



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Council Meeting: June 6th, 2023

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○ **2023 Senior of the Year Award**

- Mayor Barker presented Wayne Aelick with the 2023 Senior of the Year Award as nominated by Billings community members.

- **As nominated:**

Wayne is a long-time resident of Kagawong who has dedicated his life to raising funds to support many wonderful causes.

At present he is focused on raising monies and promoting awareness for Organ Transplants, specifically for the Liver Foundation.

He has tirelessly worked creating rustic wood products such as bat and bird houses, all proceeds go to support his cause.

For many years he has organized and leads the “Walk for Liver” here in Kagawong.

Wayne is living proof that organ donations work. And we strongly recommend he should be recognized for all his efforts as Senior of the Year.

○ **2023 Volunteer of the Year Award**

- Mayor Barker presented Brad MacKay with the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award as nominated by Billings community members.

- **As nominated:**

Brad has served as a volunteer for Billings Township in many capacities over the years.

His most vital role as a volunteer has been with the Billings Fire Department. I think we can all appreciate the importance and dedication it is to take on such a responsibility, even when that responsibility may come with risks.

Brad has also served as a volunteer on the Billings Museum Committee for the Old Mill Heritage Centre and the Post Office Museum ever since 2007. In that capacity, he’s devoted his time and personal resources to their regular upgrades. During “Canada 150”, Brad recreated former Prime Minister Lester Pearson’s office for a display inside the Old Mill Heritage Centre. He participated in the development of “Mariner’s Park”, built a barn and a replica Blacksmith Shop to display exhibits, renovated half the museum to give space for the “Empress of Ireland” and for this season has reinvented space to make way for a new camera and photo exhibition. These are but a few.

Brad can always be counted on to offer help, advice and labour for public events such as the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. At other public events, he'll provide his own sound system or flip burgers for a BBQ fundraiser.

Brad was also instrumental in helping with the revamping of the "Church on the Hill" for public events.

And when Christmas time comes around, you can count on Brad to display thousands of Christmas lights and decorations on his home and property and provide a radio frequency to hear Christmas music as one approaches this mammoth display for the community to drive by and enjoy.

Brad has also been involved with the Manitoulin Navy League and Sea Cadets.

2023 Senior of the Year: Wayne Aelick



2023 Volunteer of the Year: Brad MacKay



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The Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20th, 2023 @ 7pm in person at the Park Centre, the agenda will be posted at www.billingstwp.ca the Friday prior to the meeting.