

Council of the Corporation of  
The Township of Billings  
Regular Meeting  
March 5, 2019

PRESENT: 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; and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

2019-062 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

2019-063 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 5, 2019 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

12. Closed Business b) was amended to read Section 239.(2)(h) Information supplied to a municipality in confidence by Canada.

2019-064 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 19, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Jackson reported on the Go Green Committee meeting that was held on February 27, 2019.

Councillor Jackson reported on the Recreation Committee. The next meeting is April 1, 2019.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Partnership with MTA and NEMI regarding how the pamphlets are displayed at the Welcome Centre. NEMI is looking at a long-term project.

Councillor Hunt reported on the Museum Committee meeting held March 4, 2019. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month.

Mayor Anderson reported on the MMA meeting held February 20, 2019.

Mayor Anderson reported on the Regional Sustainability Planning Workshop that was held in Little Current on March 5, 2019.

2019-065 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2019-11, being a by-law to establish the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee, be given first, second and third reading and enacted, as amended.

Carried

The Terms of Reference under Role of Committee, bullet 3, was amended to read “ensuring that businesses, seasonal and permanent residents and tourists to Lake Kagawong will be able to operate and enjoy their businesses and properties; and to minimize property damage and negative economic impact to Billings Township, due to **low/high** water levels. By, ensuring Oakville Enterprises are reporting accurate and timely information to Billings Township and to report any violations to the CAO and Council.

2019-066 Alkenbrack - Barker

WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

AND WHEREAS this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them;

AND WHEREAS Ontario’s proposed “Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan” states that the province will grant municipalities a “greater say in siting of landfills”;

AND WHEREAS municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities, whether to host cannabis retail in their communities, AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the recent report from Ontario’s Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

AND UNLESS significant efforts are made to increase recycling and diversion rates, a new home for this Toronto garbage will need to be found, as landfill space is filling up quickly;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites for future Toronto garbage by private landfill operators;

AND WHEREAS other communities should not be forced to take Toronto waste, as landfills can contaminate local watersheds, air quality, dramatically increase heavy truck traffic on community roads, and reduce the quality of life for local residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have the exclusive right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Billings calls upon the Government of Ontario, as part of its "Made-in Ontario Environment Plan" to formally entrench the right of municipalities to approve or reject landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities;

AND THAT in the case of a two-tier municipality, the approval be required at both the upper-tier and affected lower-tier municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Billings encourage all other municipalities in Ontario to consider this motion calling for immediate provincial action;

AND THAT the MOTION adopted by Council be forwarded to the DEMAND THE RIGHT COALITION OF ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES.

Carried

2019-067 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to tender for 5 single surface kilometres of hard surface treatment with the Manitoulin North Shore Roads Superintendents' Association, at an estimated cost of \$20,000 per kilometre.

Carried

2019-068 Hunt – Barker

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

General Accounts      \$120,195.05

And that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 5086 to 5100 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2019-069 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Sections 239(2)(k) and 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. in order to discuss matters pertaining to instructions for negotiation and employee negotiations.

Carried

During the Closed Session, Section 239(2)(k) the Clerk was provided with instructions as to how to proceed with negotiations.

During the in camera Session Section 239(2)(h) Council was provided with information regarding Government information that was supplied in confidence.

During the Closed Session Resolution 2019-070 was passed regarding the information supplied in confidence and Resolution 2019-071 was passed approving in camera minutes from a previous meeting.

2019-072 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

2019-073 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2019-12, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2019 – 074 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 9:04 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on March 18, 2019 or Call of the Chair.

Carried

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Ian Anderson, Mayor

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Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.