



Office Hours

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

Landfill Hours

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

Holiday Hours

The Municipal Office will be closed from 4pm on
December 23rd until 8:30 am January 4th
The landfill will be closed Dec 24th & 31st

Upcoming Council Meetings *VIRTUAL*

December 1st 7:30 p.m.
December 21st 7:30 p.m.

Members of the public who wish to attend a Council Meeting should email mbonenfant@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.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Paint Workshop

December 5th 11am – 2pm at the Kagawong Park Centre
\$60/person, all materials provided
To Reserve a Spot email Sharon @ alkens@manitoulin.net

Meet and Greet with Santa

December 5th 5pm – 6:30pm Outdoors in Kagawong Park Centre Parking Lot.
Bring your letter to Santa and go home with a goodie bag!

Events brought to you by the Parks, Rec & Wellness and Economic Development Committees

COVID-19 Protocols Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household are feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, the flu or a cold | 25 people maximum (including Santa and organizers) at any one time | Masks mandatory | Hand sanitizer will be provided | Physical distancing of at least 2 metres from Santa and anyone not of your own household will be enforced | Information for contact tracing purposes will be collected

Project Updates

Small Craft Basin

The Small Craft Basin reconstruction in Kagawong has been completed and has resulted in expanded slip capacity - 42, an increase from approximately 30 in the old configuration. In addition, this project has resulted in entirely new docks and access ramps, and water/electrical hook-ups for some slips on the East and North sides. The break wall on the North side was raised and reinforced, and shoreline protection was added from the entrance to the SCB around in front of the Old Mill building to the public beach. All boat slips have been rented for the 2021 season, and there is currently a waiting list for slips. Stay tuned for a SCB grand opening early in the 2021 boating season.

Main Street Reconstruction

The re-design of Main St., Kagawong, is nearly complete, and the Township expects to release a tender for construction in early December. The scope of the project extends from the intersection of Hwy 540, Northerly through the village past the Aus Hunt Marina (approximately 1 km total). The project objectives include addressing drainage concerns, rehabilitating the surface and subsurface of the roadway, and improving safe pedestrian access between upper and lower Kagawong. Construction will begin as soon as possible in the late spring of 2021.

Digital Service Squad

Leah has been hired in collaboration with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. She has been working with several Main St. Businesses to improve their online presence, including assisting them with applications for additional funding under the Digital Main Street program.

Committee Updates

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

Parks, Recreation & Wellness Committee Next Meeting Date: January 25th 2021

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee mandate was recently expanded to include advising Council on the planning and execution of community events. The committee has already started brainstorming for events in 2021.

Economic Development Committee (EDC) Next Meeting Date: December 9th 2020

In spite of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 version of “Christmas in Kagawong” was held early at the Old Church on the Hill, and was well received and well attended. The EDC is planning events for 2021, including a social media workshop for businesses (February or March) and the Jabbawong Story-Telling Festival in July.

Climate Action Committee (CAC) Next Meeting Date: December 9th 2020

The Climate Action Committee is a municipal committee dedicated to creating a Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) with the support of a Climate Change Coordinator. The Climate Change Coordinator position and the CEEP process is being made possible by a grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Ontario government through the Ministry of Energy’s Municipal Energy Program and is shared 50/50 between Billings and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. The primary deliverable for these grants is the creation and implementation of community projects that will reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions within our municipality.

Key Topics: Forming recommendations to Council on a community survey that will help the committee determine what implementation projects are important to Billings residents and the potential use of a carbon calculator developed by a local non-for-profit that will help residents and businesses estimate their own carbon footprint.

Climate Action Project Updates

Conversion of Streetlights to LED:

- The streetlights in the Township of Billings were changed to LED’s in October. This simple infrastructure update is estimated to improve streetlight efficiency by 74% and has a payback period of 2.4yrs. LEDs last longer than traditional halogen light bulbs – 10yrs vs 5yrs. Final energy and GHG emissions reduction values are scheduled to be available in January for public review

Electric Vehicle Charging Station:

- In September 2020 the Township of Billings signed a Letter of Intent with OPG to evaluate the feasibility of joining the OPG/Hydro One Ivy charging network. Negotiations with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) on this program are still ongoing. The Climate Change Coordinator is simultaneously researching other Electric Vehicle charging station programs and opportunities. An Electric Vehicle charging station report is expected to be presented at the Climate Action Committee meeting on December 9th 2020.

Do you want to get involved with this climate change planning project or do you have questions about the work we are doing? Contact Kim Neale by email @ centralcc@eastlink.ca

Note

2021 is the last year of the 2018-2021 Billings Township Strategic Plan. As the municipality continues to implement the current plan, 2021 will be a transition year and Council will engage the community in preparing for the next planning cycle.

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Staff, Mayor and Council