

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

June 2, 2020

Electronic Meeting

Present (electronically): 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
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public
Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-178 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:03 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-179 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 2, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2020-180 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the May 19, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

None.

7. Old Business

a) Asset management funding application

2020-181 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Asset Management Program Advancement in Billings; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Billings commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- O.Reg 588/17 Compliant Asset Management Plan
- CityWide Asset Manager and GIS Viewer Software License
- Implementation, Data Work and Training for Asset Management Software; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Billings commits \$10,040.00 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Carried

b) By-law 2020-21 water rates

2020-182 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-21, being a by-law to establish water rates for the year 2020 and to provide sufficient revenue to meet the estimates required for the operation of the water plant, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

c) By-law 2020-22 tax rates (amended)

2020-183 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-22, being a by-law to amend 2020-14, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 response update

The CEMC provided on update on reopening plans for the Kagawong River trails and Bridal Veil Falls, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Program, and the Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Councillor Alkenbrack requested that reopening of beaches be added to the next Emergency Control Group meeting agenda.

b) COVID-19 Leadership Coordination Committee terms of reference

2020-184 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the COVID-19 Leadership Coordination Committee terms of reference as presented.

Carried

c) Library Board resignation and new appointment

2020-185 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the resignation of Ann Parsons from the Billings Public Library Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council appoints Barbara Erskine to the Billings Public Library Board.

Carried

d) Server back-up

2020-186 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to purchase a server back-up system as approved in the 2020 budget and coordinate its installation.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) SH2 re: reopening Bridal Veil Falls

b) Old Mill Heritage Centre Curator re: *Empress of Ireland* funding

c) City of Kitchener re: Universal Basic Income

2020-187 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the City of Kitchener in urging the federal and provincial governments to pursue a partnership for the establishment of a universal basic income; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Premier, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, and the City of Kitchener.

Carried

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-188 Hunt – Barker

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

General Accounts \$64,334.56

and that cheques number 6256 to 6268 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-189 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-23, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-190 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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