



**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, open by appointment only  
To make an appointment please call (705)282-2611**

### **Upcoming Council Meetings \*VIRTUAL\***

Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30pm and Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**Members of the public who wish to attend a Council or Committee Meeting email [mbonenfant@billingstwp.ca](mailto: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.**

### **Public Works Reminder**

The Public Works Department would like to remind all residents that when they are removing snow from their driveways, please do not push the snow across roadways in a way that will create ridges in the roadway. These are hazardous for the Township Snow Plow Operators. If you have hired a snow removal contractor, you should be discussing this with them. The home owner is responsible for the actions of their snow removal contractor.

### **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.

The municipality 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.

#### **Main Street Reconstruction**

The Kagawong Main Street reconstruction project has gone to tender ([www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com)). Tender close is February 5th, 2021, with contract award expected by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Construction expected to commence after May 1<sup>st</sup>, with substantial completion by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The scope of the project extends from the intersection of Hwy 540, through the village past the Aus Hunt Marina (approximately 1 km total).

#### **Digital Service Squad Update**

A couple Billings businesses who have applied for a grant to improve their online presence have been successful! Leah is also offering businesses free Google 360 photos to add to their Google My Business profile. These can also be used for your business website and social media. Google 360 photos can include: the outside of the business, across the street from your business, as well as the inside of your business. Having a google 360 photo on your google my business profile is something that will enhance the listing and will bring more potential customers in. To be in contact with Leah please email her at [leahbroekema@gmail.com](mailto:leahbroekema@gmail.com).

#### **Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)**

The Township of Billings will be kicking off 2021 focussing on our commitment to planning for an environmentally and fiscally sustainable future. Fun fact: the CEEP currently in development links to 12 of the 20 priorities identified the Township's Strategic Plan 2018-2021. The CEEP, underway since May 2019 and slated for finalization in early 2021, will help provide a solid, climate smart foundation for the Township as we move into our next planning cycle. **But the Township can't do this alone – we need your input.** We will be launching a **community survey** in February to find out how climate change is impacting your lives right now and how you rate specific climate actions the municipality could take to help mitigate and adapt to climate change in our community. This survey will be used by municipal staff, leadership, and the Climate Action Committee to help prioritize actions in the CEEP. The survey should take 10-20 minutes of your time online or by telephone. Please stay tuned for further details and keep an eye out for upcoming ads in the Expositor and Recorder on the project itself and why it's so important!

### **Committee Updates**

**\*\* All Council & Committee Agendas and Minutes are Posted on our Website: [www.billingstwp.ca](http://www.billingstwp.ca) \*\***

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)** 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. "Jabbawong" is derived from Lewis Carroll's concept of *jabberwock* or "excited and voluble discussion." The particulars of these events, and whether they happen at all, will depend on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Billings Council, staff, and the EDC have committed to creating a new promotion strategy for the municipality.

**Parks Recreation and Wellness (PRW)** Our community volunteers are maintaining and flooding the Outdoor Ice Rink, next to the Park Centre, which is wonderful to see. A big thank you to Andrew Preyde and members of our volunteer fire department! The dog park is still open. Please follow all posted Kagawong Canine Social Club rules.

**Climate Action Committee (CAC)** On December 1, 2020 Council approved a recommendation from the Climate Action Committee to conduct a Community Survey that will provide Township of Billings residents the opportunity to participate in creating the Community Emissions and Energy Plan (CEEP). Participants will be asked general questions about how climate change is impacting their lives right now and given the opportunity to rate specific climate actions the municipality could take to help mitigate and adapt to climate change in our community.

**Community Survey – Community Emissions and Energy Plan (CEEP)**

Launch: Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 to Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Survey will be open to all Township of Billings residents
- We are striving to keep the survey short – 10 min max (online) or 20 min max (telephone)
- The survey will be web based with an option to call a volunteer to complete the survey over the phone.
- The survey will provide a brief overview of climate science predictions and greenhouse gas emissions findings for our local community, summarizing key climate change considerations for planning purposes
- Have an opportunity to participate in the climate change planning process by helping us prioritize climate change mitigation and adaptation actions we can make, together, to create a more resilient community
- Community survey results to be available after March 5, 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Climate Action Committee 7:00pm	Council Meeting 7:30pm Landfill 2pm-6pm		Landfill 2pm-6pm		
Landfill 10am-4pm		Landfill 2pm-6pm	Economic Development Committee 7:00pm	Landfill 2pm-6pm		
Landfill 10am-4pm	Family Day Office CLOSED	Council Meeting 7:30pm Landfill 2pm-6pm		Landfill 2pm-6pm		
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