

The Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Committee of the Whole
May 9, 2017

Present: Deputy Mayor Sharon Alkenbrack, Councillors Barbara Erskine, Nora Bath-Haring, Brian Parker

Staff: Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer, Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Media: Tom Sasvari

Member of the General Public

Regrets: Mayor Austin Hunt

Erskine – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee of the Whole meeting be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Sharon Alkenbrack presiding.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Sharon Alkenbrack declared a conflict of interest regarding item 7. a) Cabana rentals.

Deputy Mayor Alkenbrack vacated the Chair and left the room. Councillor Erskine assumed the Chair.

Clerk Treasurer/CAO, Kathy McDonald, explained to Council that despite advertising three times for the cabana rentals, there was still one left. Last week McDonald talked to Councillor Alkenbrack and asked her if she would be interested in renting it. McDonald thought that it would be best if all of the cabanas were rented for the season. Council discussed the issue and reached the decision that the remaining cabana was to be rented to Sharon Alkenbrack for the 2017 season and that she would not be offered first right of refusal for 2018.

Deputy Mayor Alkenbrack returned to the meeting, Councillor Erskine vacated the Chair position and Deputy Mayor Alkenbrack resumed Chairing the meeting.

Discussion regarding Emergency Management Coordinator. If Council is going to advertise, then a remuneration needs to be established. McDonald expressed concern stating she felt that the position should be filled by a member of staff. After discussion it was decided to approach the fire department and see if anyone there is interested in taking the training to become the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and Councillor Parker was to bring the issue to the next MMA meeting to see if other municipalities were interested in a joint CEMC.

Economic Development Officer, Todd Gordon, provided an update on the waterfront funding application process and the issues that the township is facing and expected timelines for the project.

Council discussed the Building Structural Assessment review and decided to change it to a structural review to include outside stairs and viewing platforms that are the responsibility of the municipality.

Todd Gordon, EDO, presented the process that he felt the township should take to complete the next Strategic Plan. The format will be similar to the process that was used for the last plan. Council needs to provide the public with the results of the last sustainability plan so that the public is aware of what was achieved in the last five years. Public consultation will include an online survey and facilitated public meetings.

Bath-Haring - Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Carried

Sharon Alkenbrack, Deputy Mayor

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.