

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

April 6th, 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; Arthur Moran, By-Law Officer; Martin Connell, Fire Chief

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021-114 Barker - Hunt

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

2021-115 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 6th, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2021-116 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 15th, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Sharon Alkenbrack - Economic Development Committee Report

Council received the report

b) Sharon Jackson - Seniors and Long-Term Care Advocacy Webinar Report

Council received the report

c) Bryan Barker - Climate Action Committee Report

Council received the report

d) Bryan Barker - Community Policing Association Committee Report

Council received the report

e) Bryan Barker - Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report

Council received the report

f) Michael Hunt - Library Board Meeting

Council received the report

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Noise By-Law 2021-12

2021-117 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council give By-law 2021-12, being a by-law to regulate noise be given second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

b) Kagawong River Pedestrian Bridge

2021-118 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve staff to the issue a targeted RFP for the pedestrian bridge design and engineering for the Kagawong River trails.

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) COVID 19 Update

Megan Bonenfant, CEMC presented Council with a COVID-19 update.

2021-119 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the quote from Cancom Security to supply uniformed guards to cover off the smelt run from April 9-25, 2021 from 8pm to 6am at an estimated cost of \$15,368.

Carried

b) Alyssa Spooney – Health Care Worker Recruitment Donation

2021- 120 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council add \$3000 in the draft 2021 budget for Health Care Worker Recruitment on Manitoulin Island.

Carried

c) 4Elements Request

2021 – 121 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request from 4elements to allow them, in partnership with Lisa Hamalainen, to provide a community arts project in Kagawong during the 2021 Elemental Festival provided that the Township is a named insured and follow all Covid-19 protocols that are in place at that time.

Carried

d) Fire Safety Grant Funding

2021- 122 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council give by-law 2021-14, being a by-law to enter into a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal three readings and enact it.

Carried

e) Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, OPP Detachment Boards

Council received information presented by Councillor Bryan Barker.

f) Hard Surfacing Tenders

2021-123 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize Public Works to participate in group tendering for 6.2 km of hard surfacing at a cost of \$120,000.

Carried

g) Fire Department Appointments

2021- 124 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept both Tyler Olmstead and Sandra Cook's applications to the Billings Volunteer Fire Department.

Carried

h) Strategic Planning 2022-2025

2021- 125 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council sets an early-stage strategic planning meeting on April 27th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Carried

i) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Recommendation Re: Construction on Outdoor Rink

2021- 126 Hunt - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the recommendation as presented by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee for H & R Noble Construction to proceed with prep work and retaining wall construction at the Outdoor Rink.

Carried

j) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Recommendation Re: Advertising Plan for Outdoor Rink

2021-127 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the recommendation as presented by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee to start selling rink board advertising at a cost of \$500 for the first year and \$200 a year for every year after that.

Carried

k) National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18-24, 2021

2021-128 Barker - Hunt

WHEREAS, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Township of Billings mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Billings have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Billings' volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that The Township of Billings is a more desirable place to live; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings hereby declares April 18-24, 2021, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Carried

l) Main Street Construction Update

Council received update from Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act 2020 compliance results

Council received letter

10. INFORMATION

a) Economic Development Committee Minutes March 10, 2021

Council received report

b) South Glengarry Resolution

Council received report

c) COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities Program

Council received report

d) March 12, 2021 Memo from General Hillier Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Task Force

Council received report

- e) **Memo from Deputy Minister**
Council received report
- f) **Public Health Agency of Canada – Peace Officer Assistance**
Council received report

- g) **Parks, Recreation & Wellness Committee March 22, 2021 Minutes**
Council received report

- h) **Little Current Swing Bridge Study**
Council received report

- i) **Memo from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Changes to Capacity Limit and Vaccination Roll Out to First Responders**
Council received report

- j) **Memo from Deputy Minister Re: Amendments to Stay and home order**
Council received report

- k) **March 26, 2021 Memo from General Hillier Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force**
Council received report

- l) **Bill C-21**
Council received report

- m) **Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund**
Council received report

- n) **Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Minutes March 25, 2021**
Council received report

- o) **Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes March 29, 2021**
Council received report

- p) **Climate Action Committee Minutes March 24, 2021**
Council received report

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2021-129 Hunt - Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$241,345.80

and that cheques numbers 6679 to 6699 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-130 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2021-131 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9 p.m.

original signed

Ian Anderson, Mayor

original signed

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk