

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

January 20, 2020

Park Centre, Upper

PRESENT: Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson
Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public
Regrets: Mayor Ian Anderson, Deputy Mayor Bryan Barker

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-09 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Councillor Alkenbrack presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-10 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 20, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) December 16, 2019

2020-11 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the December 16, 2019, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

b) December 20, 2019

2020-12 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the December 20, 2019, special meeting as presented.

Carried

c) January 6, 2020

2020-13 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the January 6, 2020 special meeting as presented.

Carried

d) January 14, 2020

2020-14 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the January 14, 2020 special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations present.

6. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports presented.

7. Old Business

a) Rebranding

2020-15 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that council accepts the Rebranding Committee's recommendation for acceptance of a new logo design proposal and authorizes staff to engage Kendra Edwards Design at a cost of \$1,200.00 + HST.

8. New Business

a) Temporary Borrowing By-Law 2020-02

2020-16 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-02, being a by-law to provide for borrowing for current expenditures not to exceed \$700,000, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

b) Interim Tax Levy By-law 2020-03

2020-17 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-03, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

c) Park Centre emergency exit door replacement

2020-18 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorizes the purchase of a new door for the Park Centre (lower) emergency exit from Beange Door Services Limited as described in their quote dated December 16, 2019, at a cost of \$3,750.00 + HST.

Carried

d) Library Budget Advance and library/museum intern application request

2020-19 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.000 from the general account to the library advance on their 2020 levy.

Carried

2020-20 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorizes staff to apply for funding under the Young Canada Works at Building Careers in Heritage Internship program on behalf of the library board and museum committee.

Carried

e) Library Board Chair resignation

2020-21 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that council accepts with regret the resignation of Ruth Farquhar as the Chair of the Billings Library Board.

Carried

f) Manitoulin Streams Request

The request is to be considered during budget deliberations

g) 4Elements request for in-kind support Elemental Festival

2020-22 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Billings authorizes in-kind support for the 2020 Elemental Festival organized by 4Elements Living Arts, in the form of free rental of the Park Centre and Old Church on the Hill for four days (a \$1,200 value).

Carried

h) Consent application B01-20

2020-23 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council recommends to the Manitoulin Planning Board that consent application B01-20 be approved.

Carried

i) Rental Request 91 Main St

2020-24 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs the CAO/Clerk to prepare and enter into a lease agreement with Sarah Earley for 91 Main St., upper level.

Carried

j) Old Mill Waterline Funding applications

2020-25 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs the CAO/Clerk to proceed with the application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the replacement of the Old Mill drinking water distribution line.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Town of Gore Bay re: Physician Recruitment

2020-26 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs the CAO/Clerk to send a letter requesting support and assistance for physician recruitment to MPP Michael Mantha, Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Health Christine Elliot.

Carried

b) Town of Tecumseh re: 911 Misdials

2020-27 Jackson – Hunt

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Billings has received a request from the Town of Tecumseh to lobby the telecommunications industry and smartphone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 misdials;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the Town of Tecumseh's request and refers the matter to the Community Policing Advisory Committee for review and action.

Carried

c) Township of Stone Mills Re: Support for conservation authorities

Council had no discussion or comment regarding correspondence from Stone Mills

10. Information

Council received the items listed as information

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-28 Hunt – Jackson

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

General Accounts \$227,052.68

and that cheques number 6072 to 6115 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

There was no closed session

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-29 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-04, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-30 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 7:57 p.m. until the next regular meeting on February 4, 2020, or call of the Chair.

Carried

Sharon Alkenbrack, Councillor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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