



Office Hours
Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 4pm
Friday 8:30am – 12pm

Landfill Hours
Tues & Thurs 2pm – 6pm
Sunday 10am – 4pm



The Municipal Office is CLOSED to the Public

In accordance with the current provincial State of Emergency Declaration and regulations, the municipal office is closed to the public and most of our staff are working remotely. We will continue to provide municipal services via telephone and email; however, telephone response time may be delayed. Staff email addresses are available on our website at www.billingstwp.ca. For physical document drop-off, please use the after-hours drop in the employee entrance at 15 Old Mill Road.

Upcoming Council Meetings *VIRTUAL*

Tuesday April 6th @ 7:30pm and Monday April 19th @ 7:30pm

Members of the public who wish to attend a Council or Committee Meeting can email Tiana Mills at billingsadmin@billingstwp.ca by 3:00 pm on meeting day for an invitation. A computer/tablet/mobile phone and internet connection, or a telephone, are required.

Landfill Reminder

Recycling and the use of **clear bags** for household waste are mandatory within the Township of Billings. The Township recently began implementation of a sequential fill and closure plan to extend the limited lifespan of the Kagawong landfill. This plan relies in part on our continued commitment to waste diversion through recycling!

Project Updates/Grant Applications

The Township has applied for Inclusive Communities Grant funding to improve the accessibility of the Old Mill building with barrier-free doors and a relocation of the steps to the building. Grants have yet to be awarded for this application.

The Township has also prepared an application for funding to stabilize the shoreline at the Kagawong low-lift station and Main St. in the vicinity of Beach St. This funding is through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP), COVID-19 Stream, a joint federal-provincial program. Billings, like all municipalities of similar size in Ontario, has been allocated \$100,000 under this program, but each project must be formally approved by both levels of government. Grants have yet to be awarded for this application.

An application to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative has been prepared and submitted to transform the current outdoor rink into an outdoor multi-purpose facility. Results of the application will be available May 14, 2021.

The Township has also drafted a proposal for a new bridge on the Kagawong Trail system. Please remember the old bridge is unsafe and out of order. The decommissioning of the old bridge will be included in the new bridge proposal.

The Billings Public Works Department has been busy building planter boxes and benches to beautify our Small Craft Basin and to replace some of the old planter boxes around town. A group of volunteers, called the Late Bloomers, will be working to fill these new planters with a variety of plants and flowers. If you are interested in working with the Late Bloomers please email Linda at jferguson@manitoulin.net. We are looking forward to these beautiful new additions in downtown Kagawong!

Main Street Reconstruction

Construction is expected to commence mid April, with substantial completion by September 30th. The scope of the project extends from the intersection of Hwy 540, through the village past the Aus Hunt Marina (approximately 1 km total). There will be a Public Information Session hosted by the EXP Engineering Firm on April 15th to detail what you can expect with project construction in the upcoming months. Stay tuned for event details via the Township Website, Facebook page and mass mailout!

Community Emissions and Energy Plan (CEEP)

Thank you to all Township of Billings residents that participated in the climate change survey and public engagement that was open in the month of February! The results of the survey will be available on the Township of Billings website mid April and a link will be posted on Facebook to the survey results as well.

The composter prize will be drawn on Thursday April 22th which also happens to be Earth Day! Winners will be contacted via email and with permission announced via Facebook.

Didn't have a chance to participate in the climate change survey and public engagement – don't worry, we welcome members of the public to attend Climate Action Committee meetings and will accept community comments and recommendations on the draft CEEP. Climate change planning requires as much feedback from residents as possible and we hope you enjoyed participating in the survey as much as we enjoyed making it! The next Climate Action Committee meetings are Wednesday April 7th and Wednesday April 21st at 7pm.

Committee Updates

** All Council & Committee Agendas and Minutes are posted on our Website: www.billingstwp.ca **

Economic Development Committee (EDC) The Billings Council, Staff, and the EDC have committed to create a new promotion strategy for the municipality including a new business brochure which is under development.

Parks Recreation and Wellness (PRW) The Easter treat giveaway is Saturday, April 3 starting at 11am at the Kagawong Park Centre parking lot. Everyone is welcome! In order to follow all COVID-19 protocols, we will not be hosting a traditional egg hunt. Treats will be handed out to parents and children in their vehicles. Please wear a mask! National Volunteer recognition week is April 18th – 24th. Our community spirit is alive and well. Thank you to our volunteers for all you do for our community: sitting on a board or committee, fire department, planting flowers and so much more! Earth Day is Thursday April 22nd 2021. Everyone is encouraged to help by pitching in to strengthen our community's response to waste. If there are people who want to volunteer and have any questions, please check out the following link:

<https://www.earthday.org/your-first-cleanup-what-to-know-and-expect-15-tips-for-first-time-volunteers>



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				1 Landfill 2pm-6pm	2 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	3 Easter Treat Giveaway Park Centre 11am-1pm
4 Landfill 10am-4pm	5 Easter Monday OFFICE CLOSED	6 Council Meeting 7:30pm Landfill 2pm-6pm	7 Climate Action Committee 7:00pm	8 Landfill 2pm-6pm	9	10
11 Landfill 10am-4pm	12 Museum Committee Meeting 7:00pm	13 Landfill 2pm-6pm	14 Economic Development Committee 7:00pm	15 Info Session: Main Street Hill Project Landfill 2pm-6pm	16	17
18 Landfill 10am-4pm	19 Council Meeting 7:30pm	20 Landfill 2pm-6pm	21 Climate Action Committee 7:00pm	22 Lake Kagawong Resource Committee 7:00pm Landfill 2pm-6pm	23	24
25 Landfill 10am-4pm	26 Parks, Rec & Wellness 7:00pm	27 Landfill 2pm-6pm	28	29 Landfill 2pm-6pm	30	CONT'D From April 22 EARTH DAY Composter Draw

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