

The Corporation of the  
Township of Billings  
Regular Meeting

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

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

**Staff:** Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Megan Bonenfant, CEMC; Arthur Moran, By-Law Officer; Martin Connell, Fire Chief

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

**1. OPEN**

**2021-114 Barker - Hunt**

**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 AGENDA**

**2021-115 Alkenbrack - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2021-116 Barker - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

**5. DELEGATIONS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Sharon Alkenbrack - Economic Development Committee Report**

Council received the report

**b) Sharon Jackson - Seniors and Long-Term Care Advocacy Webinar Report**

Council received the report

c) **Bryan Barker - Climate Action Committee Report**

Council received the report

d) **Bryan Barker - Community Policing Association Committee Report**

Council received the report

e) **Bryan Barker - Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report**

Council received the report

f) **Michael Hunt - Library Board Meeting**

Council received the report

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Noise By-Law 2021-12**

**2021-117 Alkenbrack - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council give By-law 2021-12, being a by-law to regulate noise be given second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

b) **Kagawong River Pedestrian Bridge**

**2021-118 Barker - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve staff to the issue a targeted RFP for the pedestrian bridge design and engineering for the Kagawong River trails.

Carried

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **COVID 19 Update**

Megan Bonenfant, CEMC presented Council with a COVID-19 update.

**2021-119 Barker - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the quote from Cancom Security to supply uniformed guards to cover off the smelt run from April 9-25, 2021 from 8pm to 6am at an estimated cost of \$15,368.

Carried

b) **Alyssa Spooney – Health Care Worker Recruitment Donation**

**2021- 120 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council add \$3000 in the draft 2021 budget for Health Care Worker Recruitment on Manitoulin Island.

Carried

c) **4Elements Request**

**2021 – 121 Barker - Hunt**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the request from 4elements to allow them, in partnership with Lisa Hamalainen, to provide a community arts project in Kagawong during the 2021 Elemental Festival provided that the Township is a named insured and follow all Covid-19 protocols that are in place at that time.

Carried

**d) Fire Safety Grant Funding**

**2021- 122 Alkenbrack - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council give by-law 2021-14, being a by-law to enter into a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal three readings and enact it.

Carried

**e) Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, OPP Detachment Boards**

Council received information presented by Councillor Bryan Barker.

**f) Hard Surfacing Tenders**

**2021-123 Hunt - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize Public Works to participate in group tendering for 6.2 km of hard surfacing at a cost of \$120,000.

Carried

**g) Fire Department Appointments**

**2021- 124 Barker - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept both Tyler Olmstead and Sandra Cook's applications to the Billings Volunteer Fire Department.

Carried

**h) Strategic Planning 2022-2025**

**2021- 125 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council sets an early-stage strategic planning meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Carried

**i) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Recommendation Re: Construction on Outdoor Rink**

**2021- 126 Hunt - Barker**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the recommendation as presented by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee for H & R Noble Construction to proceed with prep work and retaining wall construction at the Outdoor Rink.

Carried

**j) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Recommendation Re: Advertising Plan for Outdoor Rink**

**2021-127 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the recommendation as presented by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee to start selling rink board advertising at a cost of \$500 for the first year and \$200 a year for every year after that.

Carried

**k) National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18-24, 2021**

**2021-128 Barker - Hunt**

**WHEREAS**, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers in the Township of Billings mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers in Billings have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Billings' volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that The Township of Billings is a more desirable place to live; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Billings hereby declares April 18-24, 2021, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Carried

**l) Main Street Construction Update**

Council received update from Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act 2020 compliance results**

Council received letter

**10. INFORMATION**

**a) Economic Development Committee Minutes March 10, 2021**

Council received report

**b) South Glengarry Resolution**

Council received report

**c) COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities Program**

Council received report

**d) March 12, 2021 Memo from General Hillier Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Task Force**

Council received report

- e) **Memo from Deputy Minister**  
Council received report
- f) **Public Health Agency of Canada – Peace Officer Assistance**  
Council received report
- g) **Parks, Recreation & Wellness Committee March 22, 2021 Minutes**  
Council received report
- h) **Little Current Swing Bridge Study**  
Council received report
- i) **Memo from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Changes to Capacity Limit and Vaccination Roll Out to First Responders**  
Council received report
- j) **Memo from Deputy Minister Re: Amendments to Stay and home order**  
Council received report
- k) **March 26, 2021 Memo from General Hillier Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force**  
Council received report
- l) **Bill C-21**  
Council received report
- m) **Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund**  
Council received report
- n) **Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Minutes March 25, 2021**  
Council received report
- o) **Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes March 29, 2021**  
Council received report
- p) **Climate Action Committee Minutes March 24, 2021**  
Council received report

**11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**2021-129 Hunt - Alkenbrack**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council Authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts      \$241,345.80

and that cheques numbers 6679 to 6699 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**2021-130 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-law 2021-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2021-131 Barker - Hunt**

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

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Ian Anderson, Mayor

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Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk