

The Corporation of the  
Township of Billings  
Regular Council Meeting

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

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

Regrets: None

**Staff:** Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Todd Gordon, MPM; Arthur Moran, By Law Officer; Cheryl McCulligh, Treasurer

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. **OPEN**

**2022-67 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**

**2022-68 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

I, Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, declare a direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No.: 8 I Item Title: 2022 Kagawong Market for the following reason: I participate in the Kagawong Market.

“I, Councillor Michael Hunt, declare a potential pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No.:8 B Item Title: 2022-13 Vote By Mail By-Law for the following reason: I am the Postmaster for the Community.”

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) **Regular Council Minutes – Feb 22, 2022**

Deferred until the next Regular Council Meeting.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

None.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report – Feb 3, 2022**  
Council received report.
- b) **POA Committee Report – Feb 16, 2022**  
Council received report.
- c) **Climate Action Committee Report – Jan 26, 2022**  
Council received report.
- d) **Climate Action Committee Report – Feb 23, 2022**  
Council received report.
- e) **Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Report – Feb 28, 2022**  
Council received report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Broadband Update**  
Council received report.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **2022-12 Cemetery By-Law**  
Deferred until the next Regular Council Meeting on April 5, 2022.
- b) **2022-13 Vote by Mail By-Law**  
**2022-69 Alkenbrack - Jackson**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council give the 2022-13 Vote by Mail By-Law, being a By-Law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections, first, second, third reading and enacted.  

Carried
- c) **Economic Development Committee Recommendation**  
**2022-70 Barker - Alkenbrack**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves the expenditure of up to \$400 for new boxes to replace those previously used in the Economic Development Committee's poetry/art box project around the Hamlet of Kagawong.  

Carried
- d) **Manitoulin Planning Board Request for Comments**  
**2022-71 Alkenbrack – Barker**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council does not support the request to create two additional lots at 657 Mud Creek Road as presented by the Manitoulin Planning Board.  

Carried
- e) **Museum Committee Member Resignation**  
**2022-72 Hunt – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accepts Sabine Huege's resignation and directs staff to advertise for a new committee member for the Museum Committee.

Carried

**f) Provincial Offences Act 2022 Deficit  
2022-73 Barker – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs the CAO/Clerk to issue payment for \$1,251.87, which represents the Billings share of the 2022 cash shortage deficit, to the Office of the Provincial Offences Act (POA).

Carried

**g) Provincial Offences Act Resolution  
2022-74 Barker – Jackson**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Gore Bay on behalf of the Board of Management known as the District of Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA) Management Board has entered into an agreement with the Attorney General of Ontario to oversee the administration and prosecution relating to proceedings commenced under Parts I and II of the POA Act and the administration of Part III;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of providing the service has outpaced the revenue generated from the services provided;

**AND WHEREAS** downward trends occurring in the balance between revenue and expenses stem from ongoing systemic issues in the tickets and court processes that were becoming evident prior to the advent of COVID-19 issues;

**AND WHEREAS** the administration and prosecution of Provincial Offences is a Provincial responsibility that should not be subsidized by the municipalities through local property taxation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Billings petitions the Province of Ontario to adequately fund the operation the POA and reimburse the Board of Management for current and past deficits.

Carried

**h) 2021 Annual Report – Ontario Clean Water Agency  
2022-75 Hunt - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council acknowledges receipt of the 2021 Summary Report and Annual Report.

Carried

**i) 2022 Kagawong Market  
2022-76 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accepts the request for the 2022 Kagawong Market to start on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Carried

**j) Dissolving the Ontario Land Tribunal  
2022-77 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council supports the resolution, as amended by the York Region, to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Carried

**k) Telecom Enterprises Review  
2022-78 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to enter into a review of costs/services with Telecom Enterprises.

Carried

**l) Climate Change Implementation Coordinator  
2022-79 Alkenbrack – Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to re-write the Climate Change Implementation Coordinator job description to be shared with Council upon completion.

Carried

**m) Mothers Against Drunk Driving Support Request  
2022-80 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to purchase an Honour Roll listing for the Township of Billings to be published in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Message Yearbook.

Carried

**n) Community Emergency Management Coordinator  
2022-81 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council direct the CAO/Clerk to hire Arthur Moran as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator effective April 1, 2022, with a yearly salary of \$4000, paid quarterly and that Council appoint Cheryl McCulligh as the Backup Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

Carried

**o) Climate Action Committee Recommendations  
2022-82 Jackson – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council direct staff to review the municipal building energy data and reporting for 2015 – 2021, and report back to the CAC on data availability and recommendations for further energy analysis and reporting;

**AND THAT** Council support a one-day Earth Day event, hosted by the CAC and with a climate action related theme, on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022.

Carried

**9. CORRESPONDANCE**

**a) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Passage Ride**

**2022-83 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to issue a letter of acknowledgement to the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Passage Ride.

Carried

**10. INFORMATION**

**a) Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Minutes – February 3, 2022**

Council received report.

**b) 2022 Farmland Forum**

Council received report.

**c) Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal**

Council received report.

**d) Expansion of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine**

Council received report.

**e) Proposed Firefighter Certification Regulation**

Council received report.

**f) POA Board of Management February 16 2022- Minutes**

Council received report.

**g) 2021 Council Remuneration**

Council received report.

**h) District Services Board Fourth Quarter Report**

Council received report.

**i) Pandemic Recovery Plan**

Council received report.

**j) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes – Feb 28, 2022**

Council received report.

**k) Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds**

Council received report.

- l) Floating Accommodations on Waterways**  
Council received report.
- m) Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force**  
Council received report.
- n) Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022**  
Council received report.
- o) Mental Health Supports**  
Council received report.
- p) Support for Ukraine**  
Council received report.
- q) Health and Safety Report January – March 2022**  
Council received report.
- r) By-Law Report January – March 2022**  
Council received report.

**11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**2022-84 Hunt – Jackson**

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

General Accounts     \$241,885.70

and that cheques numbered 7151 to 7186 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**2022-85 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25*, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. in order to discuss an item involving an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Carried

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**2022-86 Barker - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council moves out of the Closed Session at 9:51 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

**2022- 87 Barker – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council instructs the CAO/Clerk to advertise for a Public Works Superintendent and a Public Works Operator.

Carried

**13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**2022- 88 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-law 2022-14, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2022-89 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Carried

  
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Ian Anderson, Mayor

  
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Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk