

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

January 18, 2021

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk.

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the public

Regrets: None

1. Open

2021-01 Hunt – Alkenbrack

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 Agenda

2021-02 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 18, 2021 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

a) December 21, 2020

2021-03 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the December 21, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

Councillor Barker reported that he will report on the January 13th Climate Action Committee next meeting.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband

Council received the update from the Economic Development Officer.

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 Response

The CEMC provided an update on local COVID-19 response measures and the provincial state of emergency and stay-at-home order.

b) Main Street Reconstruction project update

Council received the update.

c) Winter Operations Plan addendum

2021-04 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the Winter Operation Planning Document 2020-2021 Addendum, Minimum Maintenance Standards and Service Reductions due to COVID-19, as presented.

Carried

d) CEEP – community survey and report drafting budget

2021-05 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Climate Action Committee's recommendation and authorizes a \$1000.00 budget for expenses related to the CEEP community survey and report drafting.

Carried

2021-06 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby rescinds their resolution #2020-359.

Carried

2021-07 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Climate Action Committee's recommendation and accepts the Ethelo Climate Change Engagement proposal at a cost of \$5,622.00.

Carried

e) Census 2021

2021-08 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Billings supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Carried

Mayor Anderson asked staff to investigate if there are methods other than online for completing the census.

9. Correspondence

a) Andrew Preyde re: Park Centre ice rink

2021-09 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council refers the Park Centre ice rink maintenance matter to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee for investigation and directs them to bring forward recommendations for Council's consideration prior to budget deliberations.

Carried

Councillors thanked Mr. Preyde for his dedication to the rink and for taking the initiative to bring this forward. They requested that Mr. Preyde be kept involved as this moves forward.

b) Jamie Mohammed, Principal Manitoulin Secondary School re: thank you for Student Aid contribution

Council received the correspondence.

c) Municipality of Charlton and Dack re: municipal insurance

2021-10 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Municipality of Charlton and Dack in calling on the Province of Ontario to immediately review the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations related to joint and several liability and to investigate the practice of preferred vendors for municipal insurance; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, MPP Michael Mantha, AMO and the Municipality of Charlton and Dack.

Carried

d) Town of Amherstburg re: development approvals requirements for landfills

2021-11 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the City of St. Catharines and Town of Amherstburg in calling on the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 197 to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Michael Mantha, AMO, the Town of Amherstburg and the City of St. Catharines.

Carried

e) Town of Lincoln re: interim cap on gas plant GHG emissions

2021-12 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Town of Lincoln and the City of Hamilton in calling on the Province of Ontario to place an interim cap on 2.5 mega tonnes per year on our gas plant and greenhouse gas pollution and develop and implement a plan to phase out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its climate targets; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, MPP Michael Mantha, the Town of Lincoln and the City of Hamilton.

Carried

f) Township of Nairn and Hyman re: closure of non-essential businesses during pandemic

Council received the correspondence.

g) Kingsville re: support for small businesses

Council received the correspondence.

h) Town of Lincoln and City of Hamilton re: radial separation for cannabis retail locations

Council received the correspondence.

10. Information

a) Kagawong landfill 2020 water quality summary report

2021-13 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the 2020 Kagawong landfill water quality summary report.

Carried

Councilor Barker asked for confirmation that the report was satisfactory. The CAO/Clerk confirmed that the monitoring results are consistent with previous reporting periods.

Council received the remainder of the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-14 Hunt – Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$224,849.19

And that cheques number 6574 to 6598 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

2021-15 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2)(a) and (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25*, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:16 p.m. in order to discuss an item involving the security of municipal property and an identifiable individual.

Carried

2021-16 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:21 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

13. Confirming By-Law

2021-17 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-01, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2021-18 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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