

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

April 20, 2020

Electronic Meeting

Present (electronically): Mayor Ian Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kristin Koetsier, Climate Change Coordinator; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Bruce Mercer, Treasurer; and Tiana Mills, Administrative Assistant

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-127 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-128 Hunt – Jackson

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

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes

2020-129 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the April 7, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

2020-130 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the April 9, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations

None.

5. Committee Reports

None.

6. Old Business

a) Community Policing Advisory Committee – cannabis funding

2020-131 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a \$500 contribution to the Manitoulin Injury Prevention Coalition from the township's Ontario Cannabis Implementation funds.

Carried

7. New Business

a) Waterfront Project – septic installation RFQ

2020-132 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the quotation from H&R Noble Construction for the installation of a new septic system in the amount of \$35,825 + HST, and \$900 for permits.

Carried

b) Hard surfacing and dust suppressant tenders

2020-133 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes Public Works to participate in group tendering for hard surfacing and dust suppressant, as approved in the 2020 budget.

Carried

c) Multi-year accessibility plan

2020-134 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the multi-year accessibility plan as presented.

Carried

d) Turkey complaints

Council received the By-law Officers memo for information.

e) 2020-16 Open-Air Burning by-law

2020-135 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-16, being a by-law to provide for the regulation of open-air burning and precautions to be taken while burning, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Deferred

Council identified the following amendments and directed staff to bring the amended by-law back for approval:

- Remove the requirement for a permit for campfires
- Allow burn barrels except during periods of restricted burning
- Increase accessibility of obtaining burn permits

f) 2020-17 Load Restriction by-law

2020-136 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-17, being a by-law to regulate and control the highways in the Township of Billings, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

g) Community supportive care centre

2020-137 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the concept of a COVID-19 community supportive care centre in M'Chigeeng and commits to working with M'Chigeeng First Nation in developing detailed plans for the establishment and operation of such a facility.

Carried

h) Emergency declaration

2020-138 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council gives the Mayor their full support should he deem it necessary to declare a State of Emergency for the Township of Billings due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

No vote was called; councillors indicated their unanimous support for an emergency declaration during discussion.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Information

None.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-139 Barker – Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$113,965.71

and that cheques number 6218 to 6232 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-140 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-18, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-141 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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