced with a new two-lane bridge, further demonstrating Council's ongoing commitment to infrastructure investment and improvement.

It has also been wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the Township-hosted activities throughout the year. From Family Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, Canada Day celebrations and the always-popular Halloween Parade. The creativity, costumes, and excitement during the parade are always a highlight.

As we look ahead to a new year, I want to thank everyone who contributed to making 2025 a successful and memorable year. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Councillor Dan MacInnis

MESSAGE FROM CAO

Township Office Hours

The Office will be closed
December 24, 2025 (noon) – January 1, 2026

In case of emergency: 705-776-2659



It's that time of year when life gets even busier, but also provides more opportunities to slow down and enjoy time with family and friends. It's also a time of reflection, to remember the past year and plan for 2026.

For the Township, it was a busy year indeed. Council consolidated nearly 2 years' worth of consultation and reviews to draft the Trailer Licencing By-law, The Short-term Rental Licencing By-law, and amended the Comprehensive By-law to further reduce restrictions for growth in Bonfield.

To help shape more of that growth, Council also adopted the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. The values when making informed decisions consider service excellence with courtesy and respect, financial accountability, sustainable growth, becoming investment ready, environmental consciousness and collaboration and transparency. These values have been exemplified through the continued newsletters, new website for 2025 and improved Facebook communications along with several community recreation events and feedback opportunities for residents to share their ideas with Council. It's because we have an active community that we can continue to make meaningful progress, guided by your engagement, your ideas, and your commitment to the Township.

To foster economic development, recently two forums were held: AgriFood Forum and Developer's Forum. Both events presented an excellent opportunity for residents to share information with the Township to improve decision-making and both events had excellent speakers to share ideas and information with the attendees on how to Grow Bonfield. Further, Council has signed up for a provincial program for Business Retention and Expansion of our local businesses. This program includes completing a comprehensive survey by the businesses that gets analyzed by a third party that results in action items that can be completed to foster a stronger business community in Bonfield. The program is still open, if you own a business please sign up through the office so we can hear your voice.

2026 will continue to be busy. The Department Managers have already started their budgets and we are applying for grants to help offset projects. Given our pillars and values, please share your vision for Bonfield and help us build a budget that supports the capital and operating needs but also community priorities that matter most to you.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Bonfield!

Nicky Kunkel
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

BONFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



In an Emergency: Call 9-1-1



Fire Chief: Shaun McGee
firechief@bonfieldtownship.com
705-499-8968

Fire Hall #1
107 Railway St
705-776-2257

A message from your Fire Chief

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate the joy and warmth of the holiday season, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.



2025 was an exciting year for the Bonfield Fire Department. Some of the highlights include:

- Increasing the volunteer ranks by 50% & have 3 junior Firefighters
- Participated in various community activities such as, Family Day festivities, Lions Club ATV run, Farmers market, Easter egg hunt, Movie in the park, Open house, Canada Day celebrations, washed down the town bridges, Agricultural Fair, Fire Prevention Week, Pumpkin Carving at Rollie's, Halloween parade, Haunted house, and Remembrance Day Celebrations.
- Firefighters achieving Firefighter 1 certifications
- Responding with six other fire departments, police and paramedics to Samuel de Champlain Park to rescue people injured and trapped by the severe weather event on June 22.
- Assisting East Ferris at a structure fire

In 2026, I anticipate an even better year as we move forward with more community involvement, continue with the firefighter certifications and having a collaborative partnership with the community.



Holiday Fire Prevention

This time of year is filled with lights, decorations, and festive meals – but it's also a time when fire risks can increase. Please remember to:

- Keep candles away from flammable materials and never leave them unattended.
- Check that holiday lights are in good condition and turn them off before going to bed or leaving home.
- Water real Christmas trees regularly to prevent them from drying out. Keep it away from any heat source including fireplaces and candles
- If the tree is artificial, it should contain a label that reads "Fire Resistant" to ensure additional protection.
- Keep cooking areas clear and stay in the kitchen when preparing holiday meals.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Any space heaters used must have ample space around them to prevent fires.
- Have and practice a home fire escape plan and have two ways out.

Additional Resources

- www.sparky.org
- www.ontario.ca/page/fire-prevention-and-protection
- www.nfpa.org



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Manager: Alex Hackenbrook
pwmanager@bonfieldtownship.com
705-776-2659

Making an after hours inquiry? Your call will be answered by our on call service. Your information will be forwarded to the correct department.

All about roads in Bonfield

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 120 kilometres of roads in the Township of Bonfield.

Bonfield currently has 2 dedicated snowplows and a 1 ton truck with a plow attachment. In extreme weather even our grader supports Public Works to help clear the roads. During a storm, crews start at 4:00 am and will have the entire Township plowed and sanded by 12:00 pm.

Winter Maintenance Activities:

The Bonfield Winter Operations Policy sets out the policy and procedural framework for ensuring the safe and sustainable delivery of winter maintenance services. This policy is compliant with the Province's minimum maintenance standards.

All roadways in Ontario are classified from 1 to 5 based on traffic volume and maintenance needs. Within Bonfield Township, most roadways fall under Classes 4 to 6.

- **Class 4 Roads:** These allow up to 8 cm of snow accumulation and must be cleared within 16 hours after the snowfall ends.
- **Class 5 Roads:** These allow up to 10 cm of snow accumulation and must be cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall ends. Our crew consistently achieves clearing well under these minimum expectations.

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As we come to the close of another busy year, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the residents of Bonfield Township for your support and cooperation throughout 2025. Our Public Works team is proud to serve this community, whether maintaining our roads, managing winter operations, or keeping the landfill running smoothly.

On behalf of the entire Public Works Department, I wish you and your families a safe, warm, and joyful Christmas season. May the New Year bring good health, happiness, and continued community spirit to Bonfield.

Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager

Residents' Responsibilities

- **Overnight Parking:** Prohibited on all streets from November 1 to March 31 between 12:00 am and 9:00 am. This ensures the Township can completely clear streets of snow and that large emergency vehicles can get down the street.
- **Snow on Roadways:** Shoveling or dumping snow or ice on roads is strictly prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act to prevent hazards for vehicles and pedestrians.
- **Drive according to conditions:** During and immediately after a snowstorm, reduce your driving speed to account for slippery road conditions and snow clearing operations.

Proper Wood Stove Ash Disposal

Please use the following steps to safely dispose of your wood stove ashes in the landfill.

1. Let the Ashes Cool

Allow the ashes to cool completely before handling them to prevent any fire hazards.

2. Use a Metal Bucket

Collect the cooled ashes in a metal bucket. Avoid using plastic or other materials that can melt or ignite.

3. Dispose in Designated Area

The landfill has a designated area for ashes, away from any flammable materials. They are NOT to be dumped with household garbage, or construction materials. Please ask an attendant for directions.



Please help us prevent landfill fires by following these steps!



Public Works Hours

Closed: December 25th and
December 26th.
Closed: January 1st, 2026

Landfill Hours

Saturdays:
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

2025 IN PICTURES



HOLIDAY HOURS

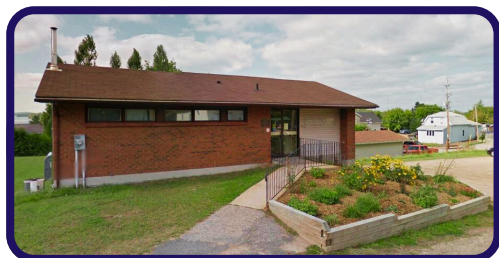
BONFIELD MEDICAL CENTER

105 Landon St, Bonfield

The Medical Centre will be **closed** starting Monday December 22, 2025 and reopen Monday January 5th, 2026.

- 705-776-3655
- www.bonfieldtownship.com/medicalcentre

In case of emergency call 9-1-1



BONFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

365 Hwy, 531 Bonfield

The Bonfield Public Library will be **closed** on the following dates:

- Dec 24, 25, 26, and 31, 2025
- Jan 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)

Regular hours will resume after the holidays.

- 705-776-2396
- www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca
- www.facebook.com/bonfieldpubliclibrary

FAMILY LIFE CENTRE

408 Gagnon St, Bonfield

The Family Life Centre will be **open** on the following dates:

- Saturday Dec 6 and 13, 2025
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

Donations are welcome and help support local families in need.

At this time, we are especially looking for lightly worn winter clothes, boots and outdoor gear.



BONFIELD FOOD BANK

408 Gagnon St, Bonfield

The Bonfield Food Bank will be **open** on the following date:

- Tuesday Dec 16, 2025
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m

Donations are welcome and help support local families in need.

At this time, we are especially looking for pasta sauce and other non-perishable food items. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!

Join Ste. Bernadette's for Christmas Eve Mass on Wednesday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass will be held Thursday January 1st at 8:30 a.m.

STE. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

408 Gagnon St, Bonfield



ST. MARGARET ANGLICAN CHURCH

1376 Highway 17, Bonfield

Join St. Margarets for their Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Services will also be held each Sunday during Advent at 10:00 a.m.



École élémentaire catholique Lorrain will hold its Christmas concert on December 20th at 11:00 a.m. for students and their families.

The school's Christmas break is from December 23rd to Jan 7th.



RECREATION



Small Community, Big Heart! Join in the events by volunteering!

In a small community, every volunteer makes a huge impact. Your participation turns events into celebrations that everyone remembers. By donating your time, you help create moments that strengthen our bonds and showcase the spirit of our community. Together, we can make every event special! Contact the Township Office to learn more at officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com

Family Day - Monday February 16, 2026

Put on your warmest mittens and join us for an afternoon bursting with fun! We're talking skating, sledding, hot cocoa, and a sprinkle of surprises. Our mission? To craft unforgettable moments and build a stronger community bond. Don't miss out—be part of this epic memory-making adventure!

A special thank you to the Bonfield & District Lions Club and the Bonfield Fire Department for their support!



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 4, 2026

Bring the whole family for a day of excitement and laughter as we search for colourful Easter eggs hidden throughout the park. Keep your eyes peeled! Collect five eggs and exchange them for special prizes! Don't miss out on this festive tradition full of fun, surprises, and sweet memories.

Join in the fun and show off your creativity this Easter with our Easter Colouring Contest! All ages are welcome to participate, colour your favorite Easter-themed designs and submit them for a chance to win exciting prizes. Don't miss the chance to bring your colourful imagination to life!



Bonfield Summer Camp 2026

Week One: July 13 to Friday 17

Week Two: August 10 to Friday 14

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ages: 5-15

Bonfield residents

\$125 for one week

\$225 for both weeks

Non-residents

\$150 for one week

\$250 for both weeks



You don't want to miss it! Packed with exciting activities, games, and outdoor adventures, it's the perfect way for kids to create unforgettable summer memories. Visit our website for full details:

Bonfield Summer Camp is the perfect place for kids to explore, learn, and create in a safe and welcoming environment. Stay tuned for registration details!

Kaibuskong Park Rink Schedule

The outdoor rink will be opened as soon as possible by our Public Works team, weather permitting. The schedule and rules are posted at the rink as well as on our website. Be sure to check our website for updates on closures or exciting events.

While you're out enjoying the rink, don't forget to take advantage of the sledding hill too! It's a great way for families and friends to get outside, have fun, and make the most of the winter season.



Looking for even more events happening in Bonfield?



Visit our Events Calendar at events.bonfieldtownship.com and subscribe to stay up to date.

Did you know? You can submit your own community event? Simply create an account and submit your event along with all the details, a poster and contact information!

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Your Local Market

Huge Thank You to everyone who made the 2025 Bonfield Farmer/Vendor Market a success! As someone who's had the joy of organizing The Market Events, I just want to say how grateful I am for the energy, creativity, and support you've all brought to the table. Your energy and support brought our community together. We are excited to keep growing and building. Looking forward to our upcoming events and we are so excited to have everyone take part. Whether you're a vendor or a visitor, your presence makes a difference.

Let's keep the momentum going and make future events even more vibrant and welcoming.

Warmly. Debra Helm



Bonfield Snowmobile Club

The Bonfield Snowmobile Club maintains over 150 km of scenic local trails and has been hard at work this off-season! Our volunteers have completed trail and bridge inspections, performed essential equipment maintenance, and secured grant funding to repair major washouts caused by the extreme weather event in June.

Thanks to this effort, we're gearing up for another safe and successful season on the trails. Stay connected for updates, trail conditions, and events by following us on Facebook at facebook.com/BonfieldSC. Let's make this winter another great one on the Bonfield trails!



Friends of the Bonfield Public Library

Friends of the Bonfield Library is a small fundraising group of five retired women who participate in two events each year: the June book sale and the November Christmas craft sale.

Through careful planning with Library staff, we have provided many extras, including LEGO sets, a visit from Science North, gifts for the successful summer reading program, grab-and-go craft bags, and most recently, a significant contribution to help the Library purchase an All-in-One Touchscreen Bilingual French Early Literacy Station with color keyboard, mouse, and educational software. We thank all residents for their continued support.



Bonfield Lions Club

Did you know...

We donated over \$23,000 last year to needy recipients!

2025 in review!

- Our ATV Poker run is being held May 9, 2026
- Other fun events include
- Jammers Nights (1st Friday of month)
- Canada Day Duck Race
- Family Day Activities
- Public Den (350 Line 3 South) use at a minimal cost including
- Yoga and Pound classes
- Mocassins & Mitts classes
- First Aid classes
- Celebration get togethers



Interested in joining the Lions? Reach out to bonfieldlions@gmail.com



A huge thank you to all the amazing community groups supporting families across Bonfield Township. Our little community truly has a big heart!



Bonfield Agricultural Society

Season Greetings from the Bonfield Agricultural Society board of Directors! We celebrated 135 years at the fair in August and we were pleased that the event was well attended. Congratulations to the 50/50 winner Francine Martin!

The society hosted the canteen at the fairgrounds for the Gateway Hunter Jumper Series and Rockin' Horse Riding Association horse shows. Spectators enjoyed watching talented riders perform English jumping, western performance and gaming classes.

The 2026 fair will be in August, and volunteers are urgently needed to join the board of directors to continue the Bonfield fair tradition. Thank you for supporting the Bonfield Agricultural Society. Have a safe and fun winter.

Contact: Jean Chaput, President
Phone: 705-776-7807 Email address: bonfieldfair@hotmail.com Website: <http://bonfieldfair.weebly.com>



Cheers!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



72 HOURS

Is Your Family Prepared?

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a **minimum of 72 hours**.

In an Emergency: Call 9-1-1

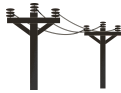
Contact the Township Office for paper copies of Emergency Management resources.



Roads and Weather Updates



- 511on.ca
- Weather.gc.ca
- Local radio stations
- BonfieldTownship.com



Power Problems

Visit hydroone.com or call 1-888-664-9376

When the power goes out

- Verify if power is still on elsewhere. Check your electrical panel and speak with your neighbours.
- Keep yourself, children and pets at least 10 metres away from any downed power lines – even wires that have been down for several days could still be live.
- Only use portable space heaters that are designed for indoor use.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed while the power is out. If possible, monitor temperatures with a thermometer.
- If possible, fill your bathtub with water to use it to flush your toilet during the outage.

CEMC:
cemc@bonfieldtownship.com

Emergency Management Ontario
416-326-8525
www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management

Customized Emergency Preparedness Action Plan



This online tool will help you create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for your household.

beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan

Build an emergency preparedness kit

- ☐ food (enough for three days)
- ☐ bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- ☐ medication(s)
- ☐ toilet paper and other personal items
- ☐ back up chargers and power banks
- ☐ flashlight, headlamp or glow stick
- ☐ radio (crank or battery-run)
- ☐ extra batteries
- ☐ first-aid kit
- ☐ candles and matches/lighter
- ☐ hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- ☐ important papers- copies of prescriptions, etc.
- ☐ gas for generator
- ☐ garbage bags and duct tape



Prepare your home now!

Take the following steps so you and your household are prepared in the event of an emergency.

- winterize your home to retain heat
- insulate walls and attics
- caulk or weather-strip doors and windows
- install storm windows or cover windows with plastic
- shut off your outdoor water or insulate your outdoor pipes
- get heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected once a year
- trim branches hanging over your house or vehicle so they don't get weighed down with snow and ice
- stock up on salt to prevent falls on your driveway or sidewalk
- test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are in good working order



Ensure everyone's safety during an emergency

Learn how to be prepared for an emergency to ensure the safety of children, people with disabilities, seniors and pets.

www.ontario.ca/page/ensure-everyones-safety-during-emergency



Driving Safely in Winter

Winter road conditions bring increased risk—but with the right preparations and habits, you can protect yourself, your passengers and others.

tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/stay-safe-when-driving/winter-driving/driving-safely-winter



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Register your cats and dogs!

Tags must be renewed each year starting January 1st.

Dog or Cat License Fees

Before March 1st - \$20.00

Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00

Replacement tag - \$4.00



Unlicensed pets found running at large may also be impounded, with owners required to pay:

- \$75 impound fee
- \$30 per day boarding fee
- Plus any veterinary or related costs

If you believe your pet may have been impounded, check the listings on the Township website and contact the Township right away to arrange pickup and confirm any fees or licensing requirements.

If an unlicensed pet isn't claimed within three days, it may be rehomed or euthanized as provided in the by-law.

Failing to register your pet or affix its tag is a violation of Township by-law and can result in a \$105 fine per offence (Schedule B, By-law 2025-36)

Responsible pet ownership helps protect our community and environment. Proper waste disposal and vaccination reduce the spread of diseases that can affect both people and animals.

Municipal Elections 2026

Register Early, Vote with Ease!

Registering early ensures your information is correct, gives you access to advance voting, and avoids last-minute stress on election day. Don't wait — make sure you're ready to have your say!

Get on the voters list for municipal and provincial elections, all in one place: www.registertovoteon.ca



Register to Vote

Key Dates

- Nomination period opens: Friday, May 1, 2026
- Nomination Day (deadline to file or withdraw): Friday, August 21, 2026, at 2 p.m.
- Voting Day: Monday, October 26, 2026

Thinking about running or returning to municipal office?

Join AMO's new online workshop series, Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities, designed for first-time candidates and those seeking re-election. Offered at no charge, this series equips leaders with the tools, resilience, and confidence to navigate today's complex political landscape. Register today! Visit: <https://www.amo.on.ca/amos-healthy-democracy-leaders-series-stronger-leaders-stronger-communities>

Additional Resources

- 2025-2027 AMCTO Municipal Elections Calendar
- The Ontario municipal councillor's guide
- Election job opportunities

Landfill Cards Refill January 1st

Landfill passes will be reloaded with the allotted number of bags on January 1 each year. Unused bags do not carry over to the following year.



New Recycling Rules for Businesses Starting Jan.1, 2026

The Province of Ontario has announced new recycling rules that affect businesses, institutions, and community organizations (known as ICI – Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional).

Under these new rules, ICI recycling will no longer be collected through the provincial Producer Responsibility program. This means that Bonfield Township must decide how to handle recycling from local businesses and organizations.

A. Stop accepting ICI recycling at the landfill.

Businesses would need to arrange recycling collection with a private company.

B. Accept ICI recycling at the landfill (with or without a fee).

This would require a dedicated ICI recycling bin and contract, costing about \$26,000 per year, which would come from local taxes or user fees.

C. Blend ICI recycling with residential recycling.

The Township would pay extra fees for any recycling that exceeds the average residential tonnage. This option is still being developed by the province, and costs are unknown.

Currently, Bonfield's recycling program costs about **\$27,758** a year, but under the new system, 2026 costs could rise to around **\$41,819** due to lost provincial funding.

We Need Your Input!

To help Council make the best decision, businesses are asked to complete a short survey about their current recycling use and preferences.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICIRecycling

