

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Billings Township has undergone some significant changes since 2022. As a result of the municipal election this past October council has many new faces. There have also been some changes to our senior staff. I would like to thank Kathy McDonald for her years of service to the community and also, take this opportunity to welcome our new Chief Administrative Officer Emily Dance. Also, with the retirement of Floyd Becks, Chris Cyr has taken on the role of Public Works Superintendent. As mayor I look forward to working with our new team.

At present we are in the process of preparing the 2023 budget. With the increased rate of inflation, supply change issues and workforce shortages we have seen a significant increase in day to day operating and capital costs. On a positive note, MPAC has frozen property assessments and as a result there should be no increase in your property assessments this year.

The cover on the outdoor rink was completed in time for this year's freeze up and despite the up and down temperatures we have managed to maintain a usable ice surface. The installation of lighting has certainly extended the hours of use. A big shout out to all of our volunteers and sponsors in bringing this project to a successful conclusion. It is great to see members of our community enjoying the facility, especially our youth.

There is no doubt 2023 will bring with it some challenges but I am confident by working together we can overcome any obstacles that lay ahead. Don't forget to check the Township Website www.billingstwp.ca and Facebook page for information and updates.

Here's hoping for an early spring and long hot summer. Welcome back to our seasonal residents and visitors.

Remember "Come Experience Billings...Exceptional"

-Bryan Barker, Mayor

LET'S CONNECT

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STAY INFORMED

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

Council Meetings are currently being held in person at the Kagawong Park Centre.

Comments are always welcome from members of the Public, please direct them to the Municipal Office.

Agenda Packages, Meeting Minutes, Council Meeting Highlights and Monthly Newsletters are posted on the Township website.

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**Office
Phone
Hours**

15 Old Mill Road Kagawong, ON
(705) 282-2611
Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 4:00pm
Fri 8:30am – 12:00pm



STAFF

CAO/Clerk	Emily Dance
Treasurer	Cheryl McCulligh
Deputy Clerk	Tiana Mills
Municipal Project Manager	Todd Gordon
Public Works Super	Chris Cyr
Public Works Operator	Bill Hore
Public Works Operator	Bill Savage
Landfill Attendant	Dennis Beckett
Fire Chief	Martin Connell
Building Inspector	Dan Osborne
Bylaw/Health and 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 2-6pm
Saturday 1pm – 4pm
Sunday 10am – 4pm

There are separate recycle bins for paper, cardboard, metal, electronics, wood and commingled plastics, aluminum, metal, etc. Recycling is mandatory and unsorted garbage will not be accepted. The landfill does not accept household hazardous waste. Once a year a household hazardous waste day is held, stay tuned for further details.

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 2023 Interim Taxes included with this flyer are due **March 31, 2023**.

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 Cheryl McCulligh at (705) 282-2611 x222


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 at tmills@billingstwp.ca.

THANK YOU!

The newly covered Kagawong Outdoor Rink has been a big hit this outdoor skating season! We would like to thank our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure we all have a safe space to skate. We are excited about the possibilities this space will bring to Billings year-round.

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- It is important to keep your property open and accessible for emergency vehicles this winter. Firetrucks are over 8' wide and your driveway must be plowed to a minimum of 10' wide for fire trucks to access and negotiate turns. Please plow out a wide turn around for emergency vehicles as well.
- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and CO detector on every floor and within your sleeping areas and to practice your escape plans annually.
- Regular chimney cleanings and proper maintenance is essential to reduce your chance of having a chimney fire.
- There are several local professions 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.

BY-LAW UPDATES

Short Term Accommodation Rentals (STARs)

Application Information Packages are available for pick-up at the Township Office. To be able to operate a Short-Term Accommodation Rental operation, the Township is requiring property owners to have a license for each property that is being used as a rental unit (By-Law 2022-49).

If you have any questions regarding the completion of the license application please contact Arthur Moran, By-Law Enforcement Officer bylaw@billingstwp.ca.