

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

October 19, 2020

Park Centre, Upper Level
39 Henry Drive, 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; and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

Media: Tom Sasvari

Regrets: None

1. Open

2020-311 Alkenbrack – Hunt

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. Approval of Agenda

2020-312 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 19, 2020 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

a) October 5, 2020 special

2020-313 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the October 5, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Carried

b) October 6, 2020

2020-314 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the October 6, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

a) Billings Museum Committee – October 5, 2020

Councillor Hunt reported on the October 5, 2020, Billings Museum Committee meeting.

b) Lake Kagawong Resource Committee – October 13, 2020

Councillor Barker reported on the October 13, 2020, Lake Kagawong Resource Committee meeting.

7. Old Business

a) 2020-38 Deeming by-law (Lots 13 & 14 Plan S151)

2020-315 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-38 be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

b) 2020-39 Council remuneration

2020-316 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-39 be given first reading.

Carried

Council directed the CAO/Clerk to amend the by-law to include provisions for council-endorsed educational/conference/training events and travel days (if travel requires an overnight stay) at a rate of \$75 per day plus mileage.

c) 2020-40 by-law to amend PRW TOR

2020-317 Jackson – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-40 be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

d) Digital Service Squad

Council received an update on this contract position.

8. New Business

a) Covid-19 Response

The CEMC provided an update regarding advice for hunting season.

b) Rebranding Committee wrap up

2020-318 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the recommendation of the Rebranding Committee and hereby dismisses this ad hoc Committee as they have achieved their objectives in service to Council.

Carried

c) Waterfront Project Update

The Economic Development Officer provided an update on the Waterfront project.

d) Main Street Reconstruction Project update

The Economic Development Officer provided an update on the Main Street Reconstruction project.

e) Broadband update

The Economic Development Officer provided an update on the broadband file.

f) COOP aerial imagery update

2020-319 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to provide a Letter of Intent to participate in the COOP 2021 aerial imagery project.

Carried

g) Ontario Fire Marshall – staffing levels and firefighter safety

Council discussed reviewing current fire department practices and procedures to ensure compliance with current best practices and legislative requirements.

h) Training opportunity

2020-320 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following persons to attend the 'Making the Most of a Good Crisis – Thoughts and Tools for Sustaining Community' session on October 23, 2020, registration to be paid by the township: Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Kathy McDonald, Megan Bonenfant, Todd Gordon.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Township of Asphodel-Norwood re: cannabis production

Correspondence received by Council.

b) Township of Blandford-Blenheim re: cannabis grow operations

Correspondence received by Council.

c) Loyalist Township re: funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Correspondence received by Council.

10. Information

Council received the listed information.

11. Accounts for Payment

2020-321 Jackson – Hunt

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

General Accounts \$159,200.94

And that cheques number 6454 to 6468 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None

13. Confirming By-Law

2020-322 Alkenbrack – Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-41, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council, be given first, second and third readings and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2020-323 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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