

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Friday 8:30am – 12:00pm



### WINTER Landfill Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00pm – 6:00pm  
**Saturday 1pm- 4pm\*\***  
Sunday 10am – 4:00pm

**\*\*The landfill will be open on Saturdays from 1pm-4pm effective March 2022 from Nov 1- Mar 31 (WINTER) and will be open from 10am-4pm from April 1-Oct 31 (SUMMER)\*\***

## **The Municipal Office is OPEN to the Public**

**Interim Tax Bills have been mailed out and are due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Payments can 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 \$15 administration fee will be applied to all Credit Card payments. Mailed in cheques are also acceptable. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the property owner from paying taxes. 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.

### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

**Regular Council Meetings: March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30pm** Members of the public who wish to attend a Council or Committee Meeting can email Tiana Mills at [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca) by 3:00 pm on meeting day for an invitation.

### **CAO/Clerk Retirement Announcement**

On January 12, 2004, Mayor and Council hired Kathy McDonald as the CAO. Being new to the position, she started immediately to take courses that would enhance how she did her job; courses related to Township liabilities, law courses, Municipal organization, policies, and human resources. She became a leader in our community, guiding us through water projects, river projects, road projects, hill projects, Bridal Veil Falls renos, sub-division development, mazes and game board development. The list is endless. When the government closed recreational sites during the Covid-19 pandemic, she was at the mazes and playground on weekends wrapping them in tape and answering emails. Kathy loves our community and spends hours of overtime making sure our Township is strong and always moving forward. She brought the Township up to date on policies and made sure we followed Ministry guidelines. Kathy stands strong when decisions are made even when not well received. She has guided with strength and conviction.

Kathy has been a sounding board for many Councils and worked hard to bring the community to where it is today. Over the years her financial knowledge has made Billings Township the envy of many other municipalities. Kathy has decided to retire and so it is with a heavy heart that Council has accepted she will be leaving the position of CAO later this year. There are no words to express our thanks to Kathy for everything she has done for our community. We wish Kathy well on her retirement!

### **By-Law Reminders**

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Township of Billings passed a new trailer bylaw that addresses the use of recreational trailers within the Township of Billings. The new trailer bylaw introduces a fee/permit structure process for persons who will be wanting use recreational trailers on vacant properties, properties with seasonal residences and properties with permanent residences. This bylaw is posted on the Township of Billings website for you to review. If you have any questions regarding the fee or permit structure, please forward your questions to [bylaw@billingstwp.ca](mailto:bylaw@billingstwp.ca).

### **Public Works Reminders**

Council passes a Winter Maintenance Plan each year and is posted on the website under Public Documents. This plan details each road in the municipality by class and therefore its associated snow removal timeframe. We strive to surpass these standards. This plan also details road salt and sand like the fact that winter sand freezes to the point of being ineffective, and problematic to our sanding equipment, at temperatures of -6°C or colder. Many details are taken into consideration when creating this Winter Maintenance Plan, take a look!

### **General Updates/Project Updates/Grant Applications**

An application has been submitted to the FedNor Canada Community Revitalization Fund for improvements to the outdoor rink. These improvements include new professional rink boards, new player benches and stairs, new lighting and a cover. The Township has been successful with their application and will proceed with this work in 2022!

An application has been submitted to the FedNor Canada Tourism Fund for waterfront development at the Aus Hunt Marina. Some work included in the application is new sheet piling and maintenance of the existing boat launch, and new docks on the west side of the Aus Hunt Marina.

Township Staff have submitted an application to the Trillium Community Building Fund to replace the pedestrian bridge on the Kagawong River Trail and as per a recent announcement have been successful in their application! This project will start and finish in 2022! ***Please remember the old bridge is unsafe and out of order and will be removed in the future.***

The Township of Billings has been awarded \$100,000, funded in part by the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund, for accessibility improvements at the main entrance of the Old Mill Building. These funds will go towards the purchase and installation of new accessible doors and ramps to the Municipal Office and Old Mill

Heritage Centre. Staff are currently working on drafting an RFP for the Engineering and Construction of a new accessibility ramp and doors at the Old Mill Heritage Centre which will be issued in 2022!

Township staff have submitted an application to replace the Old Mill Road waterline with the announcement of a second intake for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Committee Updates

**\*\* All Council & Committee Agendas and Minutes are posted on our website: [www.billingstwp.ca](http://www.billingstwp.ca) \*\***

**Parks Recreation and Wellness (PRW) Committee**


The Outdoor Rink is OPEN! A lot of rink board advertising has been sold but there is room for more. If you are interested in advertising or donating to the Kagawong Outdoor Rink, please contact Tiana Mills ([tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca)). The Kagawong Fitness Centre is open, for information on a membership please contact Tiana Mills using the email provided above.

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is looking for new members! To apply please follow the link for an application form <https://billingstwp.ca/committees/> or email Tiana Mills at [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca).

**The Climate Action Committee (CAC)**

The CAC is focused on implementing climate change actions under the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP). A Special Committee Meeting will be scheduled to plan an Earth Day Event; watch the website for a meeting date!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Landfill 2pm-6pm	2	Lake Kagawong Resource Committee 7pm Landfill 2pm-6pm	4	5 Landfill 1pm-4pm
6 Landfill 10am-4pm	7	8 Landfill 2pm-6pm	Economic Development Committee 7pm	10 Landfill 2pm-6pm	11	12 Landfill 1pm-4pm
13 Landfill 10am-4pm	14	15 Landfill 2pm-6pm	16	 Landfill 2pm-6pm	18	19 Landfill 1pm-4pm
20 Landfill 10am-4pm	Council Meeting 7:30pm	22 Landfill 2pm-6pm	23	24 Landfill 2pm-6pm	25	26 Landfill 1pm-4pm
27 Landfill 10am-4pm	Parks, Rec & Wellness 7pm	29 Landfill 2pm-6pm	30	Interim Tax Bills Due  Landfill 2pm-6pm		