

The Corporation of the  
Township of Billings  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

April 20, 2020

Electronic Meeting

Present (electronically): 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; Kristin Koetsier, Climate Change Coordinator; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Bruce Mercer, Treasurer; and Tiana Mills, Administrative Assistant

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

Regrets: none

**1. Opening of Meeting**

**2020-127 Alkenbrack – Barker**

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**2020-128 Hunt – Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 20, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**2020-129 Barker – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the April 7, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

**2020-130 Jackson – Barker**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the April 9, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

#### **4. Delegations**

None.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

None.

#### **6. Old Business**

##### **a) Community Policing Advisory Committee – cannabis funding**

###### **2020-131 Barker – Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a \$500 contribution to the Manitoulin Injury Prevention Coalition from the township's Ontario Cannabis Implementation funds.

Carried

#### **7. New Business**

##### **a) Waterfront Project – septic installation RFQ**

###### **2020-132 Barker – Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the quotation from H&R Noble Construction for the installation of a new septic system in the amount of \$35,825 + HST, and \$900 for permits.

Carried

##### **b) Hard surfacing and dust suppressant tenders**

###### **2020-133 Hunt – Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes Public Works to participate in group tendering for hard surfacing and dust suppressant, as approved in the 2020 budget.

Carried

##### **c) Multi-year accessibility plan**

###### **2020-134 Jackson – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the multi-year accessibility plan as presented.

Carried

##### **d) Turkey complaints**

Council received the By-law Officers memo for information.

##### **e) 2020-16 Open-Air Burning by-law**

###### **2020-135 Barker – Alkenbrack**

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-16, being a by-law to provide for the regulation of open-air burning and precautions to be taken while burning, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Deferred

Council identified the following amendments and directed staff to bring the amended by-law back for approval:

- Remove the requirement for a permit for campfires
- Allow burn barrels except during periods of restricted burning
- Increase accessibility of obtaining burn permits

**f) 2020-17 Load Restriction by-law**

**2020-136 Hunt – Barker**

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-17, being a by-law to regulate and control the highways in the Township of Billings, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

**g) Community supportive care centre**

**2020-137 Barker – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the concept of a COVID-19 community supportive care centre in M'Chigeeng and commits to working with M'Chigeeng First Nation in developing detailed plans for the establishment and operation of such a facility.

Carried

**h) Emergency declaration**

**2020-138 Barker – Alkenbrack**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council gives the Mayor their full support should he deem it necessary to declare a State of Emergency for the Township of Billings due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

No vote was called; councillors indicated their unanimous support for an emergency declaration during discussion.

**9. Correspondence**

None.

**10. Information**

None.

**11. Accounts for Payment**

**2020-139 Barker – Alkenbrack**

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

General Accounts \$113,965.71

and that cheques number 6218 to 6232 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

**12. Closed Session**

None.

**13. Confirming By-Law**

**2020-140 Jackson – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-18, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

**14. Adjournment**

**2020-141 Barker – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

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Ian Anderson, Mayor

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Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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