

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

February 16, 2021

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Arthur Moran, By-law Officer

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the Public

Regrets: None

1. Open

2021-50 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 the Agenda

2021-51 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The following pecuniary interest declarations were made:

I, Councillor Ian Anderson, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No. 7(b) title Coyote Compensation for the following reason: I am a licensed fur harvester and could benefit from the compensation program.

I, Councillor Bryan Barker, declare a potential pecuniary interest on agenda item 7 (c) item title Farm Animal Exemption Request for the following reason: Although I am not sure this fits the definition of pecuniary interest I would like to err on the side of caution and declare a conflict as I have a few chickens for personal egg collection.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) February 2, 2021

2021-52 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 2, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

b) February 9, 2021

2021-53 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 9, 2021, special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Committee Reports

None

7. Old Business

a) Power of Entry

2021-54 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-47 be given third reading and enacted.

DEFEATED

Mayor Anderson vacated the Chair and Councillor Barker proceeded as Chair.

Mayor Anderson left the meeting as he had declared a conflict of interest the item 7.b).

b) Coyote Compensation

No resolution. CAO/Clerk was provided with directions to prepare a by-law to provide for the control of nuisance wolves and coyotes.

Mayor Anderson returned to the meeting.

Councillor Barker vacated the Chair and Mayor Anderson returned to Chair the meeting.

Councillor Barker declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting as he had declared a conflict of interest in item 7.c)

c) Farm animal exemption request

2021-55 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the Rickards's request for an exemption to by-law 2013-27, to allow for the keeping of a goat on a Shoreline Residential property.

DEFEATED

2021-56a Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the CAO/Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Sean Rickard to allow for a conditional exemption to By-Law 2015-03 for the purpose of keeping a myotonic goat at 566 Maple Point Rd.

Carried

d) Bridge Remediation

Council was updated on the discussion that the Public Works Superintendent had with the engineer from K. Smart Associates regarding the 2020 Structural Inspection Appraisal Report.

8. New Business

a) Covid-19 Response Update

The CEMC provided an update on COVID-19 response measures.

b) Main Street Project Update

2021-56b Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the bid from Gratton Construction for execution of the Main Street Reconstruction project and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to issue a Letter of Intent to that effect.

Carried

c) Waterfront Project Update

Council received the report

d) Digital Service Squad wrap-up

Council received the report

e) Kagawong Drinking Water Inspection Report 2020-2021

2021-57 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the Kagawong Drinking Water Inspection report 2020-2021.

Carried

f) Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc Committee representation

2021-58 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Sharon Jackson to the Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc Committee.

Carried

g) Zoning Update Steering Committee

2021-59 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Todd Gordon to the Zoning By-law Update Steering Committee.

Carried

h) Kagawong Landfill ECA Application report

2021-60 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to proceed with the Kagawong Landfill ECA application as detailed in the Pinchin Kagawong Landfill ECA Application Supporting Documentation report issues on February 5, 2020 and execute any necessary documents for that purpose.

Carried

i) Municipal Insurance Rates

Council received the information.

j) Employee Salary grid review

The CAO was provided with direction regarding the Employee Salary by-law.

k) Custodian position

2021-61 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to hire Justin McVey to the Custodian position.

Carried

l) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Application

2021-62 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Andrew Preyde to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Manitoulin Family Resources re: Christmas basket campaign contribution

Council received the letter.

b) Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management re: COVID support

2021-63 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management in their request to the provincial government to provide financial support (COVID) for all POA court operations in the province; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Attorney General, MPP Michael Mantha and the Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management.

Carried

c) Township of Asphodel-Norwood re: Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan extension

2021-64 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the Township of Asphodel-Norwood in calling upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Michael Mantha and the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.

Carried

d) City of St. Catharines re: universal paid sick leave

2021-65 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the City of St. Catharines in endorsing legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, MPP Michael Mantha, and the City of St. Catharines.

Carried

e) Save the Ontario Fire College re: Ontario Fire College closure

2021-66 Hunt – Barker

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958;
and

WHEREAS THE Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Fire Fighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification 2018, and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Sylvia Jones Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, and the Save the Ontario Fire College group.

Carried

f) Township of Terrace Bay re: tax rate for railway rights-of-way

Council received the correspondence.

10. Information

a) MPAC quarterly report – 2020 Q4.

Council received the report

b) Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting package – February 17, 2021

Council received the information.

c) Minutes – Economic Development Committee December 9, 2020

Council received the minutes.

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-67 Alkenbrack - Hunt

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

General Accounts \$173,193.47

and that cheque numbers 6622, 6627 to 6644 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

2021-68 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 9:32 p.m. in order to discuss an item related to employee negotiations.

Carried

2021-69 Resolution passed in camera to provide direction to the CAO.

2021-70 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:35 p.m. and resume our regular, open meeting.

13. Confirming By-Law

2021-71 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2021-72 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk