

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

What a great summer! I hope everyone has had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Welcome back to our seasonal residents and tourists. Local businesses appear to have lots of activity and it is nice to see people, out and about, enjoying the beauty of our hamlet. Kagawong market has taken on a life of its own. The outdoor market has moved up to the Park Centre parking lot and the covered rink has given it a new dimension. It can hold nearly forty vendors, rain, or shine. A special thanks to the market organizers for their hard work.

Our committees and boards have been busy hosting numerous events including an island wide Waste Management discussion, a Business Group meeting, the Volunteer Fair, Jabbawong Storytelling Festival, NorthWords Festival of Words, Speakers Night, History Day in Kagawong, an information session on the effects of power generation on Lake Kagawong and the Show and Shine Car Show to mention a few. Congratulations to our Senior of the year Wayne Aelick and Volunteer of the Year Brad MacKay.

Staff have been working hard at completing the 2023 budget, which was approved at the last council meeting. Despite inflation staff and council were able to keep the tax increase down at 3%. A 1% increase adds approximately \$31,910 to the Billings municipal tax revenue. This equates to, the average household in the Township of Billings (based on weighted assessment per household) of \$234,380.00, would see an increase in municipal property taxes of \$78.23 per year.

Some of our current projects include the Old Mill Road water line replacement, a new pedestrian bridge over the Kagawong river and we should see the completion of our new fire hall by early fall.

Finally, a special thank you to our staff, council, volunteers, and residents who make Billings Township Exceptional. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

-Bryan Barker, Mayor

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STAY INFORMED

Council meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month @ 7pm

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 township office.

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

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STAFF

CAO/Clerk	Emily Dance
Deputy Clerk	Tiana Mills
Municipal Project Manager	Todd Gordon
Fin/Admin Assistant	Tina Beckerton
Public Works Super	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
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 comingled 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, typically in July and is an Island-Wide shared event.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Billings Library

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

September – June 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, computer access, fax, copying services and basic technical support are also available.

TAX INFORMATION

The 2023 interim taxes included with this flyer are due **September 30, 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, Tangerine, 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 the office at (705) 282-2611

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 to tmills@billingstwp.ca.

BULK WATER

The new quick fill bulk water station is located at the Water Treatment Plant – 75 Beach Street, Kagawong and includes an option for 2" and ¾" fill spigot. Users of the 2" spigot are reminded to bring a clean two-inch Cam-lock female fitting to connect to the water filling station.

If you are interested in becoming a bulk water user, please contact the Township office at 705-282-2611 for an application.

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 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.

GENERAL UPDATES

As our summer comes to an end, we would like to thank our summer students Trish, Ezra, Emily and Hanako 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.



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