

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2019

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

Staff: Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer, Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

Media: Tom Sasvari:

2019-166 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

2019-167 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 17, 2019 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

- New Business d) Employment Vacancy
- Information h) M'Chigeeng – Spruce Street repairs
- Closed Session b) Cleaning contract

2019-168 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the June 4, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Barker reported on meetings of the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee, Rebranding Committee and Provincial Offences Act Committee.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on a Manitoulin Tourism Association Operations Committee meeting.

2019-169 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2019-29, being a by-law to amend by-law 2017-44, being a by-law to restrict the location and use of travel trailers outside of tent and trailer parks, be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2019-170 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to hire Vertex Environmental Inc. and Tulloch Engineering to complete the scope of work detailed in Tulloch Engineering's Environmental Site Remediation report for 15 Old Mill Drive, Kagawong, dated May 31, 2019, at an estimated cost of \$206,600.

Defeated

2019-171 Barker – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the Ontario Municipal Board and replaced it with Local Planning Appeal Tribunal received unanimous – all party support; and,

WHEREAS all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans to uphold their community driven planning; and,

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and,

WHEREAS on August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into “...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government”; and,

WHEREAS this MOU is “enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act” and recognizes that as “...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and,

WHEREAS by signing this agreement, the Province has “...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and,

WHEREAS Bill 108, which passed third reading and received royal assent on June 6, 2019, impacts 15 different Acts – Cannabis Control Act; Conservation Authorities Act; Development Charges Act; Education Act; Endangered Species Act; Environmental Assessment Act; Environmental Protection Act; Labour Relations Act; Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act; Municipal Act; Occupational Health and Safety Act; Ontario Heritage Act; Ontario Water Resources Act; Planning Act; Workplace Safety and Insurance Act; and,

WHEREAS the date upon which the portions of Bill 108 that change provisions of the Development Charges Act and Planning Act will come in to force have not yet been announced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings opposes Bill 108, which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Billings calls upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

2019-172 Jackson – Hunt

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 507/18 requires municipalities to update their Conservation and Demand Management Plans by July 1, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings hereby adopts the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Update 2020-2024 as circulated.

Carried

2019-173 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Gail Los and Ann Parsons to the Billings Public Library Board.

Carried

2019-174 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following accounts for payment

General Accounts \$149,229.97

and that cheques number 5236 to 5254 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

2019-175 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O.*

Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to an identifiable individual and contract negotiations.

Carried

2019-176 Passed in closed session approving minutes of a previous closed session.

Councillor Jackson declared a pecuniary interest for the closed session item regarding the cleaning contract for the following reason: “my husband...works for Manitoulin Cedar Products and could possibly be seen as a conflict of interest.” Councillor Jackson left the closed session meeting for the discussion of this item.

2019-177 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:55 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

2019-178 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct our CAO Kathy McDonald to negotiate a contract for cleaning services with Manitoulin Cedar Products.

Carried

Councillor Jackson did not participate in the vote on this motion.

2019-179 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the contract update with Seven Rock Technology as detailed in the Township of Billings Waterfront Improvements Technical Engineering Support Proposal dated May 24, 2019.

Carried

2019-180 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2019-30, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2019-181 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 9:59 p.m. until the regular meeting of July 2, 2019 or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.