



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council Meeting: July 16th, 2024

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Mud Creek Access

- Council passed a motion directing staff to review and report on options for improving access to the properties on Mud Creek Road.
- It may be possible to provide access to properties on Mud Creek Road without the need for an expensive bridge replacement. The purpose of this staff-level review would be to examine the potential for other approaches, their comparative costs/cost-effectiveness, as well broader implications.
- It is important to note that this would be a scoping and review exercise; it is not an engineering study.

Lakeshore Road Review

- Council passed a motion directing staff to research options to complete a structural review of Lakeshore Road utilizing local experts.
- The purpose of this research would be to determine if there are any historical documents that would aid in an in-house review of Lakeshore Road in order to approach an outside source to determine the Township's next steps.

Speed Limit and Community Safety Zone Policy

- Staff has started a review of all roads in the Township of Billings in line with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Community Safety and the Strategic Plan.
- The Speed Limit and Community Safety Policy will aid the Township in establishing consistent, enforceable, and safe speed limits and initiatives on its roads. Road safety initiatives could include strategies such as the widening of shoulders, the reduction of brush, the addition of lighting, etc.
- A draft version of this policy will be presented to Council at the end of 2024.

Support for the Joint Health Resolution Campaign

- Council passed a motion in support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) urging the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage on Manitoulin Island and to provide an appropriate amount of funding so every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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 August 6th, 2024 @ 7pm in person at the Kagawong Park Centre.

The agenda and virtual connection details will be posted at <https://billingstwp.ca/council-meetings/2024-council-agendas-and-minutes/> the Friday prior to the meeting.