

The Corporation of the  
Township of Billings  
Regular Meeting

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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; Arthur Moran, By Law Officer; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Martin Connell, Fire Chief

**Media:** Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

**1. OPEN**

**2021-238 Barker - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:32 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2021-239 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

I, Councillor Bryan Barker, declare a direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item No. 8(b) Domestic and Exotic Animals By-Law for the following reason: I am a bee keeper and have bee hives on my property and live within the Township of Billings.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**a) June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**2021-240 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

**b) July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**2021-241 Hunt - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**a) Bill Touzel, Oakville Energy Corporation (OEC)**

Council received report from Bill Touzel.

**b) Expertise for Municipalities (E4M) Representative**

Council received report from Expertise for Municipalities (E4M) Representative regarding the Integrity Commissioner's Report

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Museum Special Committee Report – June 22, 2021**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**b) Museum Committee Report – July 15, 2021**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Main Street Construction Update**

Council received update.

**b) Broadband Update**

Council received update.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) COVID-19 Update**

Council received update.

**b) FedNor Funding**

**2021-242 Jackson - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to apply to the FedNor Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the outdoor rink.

Carried

**2021-243 Barker - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to apply to the FedNor Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the sheet piling at the Aus Hunt Marina.

Carried

**c) Proposed Consent to Sever Application, File No's. B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21**

**2021-244 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council does not recommend consent be granted for Applications B14-21, B15-21, B16-21, for the following reasons:

1. The property is in a low-lying area which may see significant flooding - A significant portion of the property is below the 700 ft. level. We are currently in the process of approving a climate action plan, which speaks to the need to consider the climate change implications for, and of, development activity, including such things as more extreme/frequent flood events, and the impact of development on the natural assets that are so important in buffering climate change impacts.
2. Issuing Building permits will result in the need for significant fill to be brought in, redirecting water to other properties, causing drainage issues, such as water being redirected to neighbouring properties.
3. There is no municipal water service to this location so water will need to be drawn from the river, which could be as much as 400 ft + on lot B14-21.

Carried

**d) 2021-28 Enforcement By-Law**

**2021-245 Alkenbrack-Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that by-law 2021-28 be given second and third reading and enacted as amended.

Carried

- e) **2021-31 Exotic Animals By-Law  
2021-246 Alkenbrack - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that by-law 2021-31 be given first reading.

Carried

- f) **Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) Approval  
2021-247 Barker - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accepts the draft Township of Billings Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) as presented by the committee.

Carried

**2021-248 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council create a standing Climate Action Committee, with committee Terms of Reference (TOR) and committee membership subject to the approval of Council.

Carried

- g) **Plaque Text Use Request**

**2021-249 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council allow staff to share the text from the Billings Connections Trail plaques with Sophie Edwards and Alan Corbiere.

Carried

- h) **Trailer Exemption Request**

**2021-250 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council reject the exemption request to by-law 2017-44 submitted by Mallory Wilson.

Carried

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **H&M COFI Broadband Internet Update 6**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**10. INFORMATION**

- a) **Centennial Manor Financial Report May 2021**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

- b) **Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes – June 28, 2021**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

- c) **Museum Committee Minutes – July 5, 2021**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

- d) **Kitchener – Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

- e) **Kitchener – Cost of Building Materials**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**f) Updating Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transmission Lines**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**g) Green Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)**

This item will be different until the next regular Council Meeting on August 3, 2021.

**11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**2021-251 Hunt - Barker**

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

General Accounts        \$75,959.42

and that cheques numbered 6829 to 6846 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**a) Section 239(2)(d) re: Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations**

**2021-252 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**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 10:10 p.m. in order to discuss an item related to employee negotiations.

Carried

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**2021-254 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council move out of Closed Session at 10:17 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

**13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**2021-255 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-law 2021-32, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2021-256 Barker - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Carried

  
Ian Anderson, Mayor

  
Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk