

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Austin Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine and Brian Parker

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

Delegations: Billings Fire Department, Fire Chief Merv Gilchrist and Deputy Fire Chief Randy Peters
Members of the General Public

2018-270 Alkenbrack – Erskine

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

2018-271 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the October 2, 2018 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

2018-272 Parker – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Bath-Haring reported on the Sept. 18 Museum Committee meeting.

Councillor Parker reported on the POA meeting, the CPAC meeting, the October 11 Police Amalgamation meeting and the Little Current Manor meeting.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting of Sept. 13, on the meeting she had with the Lake Kagawong residents and Ian Anderson on Sept. 19, on the Library Board Meeting of Sept. 20, the OPP Meeting she attended Sept 24 and the Lambac Meeting held Sept. 25.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Recreation Committee, the Go Green Committee and the AMO (Association of Municipalities Ontario) Indigenous People in Ontario webinar.

2018-273 Erskine – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS the Township of Billings recognizes the importance of ensuring that Canada has adequate spectrum for the development of 5G technology to enhance mobile broadband across the country; and,

WHEREAS the 3500MHz band is critical to the deployment of 5G technology; and,

WHEREAS Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) is a critical means of broadband access in the Township of Billings necessary for community sustainability and economic development; and,

WHEREAS many Township of Billings community members and students have insufficient or unaffordable options including “dial-up” services, download speeds of 3 Mbps or less and service plans with enormous overage costs that impede residents’ economic and academic activities; and,

WHEREAS the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has set targets for broadband Internet access for rural and remote areas including: access to speeds of 50 Mbps download, 10 Mbps upload for fixed broadband services; an unlimited data option for broad band services; and access to the latest mobile wireless technology at all homes and businesses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Billings recommends that the federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development commit in writing to preserving sufficient broadband spectrum capacity for fixed wireless services as recommended by the CRTC to sustain economic and academic development in rural communities including the Township of Billings prior to making any changes to the 3500 MHz band; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development; the Honourable Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing; the Honourable Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried

2018-274 Alkenbrack – Erskine

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

General Accounts \$116,116.53

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 5837 to 5854 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2018-275 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2018-43, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-276 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 9:12 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on October 15, 2018 or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Austin Hunt, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

10/03/18:km

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