

The Council of the Corporation of  
The Township of Billings  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 20, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Austin Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine  
Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent and Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO  
Delegations: Staff Sergeant Webb and Sergeant Patterson  
Media: Tom Sasvari  
Member of the General Public  
Regrets: Brian Parker

2018-039 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunt presiding.

Carried

2018-040 Bath-Haring – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 20, 2018 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

The agenda was amended to add under 8. New Business items m) By-Law 2018-08 and n) Garbage Truck

2018-041 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 6, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Staff Sergeant Webb and Sergeant Patterson attended the meeting to discuss Council's concerns regarding the parking on Highway 540 by Bridal Veil Falls. S/S Webb suggested that a committee be formed to try to solve the issue. Discussion regarding "Tow Away Zone" signage and possible crosswalk. Kathy is to contact Doug Herbrand, from MTO, to see if he will attend a meeting.

Staff Sergeant Webb assured Council that there was no shortage of OPP Officers in the Detachment as they can bring in extra people and have officers on call.

Councillor Erskine Reported on the Recreation Committee, the Go Green Committee and the Canada 150 Committee.

Councillor Erskine reported on the ROMA Conference that she attended.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Economic Development Committee.

2018-042 Alkenbrack – Erskine

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Committee has proposed a seasonal usage of the United Church,

AND WHEREAS, Brad MacKay and Jamie Ward have volunteered to renovate the building to make it rentable while maintaining the historic integrity of the building;

AND WHEREAS, The Economic Development Committee suggests that the building should be rented for \$100 per day;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendations of the EDC and that the volunteers report to Kathy McDonald regarding the work and removal of any items from the building.

Carried

2018-043 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to advertise and hire summer students for 2018.

Carried

2018-044 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Job Descriptions for the CAO/Clerk – Deputy Treasurer and the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk and that Council appoints Kathy McDonald as the CAO/Clerk – Deputy Treasurer.

Carried

2018-045 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a salary range from \$43,750 to \$53,800 for the position of Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Carried

2018-046 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a hiring/recruitment Committee consisting of the CAO/ Clerk – Deputy Treasurer, Councillor Bath-Haring and Councillor Erskine for the position of Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Carried

2018-047 Bath-Haring – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township will pay Mayor Hunt's registration and expenses to attend the FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) Conference on May 9 to 11<sup>th</sup>.

Carried

2018-048 Bath-Haring – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township will pay the registration fees for Kathy McDonald to attend the Fred Dean webinars and the AMCTO webinars.

Carried

2018-049 Alkenbrack – Erskine

**WHEREAS** Bill 160, the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act* amended the *Ambulance Act* to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medic model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

**WHEREAS** the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

**WHEREAS** in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medic model as a result of interest arbitration; and

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and the *Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act* to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and

**WHEREAS** there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the *Police Services Act* which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medic pilot or program imposed upon them.

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that:

1. The Township of Billings calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medic pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election.
2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Michael Mantha, MPP; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

2018-050 Alkenbrack – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township will pay expenses for Bruce Mercer, By-Law Enforcement Officer, to attend the training session on amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, to be held March 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> in Sudbury.

Carried

2018-051 Alkenbrack – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-05, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-052 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-06, being a by-law to set tax ratios for the 2018 taxation year be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-053 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-07, being a by-law to provide for temporary borrowing for current expenditures be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-054 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-08, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, file number OCIF AC4-4032 be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-055 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township approves the purchase of a garbage truck from Mark Anderson in the amount of \$6500.

Carried

2018-056 Alkenbrack – Bath-Haring

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

General Accounts      \$72,083.63

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 4960 to 4987 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2018-057 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(s) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25 this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to d) Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

2018-060 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this in camera meeting at 9:33 p.m. and resumes our regular meeting.

Carried

Resolutions 2018-058 and 2018-059 were passed in camera accepting minutes of in camera meetings.

During the in camera session contract employee negotiations were discussed. During the in camera session individual staff members were discussed in order to establish individual 2018 pay rates.

2018-061 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve all members not at the top of their grid salary level be moved up one step except for the third public works employee who will be moved up two steps, effective January 1, 2018.

Carried

2018-062 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-09, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-063 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting of Council until our next regular meeting of March 6, 2018 or Call of the Chair.

Carried

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Austin Hunt, Mayor

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Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.