



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

In accordance with the current provincial State of Emergency Declaration and regulations, the Municipal Office is closed to the public and most of our staff are working remotely. We will continue to provide municipal services via telephone and email; however, telephone response time may be delayed. Staff email addresses are available on our website at www.billingstwp.ca.

Water Levy payments are due May 15th, 2021. Online Bill payments are available with BMO (Township of Billings – Water). VISA and Mastercard are accepted over the phone (with no fee). Cheques can be mailed in for physical document drop-off, please use the after-hours drop in the employee entrance at 15 Old Mill Road.

Upcoming Council Meetings *VIRTUAL*

Tuesday May 4th @ 7:30pm and Monday May 17th @ 7:30pm

Members of the public who wish to attend a Council or Committee Meeting can email Tiana Mills at tmills@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.

By-Law Reminder

With the spring season now upon us, there may be a need to perform property clean-up and sometimes that involves burning debris that accumulated over the winter months. Please ensure that you contact the Township Office to obtain your Burn Permit as per Township By-law #2020-16. There is no fee for obtaining a Burn Permit. Spring is also the likely time to begin construction work on your permanent/seasonal homes. If you will be using a recreation trailer/vehicle for shelter while the construction is in process, please ensure that you have a Building Permit issued by the Township and a Trailer Permit as per the Township Trailer Bylaw # 2017-44 & 2019-29. Recreational trailers/vehicles are not permitted to be used on Vacant Lots. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 Township was unsuccessful with this application.

The Township 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. Grants have yet to be awarded for this application.

An application to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative has been prepared and submitted to transform the current outdoor rink into an outdoor multi-purpose facility. Results of the application will be available May 14, 2021.

Township staff are drafting a targeted RFP for engineering to replace the pedestrian bridge in the Kagawong River Trail. Completing the engineering will allow for rapid implementation of this project when funding becomes available. Please remember the old bridge is unsafe and out of order. The decommissioning of the old bridge will be included in the new bridge proposal.

Completion of the parking lot near the tree maze, including green space and butterfly garden has been postponed until 2022, given the existing activity in that vicinity related to Main St. reconstruction.

The Billings Public Works Department has been busy building planter boxes and benches to beautify our Small Craft Basin and to replace some of the old planter boxes around town. A group of volunteers, called the Late Bloomers, will be working to fill these new planters with a variety of plants and flowers. If you are interested in working with the Late Bloomers, please email Linda at jferguson@manitoulin.net.

Main Street Reconstruction

The scope of the project extends from the intersection of Hwy 540, through the village past the Aus Hunt Marina (approximately 1 km total). Construction is proceeding rapidly, with the project currently well ahead of schedule. The scheduled end date for the project is September 30th and the ongoing rate of progress will depend in part on the weather and construction continuing as planned without any unforeseen problems. A virtual public information session was held on April 15, with good participation. Look for another information session to be held in June, pending project conditions. Main Street will likely have to be closed briefly in the vicinity of the Post Office and Anglican Church, with Upper Street as the detour. Please watch the Township web site and Facebook page for advanced notice on this closure. We appreciate the patience of all as we complete this project, particularly our Main Street residents and businesses.

Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025

The Township will be engaged in the next strategic planning cycle during 2021. An initial meeting with Council was held on April 27th. Public participation is very important to the strategic planning process, so please watch for notice of ways that your input can be heard – given the COVID-19 restrictions, we are going to have to do much of this engagement through surveys and virtual meetings.

Community Emissions and Energy Plan (CEEP)

Anticipated completion date of May 28, 2021.

Committee Updates

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

Parks Recreation and Wellness (PRW)

Easter treats giveaway was a success! The dog park, hiking trails to the falls and playground are open - please follow posted rules where posted. Fundraising for the outdoor rink continues. If you are interested in donating or advertising, please contact Andrew Preyde. Deb Flaxman or Tiana Mills. New game board pieces and running/walking trail signage will be coming soon.

Climate Action Committee (CAC): Survey results have been posted on the Township of Billings Website at:

<https://billingstwp.ca/news/the-climate-change-engagement-survey-report-is-in/>.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Landfill 2 10am-4pm	3	Council Meeting 7:30pm Landfill 4 2pm-6pm	5	6 Landfill 2pm-6pm	7	8
Mother's Day Landfill 9 10am-4pm	Museum Committee Meeting 7:00pm 10	11 Landfill 2pm-6pm	Economic Development Committee 7:00pm 12	13 Landfill 2pm-6pm	14	15
16 Landfill 10am-4pm	Council Meeting 7:30pm 17	18 Landfill 2pm-6pm	19	Lake Kagawong Resource Committee 7:00pm Landfill 20 2pm-6pm	21	22
23 Landfill 10am-4pm	Victoria Day OFFICE CLOSED 24	Parks, Rec & Wellness 7:00pm Landfill 25 2pm-6pm	26	27 Landfill 2pm-6pm	28	29
30 Landfill 10am-4pm	31					

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