

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2017

Present: Mayor Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine and Brian Parker

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer and Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Media: Tom Sasvari

Delegations: Merv Gilchrist, Fire Chief and Aaron Wright, Training Officer from Billings Fire Department
Members of the General Public

2017- 304 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Austin Hunt presiding.

Carried

2017-305 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the December 18, 2017 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

The agenda was amended to move from Correspondence 9 a) Correspondence from Fire Department to Delegations 5 b) to allow for the fire department to combine the presentation and written request. Added to the agenda under Committee Reports was Connie Suite. Also added to the agenda under Old Business 7 e) Strategic Plan Timeline

2017-306 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the December 5, 2017 minutes as presented.

Carried

Fire Chief Merv Gilchrist gave the 2017 report of the fire department. Training Officer Aaron Wright provided Council with an overview of the training that the fire department is doing.

Chief Merv Gilchrist discussed the letter from Deputy Fire Chief Randy Peters requesting that the township pass a by-law allowing for a boot drive at the fire hall.

Connie Suite gave an update on the heating/cooling system at the Little Current Centennial Manor. After funding the townships will have to split the remaining cost of approximately \$34000 to fund the remainder of the costs associated with the heating/cooling system replacement.

2017-307 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township direct the Clerk Treasurer to develop a by-law to cover the Fire Departments Annual Boot Drive.

Carried

Councillor Erskine reported on the December 6, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting and the annual planning session.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Go Green Committee and the December 13, 2017 Joint Building Committee meeting.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Ontario 150 Signage Committee meeting.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on Christmas in Kagawong. They had between 800-900 people visit the event in two days.

2017-308 Erskine – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that further to directions from the municipal lawyer, the township is going to block off the access to the deviation road around the falls, on Falls Hill, Concession 14, Lot 6 Allan Township, no longer allowing public access.

Carried

2017-309 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2017-43, being a by-law to establish a Harassment, Discrimination and violence in the workplace policy, be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-310 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-44, being a by-law to establish a new trailer by-law be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-311 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer hire a firm to provide Councillor training for New Council members in the future.

Carried

2017-312 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Mayor Hunt and Brian Parker at the AMO Convention, August 19-22 in Ottawa.

Carried

2017-313 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts for the Park Centre, with thanks, the donation of melamine plates and stainless steel stock pots from the euchre group.

Carried

2017-314 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2017-45, being a by-law to enter into a four year fixed rate loan extension agreement be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-315 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates request to establish a kiosk in Billings Township at the Park Centre parking lot, location to be determined.

Carried

2017-316 Alkenbrack – Parker

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

General Accounts \$71,620.58

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 4869 to 4883 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2017-317 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2017-46, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-318 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourn from this regular meeting of Council at 9:36 p.m. until our next regular meeting of January 15, 2018, or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Austin Hunt, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.