

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

June 15, 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, Public Works Superintendent Floyd Becks; By-law/Health and Safety Officer Arthur Moran
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public
Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-197 Hunt – 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

2020-198 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 15, 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

2020-199 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the June 2, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

2020-200 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the June 2, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

a) Sandi Hurcomb re: Economic Development Committee

Ms. Hurcomb spoke to Council about her concerns regarding the Economic Development Committee's free chocolate give-way events held recently, and the operation and efficacy of the Committee in general. She also requested that Council consider allowing another local business owner to sell personal protective equipment to visitors at Bridal Veil Falls.

The Mayor provided responses and clarification for Ms. Hurcomb's questions and statements, and stated that a formal request for such a business operation could be considered by Council at a future date.

6. Committee Reports

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

a) Kagawong Market

2020-201 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to proceed with planning for the 2020 Kagawong Market at the Old Church on the Hill/Dog Park area.

Carried

b) 2020-24 Dog By-law

2020-202 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-24, being a by-law to provide for the control of dogs, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Deferred

Council directed the By-law Officer to amend the definition of 'Dog' by striking out 'spayed or neutered', and to ensure that there is a mechanism included to allow people who currently have more than 3 dogs to maintain compliance with the new by-law.

c) Waterfront Project – Small Craft Basin construction RFP award

2020-203 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the recommendation of EXP Services Inc and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the necessary documents to enter into a contract with Build North Construction and proceed with the preparation of the Articles of Agreement for the Kagawong Small Craft Basin Improvements, Contract 20-03, for the value of \$1,449,807.54 + HST.

Carried

d) Resumption of Committees

2020-204 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Committee business remain suspended until the local state of emergency is lifted and/or staff capacity is increased to a level capable of sustaining ongoing Committee business.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Public Health Sudbury and Districts re: Kagawong Beach and COVID-19 guidelines for public beaches

The correspondence was received.

b) Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board re: COVID-19 interim funding and operation policies for EarlyON and child care

2020-205 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board in requesting the provincial government allow for the use of provincial funding retroactively for the EarlyON and childcare programs; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Minister Lecce, MPP Michael Mantha and MSDSB.

Carried

c) Municipality of Huron Shores re: regional broadband

The correspondence was received.

d) City of Brantford re: Essential Workers' Day

2020-206 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the City of Brantford in requesting the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada declare March 17th as Essential Workers' Day; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Premier, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, and the City of Brantford.

Carried

e) Tay Township re: Great Lakes water levels

The correspondence was received.

f) MP Carol Hughes re: Commercial Rent Assistance Program

The correspondence was received.

g) MP Carol Hughes re: Universal Basic Income

The correspondence was received.

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-207 Hunt – Jackson

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

General Accounts \$199,043.22

and that cheques number 6269 to 6294 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-208 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-25, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-209 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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