

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

June 21st, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Arthur Moran, By Law Officer; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021-200 Barker - Alkenbrack

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021-201 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 1st, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

I, Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No. 8 f) Item Title Kagawong Market Location for the following reason: I participate in the Kagawong Market.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) May 27th, 2021

2021-202 Hunt - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 27th, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) June 1st, 2021

2021-203 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 1st, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

c) June 8, 2021

2021-204 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 8th, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Health and Safety Report

Council received report.

b) By Law Report

Council received report.

c) Medical Centre Ad Hoc Committee Report May

Council received report.

d) Medical Centre Ad Hoc Committee Report June

Council received report.

e) Museum Committee Report

Council received report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Main Street Construction Update

Council received update.

b) Broadband Update

Council received update.

c) Call to Artists Flywheel Update

Council received update.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) COVID-19 Update

Council received update.

b) Lyme Disease Research

2021-205 Barker - Hunt

WHEREAS May was Lyme Disease National Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury District Health Unit is a high-risk area for ticks and Lyme Disease, and cases continue to increase; and

WHEREAS Ontario health does not cover treatment and testing for all strains of Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a crippling disease if not diagnosed and treated appropriately;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Billings call on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, local MPPs and Public Health Sudbury and Districts be sent correspondence of Council's decision.

Carried

**c) Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA
2021-206 Alkenbrack - Jackson**

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Billings, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2021;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage or staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number of physical locations does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information to launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;

4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requestors, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Carried

d) Custodian Position

2021-207 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to hire Tavis Case to the Custodian position.

Carried

e) Manitoulin Family Resources Story Walk

2021-208 Jackson - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council allow Manitoulin Family Resources to install a Story Walk on the Bridal Veil Falls Trail System with the caveat that they are responsible for maintaining and removing all materials when completed.

Carried

f) Kagawong Market

2021-209 Hunt - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED That Council advise Staff to close Henry Drive every Wednesday during Market hours to allow for all vendors to set up responsibly and to enable them to follow all COVID-19 safety precautions.

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. INFORMATION

a) District Services Board First Quarter Financials

Council received report.

b) Fisheries and Oceans Canada Environmental Assessment Work

Council received report.

c) Township of The Archipelago Bill 228 - Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam

Council received report.

d) Integrity Commissioner Report

Council received report.

e) Manitoulin Planning Board Minutes

Council received report.

- f) **Town of Halton Hills Elimination of Local Planning Appeal Tribunal**
Council received report.
- g) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Stage 1 Completion**
Council received report.
- h) **FONOM Media Release**
Council received report.
- i) **Public Health Sudbury and Districts Board Meeting Minutes**
Council received report.
- j) **Extension of Orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)**
Council received report.
- k) **Entering Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen**
Council received report.
- l) **Regional Municipality of York Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"**
Council received report.
- m) **Municipality of Calvin Support for Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations**
Council received report.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2021-210 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Authorizes the following accounts for payment:

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| General Accounts | \$201,482.39 |
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and that cheques numbers 6778 to 6807 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

11. CLOSED SESSION

a) **Section 239(2)d Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations**

2021-211 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations*, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. in order to discuss an item involving an identifiable individual.

Carried

2021-213 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from the closed session at 8:34 p.m. and resumes the regular meeting.

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-214 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2021-215 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk