

The Corporation of the  
Township of Billings  
Regular Meeting

March 2, 2021

Electronic Meeting

**Present:** Mayor Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson

**Staff:** Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Bruce Mercer, Treasurer; Tiana Mills, Administrative Assistant, Arthur Moran, By-Law/Health and Safety;.

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. **Open**

**2021-73 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 the Agenda**

**2021-74 Barker Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the March 2, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Mayor Anderson made the following declaration:

I, Councillor Ian Anderson, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on agenda item 8 (k), item title By-law 2021-10 for the following reason: I am a licensed fur harvester and could benefit from the compensation program.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

**2021-75 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

None

6. **Committee Reports**

**a) S. Jackson – Roma Report**

Council received the report

**b) S. Alkenbrack – EDC report**

Council received the report

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

**a) COVID-19 response update**

Megan Bonenfant, CEMC presented Council with a Covid-19 Update.

**b) Manitoulin Streams – Donations and Donor Recognition**

**2021-76 Barker – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council permits Manitoulin Streams to install a donor recognition type of plaque or display and proceed with fundraising.

Carried

**c) Official Plan Reserve Funds**

**2021-77 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council supports the recommendation from the Manitoulin Planning Board to use the Official Plan reserve funds for a new project.

Carried

**d) 2020 Budget Surplus**

**2021- 78 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approves the transfer of any 2020 surplus into general reserves.

Carried

**e) AMO August 15-18 2021**

**2021-79 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council instructs the CAO to register Bryan Barker and Ian Anderson for the AMO conference scheduled August 15 to 18, 2021.

Carried

**f) By-Law 2021-08 Salary Grid**

**2021-80 Barker – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 2021-08 being a by-law to update the Employee Salary Ranges be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**g) By-Law 2021-09 Tax Ratio**

**2021-81 Hunt – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-law 2021-09 being a by-law to set tax ratios for 2021 taxation year be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**h) Parks Recreation and Wellness Recommendations to Council**

**2021-82 Barker – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council instructs staff to include \$40,000 in the draft 2021 budget for rink repairs.

Carried

**2021-83 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council gives permission to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee to fundraise for rink repairs.

Carried

**2021-84 Barker – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee expenditures of \$300 for the Easter Egg hunt.

Carried

**i) Summer Students**

**2021-85 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves the advertising and hiring of summer students.

Carried

**j) Healthy Communities Funding**

**2021-86 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to complete an application to the Healthy Communities Initiative to create a new community space at the Sandy Beach and submit the application no later than March 9, 2021.

**DEFEATED**

**2021-87 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to apply to the Healthy Communities Fund for the outdoor rink.

Carried

Mayor Anderson declared a conflict of item 8. k).

Mayor Anderson vacated the Chair and Councillor Barker proceed as Chair.

**k) By-Law 2021-10 Coyote Compensation By-law**

**2021-88 Jackson – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 2021-10, being a by-law to provide for the control of nuisance coyotes be given first, second, third reading and enacted, as amended.

Carried

By-law 2021-10 was amended as follows:

Schedule A was amended to remove the word “pelt” from the first paragraph.

Schedule B was amended to remove the words “the pelt of” from No. 3 and

Schedule B was amended to remove the word “pelt of” from No. 4.

Councillor Barker vacated the Chair and Mayor Anderson returned as Chair.

**I) Billings Promotional Strategy**

**2021-89 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs staff to engage with Kendra Edwards Design, as designer of the existing brochure/map, to discuss the revisions and updates for 2021, and that Council consider inclusion of expenditure of this item in the 2021 budget.

Carried

**9. Correspondence**

None

**10. Information**

**a) Parks, Recreation and Wellness draft minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting**

Council received the draft minutes

**b) Economic Development draft minutes from February 17, 2020 meeting**

Council received the draft minutes

**c) Phase II Environment Report**

Council received the Phase II environmental report from EXP.

**d) 2020 Water Treatment Plan Minutes (OCWA)**

Council received the 2020 Water Treatment Plant Minutes

**e) ORV Guidance Document**

Council received the 2002 ORV Guidance Document

**11. Accounts for Payment**

**2021-90 Barker – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General Accounts \$53,595.82

and that cheque numbers 6625 to 6663 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

**12. Closed Session**

**2021-91 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, this Council will proceed to a Closed Session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

2021-92 Resolution passed in camera providing direction to staff.

**2021-93 Hunt – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:24 p.m. and resume our regular meeting.

Carried

**2021-94 Hunt – Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves the hiring of Tiana Mills as Deputy Clerk with details as discussed in camera.

Carried

**13. Confirming By-law**

**2021-95 Alkenbrack – Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 2021-11 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.


Carried

**14. Adjournment**

**2021-96 Barker – Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

  
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Ian Anderson, Mayor

  
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Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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