

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Council Meeting
February 6, 2018

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

2018-20 Alkenbrack – 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

2018-21 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 6, 2018 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

2018-22 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the January 15, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Parker reported on the January Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting.
Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Economic Development Committee.

2018-23 Parker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-03, being a by-law to allow for the Fire Department to conduct a boot drive be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-24 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Expenditure Request and Approval to Proceed Number 628158 for the RFP of the Water Tower Rehabilitation Project.

Carried

2018-25 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township approves the new position Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Carried

2018-26 Alkenbrack – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township advertise for a Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Carried

2018-27 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council establishes a Municipal Infrastructure Committee, made up of all Councillors, Township Management and staff as required.

Carried

2018-28 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township releases the Strategic Plan by internet and hardcopy to the public.

Carried

2018-29 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the updated Operational Plan for the Water Treatment System.

Carried

2018-30 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer look into LED lighting funding project in the aim of changing our current lighting fixtures in our buildings.

Carried

2018-31 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the sign design for the Billings Connections Trail.

Carried

2018-32 Parker – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that Sharon Alkenbrack and Nora Bath-Haring attend the Opioid Workshop on March 28, 2018.

Carried

2018-33 Parker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the OCWA Expenditure Request and Approval to Proceed, Work Order No. 628128, for the rad retrofit on the generator at the Low Lift Station.

Carried

2018-34 Parker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates 8th Annual Manitoulin Passage Ride and requests to be added as an insured party on their insurance.

Carried

2018-35 Parker – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MCEA) and the Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993 (EBR Act);

AND WHEREAS impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

AND WHEREAS the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior municipal land use planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

AND WHEREAS in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

AND WHEREAS local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada Funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the Planning Act;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

Carried

2018-36 Alkenbrack – Parker

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

General Accounts \$112,729.35

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 4937 to 4960 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2018-37 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2018-04, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-38 Parker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. until the next regular meeting of February 20, 2018, or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Austin Hunt, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

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