

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

August 4, 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; Arthur Moran, Health and Safety/By-law Officer; Kim Neale, Climate Change Coordinator

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-240 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present electronically at 4:03 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

2020-241 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 4, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Alkenbrack declared a pecuniary interest for item New Business g) – museum funding application: I, Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, declare a deemed pecuniary interest on agenda item g) titled museum funding application for the following reason and it's a family connection.

Councillor Jackson declared a pecuniary interest for item New Business k) – Manitoulin Sea Cadets donation request: I would like to declare a pecuniary interest for what could be perceived as a conflict of interest regarding item 8 k) on the agenda, which is Manitoulin Sea Cadets donation request. The reason being my husband is employed by Brad MacKay whose daughter is a member of the Manitoulin Navy League Sea Cadets 348.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2020-242 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the July 20, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

None.

7. Old Business

a) AMO conference

Councillors Alkenbrack and Jackson reported that they are still able to attend. Councillor Hunt may not be able to attend the full conference; Mayor Anderson will fill in where he is able.

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 response update

2020-243 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to consult with the township's insurance provider regarding reopening the Kagawong Fitness Centre and report back to Council.

Carried

Councillor Barker provided background with respect to the island-wide isolation centre concept, and the preliminary investigation into collaborative purchasing of one or more tent-like structures for this purpose.

b) OPP detachment closures

Councillor Barker reported on the July 22nd meeting at the new OPP headquarters, regarding the closure of the Manitowaning and Mindemoya detachments. HE reported that the OPP assured attendees that there will be no impact to policing service (*i.e.*, no fewer officers) resulting from these closures. He also reported that the Gore Bay detachment will remain open at this time.

c) Changes to the Environmental Assessment Act

Council received the information provided in the agenda package.

d) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee resignation

2020-244 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts Nora Bath-Haring's resignation from the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee as well as the Museum Committee.

Carried

e) Snow plow request for proposals

2020-245 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to prepare an RFP for the purchase of a new tandem snow plow truck.

Carried

f) Economic Development Officer position

2020-246 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the creation of a full-time, permanent Economic Development Officer position.

Carried

g) Museum funding application

Councillor Alkenbrack declared a pecuniary interest for this item (see Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest).

2020-247 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to apply for COVID-19 related emergency funding from the federal Museum Assistance Program (Heritage Canada).

Carried

h) Broadband

2020-248 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the EDO to continue to monitor and report on the broadband file.

Carried

i) 2020-30 illegal dumping/littering by-law

2020-249 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-30, being a by-law to prohibit the dumping of waste or littering on municipal or private property in the Township of Billings, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

j) 2020-31 property standards by-law

2020-250 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-31, being a by-law for prescribing the standards for maintenance and occupancy of property within the Township of Billings; and for prohibiting the occupancy and use of such property below the standards prescribed, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

Councillor Alkenbrack requested that consideration be given to including Dark Sky provisions with respect to exterior lighting, and enquired as to who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of this by-law. The CAO reported that the

standards wording was taken directly from the Residential Tenancies Act , and that compliance will be achieved through the building permit process and by-law enforcement.

k) Manitoulin Sea Cadets donation request

Councillor Jackson declared a pecuniary interest for this item (see Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest).

2020-251 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes a donation of \$250 to the Manitoulin Navy League for the Manitoulin Sea Cadet program.

Carried

l) Kagawong River warning signage

The Mayor reported on his conversations with the coroner with respect to developing warning signage at the Kagawong River mouth. Council supported the Mayor in continuing to work with the coroner on this and bring forward draft wording for Council's approval.

m) Corporate and Community greenhouse gas inventory

2020-252 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Township of Billings Greenhous Gas (GHG) Inventory as presented by the Climate Change Coordinator.

Carried

n) Waterfront Project – small craft basin additional scope, shoreline stabilization

2020-253 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the quote from Build North, in the amount of \$66,736.50 plus HST, to provide and install additional shoreline stabilization and protection in the vicinity of the Old Mill.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Township of South Glengarry and Town of Amherstburg re: Long Term Care homes

2020-254 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council joins the Township of South Glengarry and Town of Amherstburg in calling on the provincial government to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long term care homes, regularly inspect all long term care homes, and ensure sound infection control measures are put in place at all Ontario long term care homes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Minister Fullerton, MPP Michael Mantha, the Township of South Glengarry and the Town of Amherstburg.

Carried

b) Town of Amherstburg re: ICIP funding fast-track

2020-255 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council joins the Town of Amherstburg in calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to fast-track the review of current and previous Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, the Minister of Infrastructure, AMO, ROMA and the Town of Amherstburg.

Carried

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

Councillor Jackson requested that Waste Reduction Week 2020 be brought forward for discussion on a future agenda.

11. Accounts for Payment

Councillor Hunt declared a pecuniary interest for this item due to his employment with Canada Post.

2020-256 Alkenbrack – Jackson

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

General Accounts \$47,936.69

and that cheques number 6356 to 6373 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-257 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-32, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-258 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

08/05/2020:mb