

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

February 2, 2021

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Martin Connell, Fire Chief; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Arthur Moran, By-law Officer/Health and Safety Coordinator.

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the public

Regrets: None

1. Open

2021-23 Hunt – Barker

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

2021-24 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 2, 2021 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

I, Councillor Ian Anderson, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on agenda item no. 5(a) item title George Hagen, coyote compensation for the following reason: I am a licensed trapper that could benefit from a compensation program.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

a) January 18, 2021

2021-25 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the January 18, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

b) January 20, 2021

2021-26 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the January 20, 2021 special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

a) George Hagen, Manitoulin Trappers' Council – coyote compensation by-law
Mayor Anderson vacated the Chair due to his declaration of pecuniary interest and stepped away. Councillor Barker took the Chair and welcomed the delegation.

Mr. Hagen spoke to Council regarding coyotes and requested that Council consider enacting a by-law to provide compensation for lawful coyote dispatches by trappers, farmers, and hunters.

Mayor Anderson resumed the Chair.

6. Committee Reports

a) Climate Action Committee – January 13, 2021

Councillor Barker reported on the January 13, 2021 Climate Action Committee meeting and further discussions on how best to engage residents without internet access/ability.

2021-27 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the recommendation of the Climate Action Committee and approves the change order to the Ethelo contract for inbound/outbound telephone support services for the community survey, in the amount of \$1000 + HST.

Carried

b) Library Board – January 19, 2021

Councillor Hunt reported on the January 19, 2021 Library Board meeting.

c) POA Committee – January 22, 2021

Councillor Barker reported on the January 22, 2021 POA Committee meeting.

7. Old Business

a) 2020-47 Power of Entry by-law

2021-28 Barker – Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-47 be given second reading.

Carried

Council directed that the definition of 'Land' be amended and a definition for 'Dwelling' added.

b) Maze rehabilitation work

2021-29 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the estimate from Manitoulin Tree Services for work on the cedar maze and authorizes staff to schedule the work as early as possible in spring 2021.

Carried

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 Response

The CEMC provided an update on local COVID-19 response measures.

b) By-law report

Council received the report.

c) Health and Safety report

Council received the report.

d) Fire Hall

2021-30 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to implement the Health and Safety Coordinator's recommendations regarding the Fire Hall, as detailed in his memo dated January 21, 2021.

Carried

The CAO/Clerk will discuss further action with the Fire Chief and report back to Council.

e) Waterfront Project FedNor and NOHFC agreement amendments

2021-31 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the Waterfront Redevelopment – Phase One amendment no. 3 for FedNor project number 851-810654 and amendment no. 1 for NOHFC project number 8100244.

Carried

f) 2020 Structure Inspection Appraisal Report (bridges)

2021-32 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the 2020 Structure Inspection Appraisal Report prepared by K. Smart Associates Limited, dated December 2020; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the Public Works Superintendent to report back to Council on February 16 regarding remedial actions to be taken in 2021 to address the reported deficiencies.

Carried

g) Internet advisory committee representation

2021-33 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints EDO Todd Gordon to the Blue Sky Net Internet Advisory Committee.

Carried

h) Farm animal exception request – Rickard

2021-34 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to contact the three neighbouring properties on each side of the Rickard property seeking comment regarding the keeping of a pet goat.

Carried

i) Mutual Assistance agreement

Council reviewed the draft agreement and made no edits.

j) 2021-03 interim tax levy by-law

2021-35 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-03 be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

k) 2021-04 temporary borrowing by-law

2021-36 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-04 be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

l) 'Speaker's Corner' removal

2021-37 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the removal of the wooden structure known as 'speaker's corner' from the Old Mill Heritage Centre grounds.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Township of Matachewan and Town of Plympton-Wyoming re: grant application deadlines

2021-38 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the Township of Matachewan and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in requesting that future provincial and federal grant programs provide longer application periods; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, AMO, the Township of Matachewan and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Carried

b) Municipality of West Grey re: Schedule 8, Bill 229 (Crown Forest Sustainability Act and Endangered Species Act changes)

Councillor Barker moved to pass a resolution of support, seconded by Councillor Hunt.

2021-39 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the Municipality of West Grey in requesting the provincial government repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229.

Carried

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-40 Alkenbrack – Jackson

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

General Accounts \$336,043.01.

And that cheques number 6599 to 6626 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2021-41 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-05, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

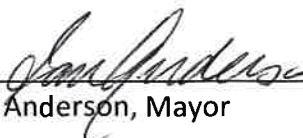
Carried

14. Adjournment


2021-42 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

