

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Economic Development Committee
MINUTES

June 8th, 2022, 7:00 pm

Electronic Meeting (Zoom Meetings)

PRESENT: Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack (Chair), Chris Dietrich, Suzanne Darlaston, Councillor Sharon Jackson, Diane Larocque, Tracy Paris

Staff: Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager (MPM)

REGRETS: Chris Dietrich

Members of the Public: None

1. Opening of Meeting

Motion by Tracy Paris; Suzanne Darlaston:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sharon Jackson; Second by Tracy Paris:

That the agenda for the June 8th, 2022 meeting be accepted as amended: Items # iv) "fishing supplies at the marina," and v) "poetry/art boxes," added under New Business.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Diane Larocque; Second by Sharon Jackson:

That the minutes of the May 11th, 2022 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. Delegations

None

6. Council Update Report

Chair Alkenbrack provided a brief overview of highlights from recent council meeting(s) (including May 16th Reg & May 30th Special), which included: AHM dock purchase (sheet-piling wall), and the dedicated chicken-keeping bylaw first reading, as well as a reminder of the upcoming public information session on the new draft zoning by-law (June 15th).

7. Financial Report

The MPM reported that there was no formal financial report and that there had been no recent EDC-related expenditures.

8. MPM Update

The MPM's update was limited to giving notice of the imminent awarding of the firehall renovation engineering contract – following one more discussion by Council.

9. Old Business

a) Ongoing EDC initiatives

I. Jabbawong Festival

Speakers (story-tellers) roster firmed-up.

Confirmed that it is now a 2-day event. 2nd day dedicated to children's stories/activities

Possible workshops by one or more story-tellers, if details can be worked out. TBD.

The Chair left the committee to consider if/how they could re-gather the story-tellers from day 1 (Saturday) for best story-teller contest/award on the Sunday – at the end of the event

II. June Event

The committee agreed that with Jabbawong prep, and the fact that people seemed to be getting out and about (the early market start seemed to be helping), the June event would be held off this year. Kept in mind for a future year.

III. Fishing supplies at the marina

Further discussion with the marina manager revealed that more time was needed to properly organize and set-up the marina store for proper management of any new inventory, especially with respect to security concerns. So perhaps in 2023.

IV. Poetry/Art Boxes

The Chair confessed that the new boxes were not up yet, but their installation was imminent!

10. New Business

11. Correspondence

None

12. Information

None

13. Recommendations to Council

None

14. Next Meeting: June 29th, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Zoom Meetings (Special Pre-Jabbawong Final Check-In and Prep)

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Diane Larocque.