

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Austin Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine
Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent, Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk, Todd Gordon,
Economic Development Officer and Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk
Media: Sharon Jackson and Tom Sasvari
Delegations: Richard Paquette, Rainbow District Animal Services By-Law Enforcement
Members of the General Public

2018-157 Bath-Haring – Erskine

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

Carried

2018-158 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 5, 2018 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

The agenda was amended to add under New Business 8.g) Water Tower Maintenance

Councillor Erskine read the following statement:

“Mayor and Council,

I am aware of an item on the agenda for the Council meeting on Tuesday June 5, 2018 that involves a conflict of interest. The item entitled “Donations” includes reference to consideration of a donation to 4elements living arts. I need to recuse myself from discussion of the 4elements donation due to a conflict of interest. This conflict of interest consists of my spouse/life partner being a member of the Board of Directors for 4 elements living arts. Although there is no pecuniary interest involved, I understand that the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act precludes my decision-making affecting any organization or activity in which my partner is associated.”

2018-159 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the minutes of the May 22, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Richard Paquette of Rainbow District Animal Services and By-Law Enforcement made a presentation to Council regarding Animal Enforcement and By-Law Enforcement.

Councillor Bath-Haring reported on the June 4, 2018 Museum Committee meeting.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Recreation Committee and the preparations for Summerfest.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Canada 150 Committee.

Councillor Alkenbrack met with some members of various committees to discuss the content of the website and to suggest some changes.

2018-160 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2018-22, being a by-law to establish an Infrastructure Committee, be given first, second, and third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-161 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests an evening meeting of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board to discuss the long-term viability of the Manor.

Carried

2018-162 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a \$6500.00 contribution to the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

Carried

2018-163 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a \$9500 contribution to the Billings Library Board, which represents the remainder of their \$17,000 contribution for 2018.

Carried

Councillor Erskine declared a Conflict of Interest regarding New Business 8.d) Donation Requests. She did not take part in any of the discussion.

2018-164 Erskine – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves a \$100 donation over two years to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Special Advocacy Fund for the 2018 federal election.

Carried

2018-165 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to advertise for a full-time Administrative Assistant for the township office.

Carried

2018-166 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to execute the necessary documents with the Ontario Clean Water Agency and JDCMI for interior and exterior water tower maintenance, totaling \$310,185.00

Carried

2018-167 Alkenbrack – Erskine

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

General Accounts \$99,940.66

And that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 5622 to 5645 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2018-168 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-23, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-169 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 9:18 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on June 18, 2018 or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Austin Hunt, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

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