

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

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365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON, P0H 1E0

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Economic Development Strategy

The detailed BR+E survey included 24 Bonfield businesses. The themes heard in these interviews, were confirmed throughout the public consultation for the EcDev Strategy. The Strategy sets out recommendations to act from the What We Heard document. The actions are set out in short, medium and long term periods, and includes estimates for costs. There are 12 actions for the first year which is the foundation year. They include developing an on-line business directory and establishing business to business networking opportunities.

The Economic Development Strategy can be found here: [here](#).

Supporting Local Suppliers

The CAO discussed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing initiative regarding supporting Ontario and Canadian suppliers through municipal procurement. This initiative looks at ways municipalities can consider local and Canadian suppliers when purchasing goods and services. In the Procurement By-law that Council adopted on June 23, 2026, provisions were made for the Buy Ontario Act. The Act requires the municipal sector to prioritize Ontario and Canadian goods and services in procurement.

Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner

Council also addressed the Township's Integrity Commissioner protocols and appointed Probity as the Township's Integrity Commissioner.

Having an Integrity Commissioner provides municipalities with an independent resource to help ensure that elected officials understand and follow the standards of conduct expected of them. The Integrity Commissioner can provide advice and guidance on ethical matters, conflicts of interest and the Code of Conduct, as well as handle formal complaints in accordance with the applicable municipal requirements.

For a municipality, having these processes in place is an important part of maintaining public confidence, transparency and accountability.

The appointment of Probity also represents a cost saving for the Township. By appointing an Integrity Commissioner through this arrangement, the Township is able to access the required services without the expense of maintaining a dedicated, full-time resource. This allows Bonfield to meet its legislative and governance responsibilities while being mindful of taxpayer dollars.

It is another example of the Township looking for practical ways to strengthen municipal governance while managing costs responsibly.

Bonfield Public Library

The Bonfield Public Library has undergone major changes this year with the retirement of the long standing CEO. Councillor Clark stated that the transition was smooth and the new CAO adjusted well.

The 2026 statistics demonstrate the continued use of the Bonfield Public Library by residents and highlight the Library's role as an important community resource. The statistics include information on library membership, circulation, programs and attendance, electronic resources, and other services provided throughout the year.

The Library continues to provide residents of Bonfield Township and Calvin Township with access to books and other resources, technology, programming, and opportunities for community engagement. The Library also participates in community initiatives, including the annual Community Day and book sale.