

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Austin Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine and Brian Parker
Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent, Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer, Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
Media: Tom Sasvari
Members of the General Public

2017-129 Alkenbrack – Parker

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

2017-130 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the May 2, 2017 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

2017-131 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Council meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Bath-Haring reported on the May 1, 2017 Museum Board Meeting and on the May 2, 2017 meeting of the members of the Tourist Information Centre.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Recreation Committee's Go Green day that was held April 22, 2017.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Joint Buildings Committee and the Canada 150 Committee.

Councillor Alkenbrack reported on the Economic Development Committee, the Paint Social and the upcoming Fibre Arts Festival May 13 and 14th.

Mayor Hunt reported that he had received a letter from Cheryl Gallant, MP regarding the Trudeau Liberals removing the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials.

2017-132 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2017-10, being a by-law for the purpose of amending Zoning By-law No. 80-11, being a by-law to regulate the use of land in the Township of Billings and Allan East, under the Authority of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.P.13, as amended be given first, second third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-133 Parker – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS Seniors' Month is an annual province-wide celebration;
WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;
WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;
WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;
WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;
WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township proclaim June as Seniors Month and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Carried

2017-134 Parker – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Council honours Jackie Gordon as Senior Citizen of the Year for Billings Township.

Carried

2017-135 Parker – Alkenbrack

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has proposed change number B-08-09-03 to the 2012 Building Code O. Reg. 332/12 as amended;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change requires septic tanks and other treatment units to be pumped out at least every five years, and records to be kept by the operator of the sewage system for submission to the chief building official upon request;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change identifies enforcement implications on principal authorities such as chief building officials due to the need for managing this program across their area of jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the cost/benefit implications of the proposed change fail to identify and include Municipal costs resulting from the enforcement implications for chief building officials

AND WHEREAS the proposed change also fails to identify new provincial funding to offset these additional costs;

AND WHEREAS homeowners with septic systems are already responsible for the negative impacts of poor septic system maintenance;

AND WHEREAS the justification/explanation for the proposed change provides no evidence that mandatory pump outs every five years will enhance the maintenance of conventional systems;

AND WHEREAS the Building Code Act could bestow sufficient authority to the council of a Municipality to pass by-laws establishing and governing septic system maintenance inspection programs on an as needed – where needed basis to address local concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Billings requests that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs defer implementation of proposed change number B-08-09-03 to the 2012 Building Code O. Reg 332/12 as amended until such time as Municipal consultations are undertaken to determine the true cost/benefit implications for municipalities and sufficient evidence is proved to justify the need for a provincial-wide mandatory septic system maintenance program.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Michael Mantha MPP, The Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Ministries and the Township of Madawaska Valley.

Carried

2017-136 Alkenbrack – Erskine

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

General Accounts \$76,602.42

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 4433 to 4456 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2017-137 Alkenbrack – Bath-Haring

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to d) labour relations or employee negotiations and e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affect the municipality or local board.

Carried

2017-138 Parker – Bath-Haring

A resolution was passed in camera regarding employee negotiations.

2017-139 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the minutes of the April 18, 2017 in camera meeting as presented.

Carried

2017-140 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourn from this in camera meeting and resumes our regular meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Carried

2017-141 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2017-21, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2017-142 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourn from this regular meeting of Council at 8:58 p.m. until our next regular meeting of May 15, 2017, 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 at a subsequent meeting.