

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

April 7, 2020

Electronic Meeting

Present (electronically): Mayor Ian Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson
Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Bruce Mercer, Treasurer.
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public
Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-100 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-101 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 7, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2020-102 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the March 3, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

2020-103 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the March 9, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

2020-104 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the March 27, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

2020-105 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the March 30, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

Councillor Barker briefly reported on highlights from the March 11, 2020, Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting. The cannabis enforcement matter will be added to a future council meeting. All other reports were noted as available in the agenda package.

7. Old Business

a) 2020 Budget

2020-106 Anderson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the 2020 budget as presented.

Carried

b) Western Manitoulin Community Network economic development priorities

2020-107 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the Economic Development Officer to forward the top three Billings economic development priorities, as ranked by Council, to the Western Manitoulin Community Network.

Carried

c) Physician recruitment

2020-108 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the financial request, based on population, from the Town of Gore Bay regarding physician recruitment incentives in the amount of \$4,000 per year for two years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs staff to send a letter to the Town of Gore Bay proposing the creation of a formal physician recruitment and retention working group, with representation from both council and staff of all affected municipalities, First Nations and community partners.

Carried

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 update

The Mayor provided an update on the current situation in Billings.

b) MMA messaging

2020-109 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings endorses the following Manitoulin Municipal Association message:

This notice is to reinforce the federal and provincial message to restrict travel and stay at your principal residence. Hospital capacities are built around residential numbers. Manitoulin Hospitals do not have the capacity to handle the influx of non-residents during this state of emergency. Please stay at your principal residence to avoid the spread of COVID-19. This message remains in effect for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings endorses the following Manitoulin Municipal Association message:

Smelt fishing on shoreline road allowances and public property will not be permitted during the 2020 Smelt run. It will be enforced by the OPP, MNRF and municipal by-law enforcement officers.

Carried

c) Fire Department appointment

2020-110 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts Bill Orford's application to the Billings Fire Department.

Carried

d) New township logo

2020-111 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts Kendra Edwards Designs' Logo Design Concept #1 as the new logo for the Township of Billings.

Carried

e) Summer students update

2020-112 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to suspend the swim program for 2020 and re-evaluate for the 2021 season.

Carried

f) Senior of the Year

Council directed that this be changed to 'Citizen of the Year'.

g) 2020-11 by-law to set tax ratios

2020-113 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-11, being a by-law to set tax ratios for the 2020 taxation year be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

h) 2020-14 by-law to set tax rate

2020-114 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-14, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

i) Purchase of new half-ton truck

2020-115 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to purchase a new half-ton truck for Public Works, as described in the 2020 budget.

Carried

j) Economic Development Committee business map project

2020-116 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Economic Development Officer to engage Kendra Edwards Design on behalf of and in consultation with the Economic Development Committee for the creation of a Kagawong Business Map, and to request a quotation for the design work and printing costs.

Defeated

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Information

None.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-117 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts \$125,000.18

and that cheques number 6177 to 6194 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

2020-118 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts \$81,997.27

and that cheques number 6195 to 6217 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-119 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-120 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

04/08/2020:mb

Assessing and Choosing WMCN EcDev Priorities: Further Information and Decision Ranking Matrix

Collated Rankings

Prepared for Council by Todd Gordon, EDO: April 07, 2020

#	Idea Grouping From Public Input	Sharon A.	Ian	Bryan	Michael	Sharon J.	Total	Prioritized
A	Local, practical, research related to tourism/recreation and other sectors, including alternative agriculture and agri-tourism. The idea is to capture what is happening now, locally, with a mind to the greater tourism context in Northern Ontario, Ontario, Canada, and internationally, and to identify existing trends, and ways/means of harbouring the potential locally going forward.	2	1	2		5	10	P1
B	Increasing the range and diversity of tourism/visitor "experiences," particularly through various "tours": historic, food/beverage, cultural, outdoor activities.	4	2	3		3	12	P2
C	Shared waste management solutions that contribute to greater waste diversion. Examples include some sort of wood waste processing that would result in wood pelletizing for efficient energy generation, and shared glass processing to reduce the cost and reduce landfill volumes. On the other hand, it is not clear to me how these 2 examples (there may be others) would actually work, if they would <i>actually</i> reduce cost for anyone, etc. (we can discuss this one further, if desired).	9	3	1		8	21	P4*
D	Western Manitoulin development of alternative energy, including wind and solar.	10	7	10		9	36	P8
E	Promoting boating, especially sail boating, and promoting getting boaters landside more, and engaged in environmentally friendly activities, or at least those with less environmental impact.	1	9	9		7	26	P6
F	Promotion, advocacy and support for electric vehicles, including creating a network of EV charging stations across Western Manitoulin. Include development of electric vehicle rental options for visitors, on various scales.	8	8	7		10	33	P7
G	Promotion, advertising, activities which reinforce the benefits and appeal of living here, or at least spending more quality time on/in Western Manitoulin.	6	4	4		2	16	P3
H	Creating an island arts, culture, and lifestyle institute, something along the lines of the North House Folk School (Grand Marais, Minnesota) or the Haliburton School of the Arts. These types of development, when they build on local strengths, create very large regional economic impacts, and if done correctly, do so with relatively low environmental impact.	3	10	8		1	22	P6
I	Create an information portal, promote existing tourism and recreation activities, signage, branding, etc., - a combination of methods that will get existing island visitors to Western Manitoulin, particularly beyond Bridal Veil Falls. Tapping into some significantly increased portion of existing Manitoulin visitors - those who don't get further West - would have a big economic impact.	5	6	6		4	21	P4*
J	Creating an economic climate that supports a greater range and availability of food and accommodation options across Western Manitoulin.	7	5	5		6	23	P5
* indicates a tie as Priority 4		55	55	55	0	55		