



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Council Meeting Minutes
September 19th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor
David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor
Jim Cahill, Councillor
Vince Grogan, Councillor
Michael Hunt, Councillor

Staff

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk
Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager
Chris Cyr, Public Works Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barker called the Council meeting of the Township of Billings to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda.

2023-464

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves the agenda as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None noted

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the following meetings of Council:

4.1. Regular Council Meeting – September 5th, 2023

2023-465

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the September 5th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes adopted as presented.

Carried.

5. Delegation



6. Committee Reports

6.1. Members of Council were provided with an opportunity to report on Committee and Board meetings. – *No updates provided*

6.1.1. Manitoulin Planning Board Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2023
2023-466

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 6, Committee Reports.

Carried.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. BP-2023-09-09 Building By-law
2023-467

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report BP-2023-09-09 AND authorizes repealing By-Law No. 94-10 being the Building Permit By-Law to remove outdated legislation AND provide for a Building By-Law to regulate the erection, alteration, construction and demolition of various types of structures within the Township of Billings as amended to include the definition for shed AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

7.2. MPM-09-14 Shoreline Stabilization Project Update (ICIP-COVID Resilience Stream)
2023-468

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report MPM-2023-09-14 AND FURTHER approves continuation of the project on a time and materials basis with H&R Noble Construction within the parameters of the grant.

Carried.

7.3. PW-2023-09-07 Public Works Quarterly Update
2023-469

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report PW-2023-09-07.

Carried.

7.4. PW-2023-09-08 2023/2024 Winter Maintenance Plan
2023-470



Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard
THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report PW-2023-09-07 AND approves the 2023/2024 Winter Operations Planning Document as presented.

Carried.

7.5. TR-2023-09-12 Old Mill Upper Lease Request
2023-471

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report TR-2023-09-12 AND approves entering into a lease agreement with Richard and Barbara Edwards for the Old Mill Upper space for a three-year term at rate of \$5,049.72 per year AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-coming forward.

Carried.

7.6. CAO-2023-09-21 Health and Wellness Spending Account Policy (2)
2023-472

Moved by Cahill Seconded by Barker

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CAO-2023-09-21 AND approves the adoption of a Health and Wellness Spending Account Policy with the following amendment: include a cumulative cap of \$2,500 applies for the Employee Benefit Package Overages only AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

7.7. CLK-2023-09-27 Strategic Plan Request for Proposal
2023-473

Moved by Hillyard Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CAO-2023-09-27 AND approves the proposal of Capital Park Consulting Inc in the amount of \$29,765 plus HST to provide a five-year strategic plan for the Township of Billings AND FURTHER approves the appropriate By-law coming forward on tonight's agenda.

Carried.

7.8. CLK-2023-09-29 Committee Update
2023-474

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves report CLK-2023-09-29 AND directs staff to advertise for members of the public to sit on the Climate Action



Committee, the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee, the Parks Recreation and Wellness Committee and the Billings Library Board.

Carried.

8. Old Business

- 8.1. Procedural By-Law Update- Due to the current priority projects, the procedural by-law update has been delayed, staff propose to have a draft to Council at the beginning of 2024.
- 8.2. Council members are provided with an opportunity to bring up Old Business items.
By consensus, Council agreed the standing agenda item Old Business be removed from the agenda. Members of Council are to e-mail the CAO/Clerk to request any updates that are not included in staff reports.

9. Correspondence Requiring Direction

- 9.1. FONOM – September 10, 2023 Resolution FONOM has made a request for Council support regarding Northern Ontario School of Medicine – Physician Shortage

2023-475

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby supports the resolution presented regarding the Northern Ontario School of Medicine – Physical Shortage.

Carried

2023-476

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

WHEREAS the Township of Billings recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities



WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs
AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Billings strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and all the Municipalities on Manitoulin AND FURTHER directs the Mayor to also include the letter to the premier on behalf of the Township of Billings

Carried

Mayor Barker noted that the MMA sent a letter to the Township the day of the meeting regarding support for local physicians. The Clerk read the letter aloud. *The letter to form part of the minutes.*

2023-477

Moved By Hunt Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby endorse support to the MMA regarding support for additional physicians AND FURTHER directs the Mayor to draft a letter to the Minister of Health on behalf of the Township requesting prompt and practical solutions for the health crisis on Manitoulin Island.

Carried.

10. Information

- 10.1. Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative
- 10.2. OPP: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

2023-478

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan



THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 10.

Carried.

11. Accounts for Payment

- 11.1. Accounts for Payment to September 14, 2023
2023-479

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves, ratifies, and confirms the September 14th, 2023 Accounts for Payment as presented.

Carried.

12. By-Laws and Agreements

- 12.1. 2023-94 Service Recognition Policy By-Law
2023-480

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan

THAT By-Law No. 2023-94 being the Adopt a Service Recognition Policy By-Law be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September, 2023.

Carried

- 12.2. 2023-95 Capital Park Consulting Inc Strategic Plan RFP By-Law
2023-481

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT By-Law No. 2023-95 being the Capital Park Consulting Inc Strategic Plan RFP By-Law be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of September, 2023.

Carried

13. Notice of Motions

None noted.

14. Closed Session

- 14.1. **Move into Closed Session**
2023-482

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby moves into Closed Session pursuant to [s. 239(2)(f)] advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications



necessary for that purpose – Old Mill Road Waterline project AND FURTHER returns to open session upon completion.

Carried.

15. Report out of Closed Session

2023-487

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT Mayor Barker reported a closed meeting was held where direction was given to staff regarding advice subject to solicitor-client privilege related to the Old Mill Road Waterline project.

Carried

16. Confirmatory By-Law

16.1. By-Law No. 2023-96 Being the September 19th, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law
2023-488

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Cahill

THAT By-Law No. 2023-96 being the September 19th, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 19th day of September, 2023.

Carried.

17. Adjournment

17.1. Motion to Adjourn

2023-489

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 10:58 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Bryan Barker

CAO/Clerk Emily Dance