



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Council Meeting: June 20th, 2023

To review the agenda and accompanying staff reports, please visit our website <https://billingstwp.ca/council-meetings/2023-council-agendas-and-minutes/>

○ **Body Worn Camera Policy**

- Council approved a Body Worn Camera Policy with the By-Law coming forward at the next meeting.
- The purpose of the Body Worn Camera policy is to authorize Township staff to deploy and use body-worn cameras and to ensure that their use by staff occur in such a way as to make certain that public interests are served by:
 - Improving the transparency of the Township with regards to any potential allegations of discreditable conduct, improper conduct, or other types of misconduct by staff;
 - Ensuring the accountability of the Township and Township staff through internal and public oversight systems;
 - Protecting individuals' right to privacy by limiting access to recordings from body worn cameras to the greatest extent possible and to a limited number of people as possible;
 - Ensuring individuals have access to personal information pertaining to them which is collected by the body-worn cameras;
 - Enhancing public trust during the enforcement process;
 - Enhancing public and officer safety;
 - Providing improved evidence for investigative, judicial and oversight purposes;
 - Ensuring a timely and fair response to misconduct allegations against staff, in a manner that enhances public and staff confidence in the Township's complaint and enforcement process; and
 - Providing information as to the effectiveness of Township's procedures and training This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.

○ **2023 Water Rates**

- Aligning to the 2021-2027 Water System Financial Plan, Council supported a 1.5% increase in the annual water fee of \$1,392.00 per user (remining two levies of 2023) and bulk water rates for 2024 of \$304.50. Staff is also reviewing options for implementing a card system for bulk water with a further report coming forward.

○ **Museum Nomination**

- Mayor Barker reported to Council that the Old Mill Heritage Centre has been nominated for Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming for "History Day in Kagawong." Council congratulated the Billings Museum Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Members of the public who wish to comment on meeting items are welcome to do so in writing to tmills@billingstwp.ca comments will be included in the next available agenda package.

The Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 4th, 2023 @ 7pm in person at the Park Centre, the agenda will be posted at www.billingstwp.ca the Friday prior to the meeting.