

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

April 19th, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Present: Mayor Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson

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

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021- 135 Hunt - Alkenbrack

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

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021- 136 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 19th, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2021- 137 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 6th, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**a) Sharon Jackson - Ad Hoc Medical Centre Improvement Committee
Report April 1 2021**

Council received report.

b) Michael Hunt - Billings Museum Committee Report April 12 2021

Council received report.

- c) **Bryan Barker - Climate Action Committee Report April 7, 2021**
Council received report.
- d) **Arthur Moran - Health and Safety Report March and April**
Council received report.
- e) **Arthur Moran - Bylaw Report February/March/April**
Council received report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **OPP Detachment Boards**
Council discussed questions to bring forward to the Municipal Management Association meeting on April 21st, 2021.
- b) **Main Street Construction Update**
2021- 138 Alkenbrack - Jackson
BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the removal of the decommissioned privy on municipal property in the vicinity of the lighthouse and the Northerly intersection of Upper and Main Streets.
Carried

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **COVID 19 Update**
Megan Bonenfant, CEMC, presented Council with a COVID-19 update.
- b) **Support for 988, a 3-digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline letter of support**
2021- 139 Hunt - Jackson
WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

WHEREAS the Township of Billings recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Billings endorses this 988-crisis line initiative.

Carried

c) Planning act timelines letter of support

2021- 140 Barker - Alkenbrack

WHEREAS the Township of Billings, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Billings has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local

MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and to the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Carried

d) Library Budget Advance

2021- 141 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000.000 from the general account to the library advance on their 2021 levy.

Carried

e) New Financial/Administrative Support Position Job Description

2021- 142 Jackson - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to advertise and hire a financial/administrative support person for the office, with the pay range being the same as the Administrative Assistant range in the 2021-08 Employee Salary Range by-law.

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. INFORMATION

a) MPAC Annual Report 2020

Council received report

b) Inclusive Community Grants Funding Announcement

Council received report

c) Manitoulin Planning Board Final Decision B02-21 and B03-21

Council received report

d) Manitoulin Planning Board March 30th Special Meeting Minutes

Council received report

e) 04 12 21 April 12, 2021 Billings Museum Minutes

Council received report

f) 04 07 21 April 07, 2021 Climate Action Committee Minutes

Council received report

g) Centennial Manor March 31, 2021 Financial Statements

Council received report

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2021- 143 Hunt - Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$78,235.34.

and that cheques numbers 6700 to 6713 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021- 144 Jackson - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

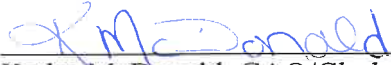
2021- 145 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

