



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To review the agenda and accompanying staff reports, please visit our website <https://billingstwp.ca/council-meetings/2024-council-agendas-and-minutes/>

#### Township of Billings Five Year Strategic Plan Approved

- Steve Lichy of Capital Park Consulting presented the final version of the new 2024-2028 Strategic Plan to Council.
- **Our Vision** - Inspiring a life well-lived. Naturally.
- **Our Mission** - Ensuring a progressive future, while honouring our rich history.
- Strategic Priorities include:
  - **Service Excellence** - Service excellence demonstrates a commitment to meeting the diverse needs of our residents, builds trust, fosters civic pride, and bolsters our reputation for efficient and responsive governance.
  - **Community Wellbeing** - Community well-being refers to the overall health, happiness, and quality of life experienced by the individuals and groups within our community. We commit to enhancing our residents' lives and fostering social cohesion, resilience, economic development and sustainability.
  - **Resilient Natural Environment** - Implementing strategies to preserve and enhance our natural environment is essential for Billings Township to foster resilience and sustainability for future generations.
  - **Infrastructure** - Infrastructure is the backbone of our community, providing the essential facilities and systems that enable our residents to lead safe, productive, and comfortable lives.
- A By-law to adopt the Strategic Plan will be coming forward at the April 2, 2024 meeting.

*Mayor Barker and Council want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our residents and community groups that participated in the engagement process.*

#### Township of Billings 2024 Budget Approved

- The overall objective of the 2024 budget is to maintain current service levels of the Township, recognizes the need to invest and plan for infrastructure projects. It leverages grant funding opportunities identifies modernization initiative and considers the capacity of staff and current resources.
- The 2024 Township of Billings Budget was approved by Council with a 4% increase over 2023. For reference, a 1% increase to the tax rate generates approximately \$20,990 in additional revenue.
- For the average household assessed in the Township of Billings (based in the weighted assessment per household) at \$234,380, the 4% tax rate increase results in an increase in the municipal property tax over 2023 of \$107.42.
- The budget will be posted to the website soon!

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm at the Kagawong Park Centre.

The agenda and virtual connection details will be posted at <https://billingstwp.ca/council-meetings/2024-council-agendas-and-minutes/> the Friday prior to the meeting.