

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

By the time this message arrives summer will be in full swing. The weather so far has been beautiful, lots of sunshine with just enough rain to keep the home gardens bountiful, and the natural spaces lush and green. Soon that green will turn colour as we welcome the fall season, an equally beautiful time of year. With such a great summer the leaves should be exceptional again this year.

On the news front, Billings Township has completed its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, a roadmap that will guide the growth and development of our community over the coming years. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the residents who participated in the survey, joined us for focus groups, and attended our public meetings. Your input has been invaluable in shaping this plan and ensuring it reflects the values and aspirations of our community. Our Strategic Priorities focus on Service Excellence, Community Wellbeing, Resilient Natural Environment and Infrastructure all guided by our values of being progressive, welcoming, heritage-minded, and sustainable.

The Old Mill Road bridge construction is well underway and should be completed by the end of September. Meanwhile, the summer of 2024 has provided another successful market season with a wide variety of vendors.

Administratively, Billings Township welcomes our new CAO/Clerk Véronique Dion. Ms. Dion comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and an enthusiastic and fresh approach. Ms. Dion will be supported by an equally enthusiastic and hard-working staff. A shout out to our full complement of seasonal/summer students, who staff our museum, marina, library and public works. Work will soon begin on the 2025 township budget with our goal to present the budget in early spring.

- Mayor, Bryan Barker

LET'S CONNECT

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YOUR COUNCIL

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STAY INFORMED

Council meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Comments are always welcome from members of the public, please direct them to the township office.

Agenda packages, meeting minutes, council meeting highlights and monthly newsletters are posted on the township website.

Our Vision

"Inspiring A Life Well Lived. Naturally"

Our Mission

"Ensuring a Progressive Future,
While Honoring Our Rich History"



OFFICE PHONE EMAIL HOURS 15 Old Mill Road Kagawong, ON
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Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 4:00pm
Fri 8:30am – 12:00pm

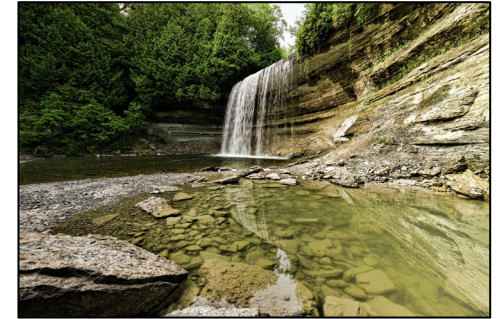


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STAFF

CAO/Clerk	Véronique Dion
Treasurer	Harmony Hancock
Deputy Clerk	Tiana Mills
Municipal Project Manager	Todd Gordon
Accounts Payable/Tax Clerk	Tina Beckerton
Public Works Superintendent	Chris Cyr
Public Works Operator	Bill Hore
Public Works Operator	Bill Savage
Public Works Operator	John Tolsma
Landfill Attendant	Dennis Beckett
Fire Chief	Martin Connell
Building Inspector	Dan Osborne
By-Law / Health & Safety	Arthur Moran
Marina Manager	Jim Fowlie
Librarian	Jill Ferguson
Museum Curator	Rick Nelson

LANDFILL SITE INFORMATION

The Billings Landfill
9490 Hwy 540, Kagawong

Summer Hours

April 1 – October 31

Tuesday & Thursday 2pm – 6pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm

Winter Hours

November 1 – March 31

Tuesday & Thursday 2pm – 6pm
Saturday 1pm – 4pm
Sunday 10am – 4pm

There are separate recycle bins for paper, cardboard, metal, electronics, wood and comingled plastics, aluminum, metal, etc.

Recycling is mandatory and unsorted garbage will not be accepted. The landfill does not accept household hazardous waste. Billings participates, with other island municipalities, in an annual household hazardous waste day, held in July.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Billings Library
18 Upper Street, Kagawong
Phone (705) 282-2944

Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 4pm – 7pm
Saturday 10am – 1pm

The library offers fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children, graphic novels, audio books, e-books, magazines, board games, and cake pans. Free Wi-Fi, desktops, fax, and copying services and basic technical support are also available.

TAX INFORMATION

The 2024 final taxes included with this flyer are due **September 30th, 2024**

A \$15 administration fee will be applied to all credit card payments.

Payment can also be made through the bill payment services at the following banks: The Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Scotia Bank, RBC and TD Canada Trust. Credit Union customers can check with their local branch for set up and assistance.

A penalty of 1.25% will be added to any unpaid balance after the due date and on the first of every month until paid.

If you are interested in setting up a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your municipal property tax, please contact Harmony Hancock at (705) 282-2611 x 222.

Do you have a change of address?

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the property owner from paying taxes. If you move, remember to update your address with the office in writing or by email (tbeckerton@billingstwp.ca).

MUSEUM HOURS

The Old Mill Heritage Centre
15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong
Phone (705) 282-1442

Hours (after Labor Day)

Wednesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm

The museum will be open until Sunday October 13th, 2024 before it closes for the 2024 season.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and CO detector on every floor and within your sleeping areas, and practice your escape plans annually.
- Regular chimney cleanings and proper maintenance are essential to reduce your chance of having a chimney fire.
- There are several local professionals who can complete your WETT inspection.
- Are you interested in volunteering? New volunteers are always welcome!
- Questions/concerns or request for site visits can be forwarded to Billings Fire Chief, Martin Connell at (705) 348-1484.

GENERAL UPDATES

As our summer comes to an end, we would like to thank our summer students Trish, Giulia, Ezra, Rock and Landon for a great season!

As we head into Fall keep an eye out for the upcoming events in Kagawong for Halloween, Remembrance Day, and Christmas.

Our rink volunteers are getting excited about the upcoming skating season! If you are interested in becoming a rink volunteer please contact the office for more information.

Are you interested in joining a committee of Council and are a resident or property owner in Billings Township? Contact the municipal office to learn more about committee vacancies and how to apply!

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