

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Special Meeting
Minutes

March 30, 2020

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Arthur Moran, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Media: Tom Sasvari, Michael Erskine

Members of the General Public

Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-97 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that this special meeting of council be opened with a quorum present at 4:13 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-98 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 30, 2020 special meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

a) Emergency Closure of public spaces and enforcement

Council discussed the need to close municipally-owned open spaces and facilities due to the public's failure to observe physical distancing in these spaces. Council directed staff to close all municipal facilities/spaces including Bridal Veil Falls (including the stairs, and MTO-controlled parking lot), the river trails system, the playground, the parking lot across from the variety store and the dog park. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer reported that the Province has empowered municipal law enforcement officers to enforce Orders issued under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and as such he will increase his patrols of these spaces and focus on cooperative enforcement.

Council also discussed the upcoming smelt season and return of seasonal residents. Council directed staff to provide messaging encouraging smelt fisherpeople and seasonal residents with primary residences within Canada to stay home and not come to Billings at this time. The Mayor reported that the Manitoulin Municipal Association and First Nations will be discussing this matter later this week to come up with coordinated messaging from all Manitoulin municipalities and First Nations. The Mayor will also ask that tourism marketing plans be added to the MMA agenda.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Information

None.

11. Accounts for Payment

None.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

None.

14. Adjournment

2020-99 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this special meeting of council be adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Carried

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