

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
Minutes

September 21, 2020

Park Centre Upper
39 Henry Dr. Kagawong

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

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Kim Neale, Climate Change Coordinator

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

Regrets: none

1. Opening of Meeting

2020-278 Alkenbrack – Barker

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. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

I, Councillor Michael Hunt, declare a potential pecuniary interest on agenda item no. 6408 item title Accounts for Payment for the following reason: I am the Postmaster where the postage was purchased.

I, Councillor Bryan Barker, declare a potential deemed pecuniary interest on agenda item no. h item title 2020-35 Park Centre Rental Rates for the following reason: teach instructional courses on behalf of federal and provincial government and at times rent the Park Centre for this purpose.

3. Approval of Agenda

2020-279 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 1, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as amended.

Carried

An item, Christmas in Kagawong, was added as New Business k).

4. Adoption of Minutes

2020-280 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the September 1, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

a) Bob Cacciotti – Survey/Old Church on the Hill

Mr. Cacciotti presented a delegation regarding a survey conducted at the Kagawong Market on July 29, 2020, on behalf of an unidentified group of Billings residents. The group proposed purchasing the Old Church on the Hill from the township and operating it as a non-profit event space.

6. Committee Reports

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the September 9, 2020, Economic Development Committee meeting.

7. Old Business

a) Digital Main Street application

Council received the information provided in the agenda package.

b) Library/Museum intern position

2020-281 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the recommendation of the Billings Public Library Board and authorizes the CAO/Clerk to hire Darcy Woods for the Heritage Research Intern position.

Carried

c) Snow plow truck RFP results

2020-282 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the bid from Rush Truck Centre for a 2021 International HV613 and additional equipment at a cost of \$308,989.68 and \$11,674.50 plus HST for the extended warranty.

Carried

d) Waste Reduction Week 2020

2020-283 Jackson – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS a proclamation is a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance; and,
WHEREAS Waste Reduction Week 2020 is conveniently timed the week of October 19-25, which also coincides with when the Climate Change Coordinator and Climate Action Committee will be seeking feedback from citizens on the upcoming Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and,

WHEREAS Waste reduction is directly connected to reductions in GHG emissions and taking action to curb the impacts of climate change for our citizens is of great importance;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby proclaims October 19-25, 2020, as Waste Reduction Week in the Township of Billings.

Carried

e) Kagawong Fitness Centre

2020-284 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the reopening of the Kagawong Fitness Centre, subject to the Kagawong Fitness Centre COVID-19 Policy and Procedure.

Carried

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 response update

The CEMC updated Council on the security service contract for Bridal Veil Falls.

b) Manitoulin Planning Board application for deeming - Wist

2020-285 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council notify the Manitoulin Planning Board to bring forward a deeming by-law with respect to lots 13 and 14, Plan S-151 (Wist).

Carried

c) Manitoulin Planning Board application for consent - Pennock

2020-286 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council notify the Manitoulin Planning Board that it has no comment or concerns regarding Consent application B11-20 (Pennock).

Carried

d) Manitoulin Planning Board draft application form for Official Plan amendments

Council received the information provided in the agenda package.

e) Ontario Power Generation proposal re: electric vehicle charging stations

2020-287 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the Letter of Intent with Ontario Power Generation regarding negotiations for establishing an electric vehicle charging station(s) within the Township of Billings.

Carried

f) Cedar maze rehabilitation

2020-288 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to include the cedar maze rehabilitation in the 2021 budget and defer the work until spring 2021.

Carried

g) Gagnon Renewable Resources Inc WE Manitoulin Project proposal

2020-289 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the Letter of Intent with Gagnon Renewable Resources Inc for a feasibility study to support their WE Manitoulin Project.

Carried

h) 2020-35 Park Centre rental rates

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

2020-290 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-35, being a by-law to set fees for private and public rental of the Kagawong Park Centre, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

i) Council remuneration

Council directed staff to bring forward further information and a recommendation for Council's consideration.

j) CEMC remuneration

2020-291 Jackson – Hunt

WHEREAS the previous CEMC was provided an annual salary of \$4000; and,
WHEREAS when the current CEMC was appointed there was no remuneration paid to her; and,

WHEREAS the CEMC position should come with compensation for the extra work required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes a \$4000 annual stipend for the current CEMC, effective January 1, 2020, to be paid in full for 2020 now and in quarterly installments moving forward (January, March, June, September).

Carried

k) Christmas in Kagawong

Council discussed implications of newly lowered gathering limits for this event. The event will proceed as planned, pending further changes in status of the COVID-19 situation.

9. Correspondence

a) Loyalist Township re: ferries as essential transportation services

2020-292 Hunt – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings supports Loyalist Township's request to the Ministry of Transportation with respect to ferries as essential links in the public transportation system and their eligibility for pandemic relief programs.

Carried

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

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

2020-293 Jackson – Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$572,636.26

and that cheques number 6407 to 6435 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-294 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2020-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-295 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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