

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

July 7, 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; Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Kim Neale, Climate Change Coordinator
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public
Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-210 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:07 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-211 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the July 7, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as amended.

Carried

New Business item (b) was removed.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2020-212 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the June 15, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Welcome Centre operations committee meeting held June 15, 2020. The Welcome Centre will be run by Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands museum staff for the 2020 season.

7. Old Business

a) 2020-26 by-law to authorize contract with Build North Construction 2020-213 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-26, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Build North Construction, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

8. New Business

a) Fire Department Application – Kelly Lee Parker

2020-214 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Kelly Lee Parker's application to join the Billings Fire Department, pending a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Records Check.

Carried

b) Honora Lakeshore Road repairs

2020-215 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to engage H&R Noble for emergency road repairs to Honora Lakeshore Road, for the estimated cost of \$15,000 + HST.

Carried

c) Manitoulin Planning Board consent application B08-20

2020-216 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council notify the Manitoulin Planning Board that it has no comment or concerns regarding Consent application B08-20.

Carried

d) Main Street engineering RFP results

2020-217 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the proposal from EXP Engineering Services, for design and associated engineering services related to reconstruction of Main Street, in the hamlet of Kagawong, at a cost of \$138,417.50 + HST.

Carried

e) Joint letter re: COVID funding assistance

2020-218 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings endorses the letter from the Manitoulin Island Covid-19 Leadership Coordination Committee to the Minister of Health dated June 22, 2020, regarding financial assistance and insurer exclusions.

Carried

f) COVID-19 response update

The Mayor provided an update on the virtual town hall meeting held July 2nd with local businesses.

9. Correspondence

a) FONOM re: Blue Box transition

2020-219 Barker – Jackson

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern; and,

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly; and,

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes; and,

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Billings is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Billings is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces; and,

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Billings forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

Carried

b) Township of Assiginack re: Ontario Curt of Appeal decision allowing voluntary intoxication as defense

The correspondence was received.

c) Willa Wilson re: Monarchs and roadside cutting

The correspondence was received. No formal direction was given, but there was consensus to explore options for preserving and enhancing monarch habitat and promoting citizen action for the protection of this species.

d) Melanie Hunt re: trail reopening

The correspondence was received.

**e) Town of Kingsville re: Commercial Rent Assistance Program
2020-220 Alkenbrack – Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Town of Kingsville in requesting the provincial government expand their Rent Assistance Program to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all 'residential-above-commercial' properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance and MPP Michael Mantha.

Carried

**f) Township of the Archipelago re: OPP Detachment Boards
2020-221 Barker – Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings shares the opinion of the Municipality of McDougall, the Township of the Archipelago and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities that current District Services Boards are not the best solution for overseeing northern OPP detachments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the FONOM, AMO, the Solicitor General and MPP Michael Mantha.

Carried

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-222 Alkenbrack – Barker

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

General Accounts \$204,907.32

and that cheques number 6295 to 6336 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-223 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-224 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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