



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024
Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor
David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor
Ian Anderson, Councillor
Vince Grogan, Councillor
Michael Hunt, Councillor

Staff

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk
Harmony Hancock, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager
Tina Beckerton, Accounts Payable/Tax Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Barker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda.

Motion

2024-76

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby approves the February 27, 2024 Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None noted.

4. Staff Reports

4.1. Report TR-2024-02-06-Township of Billings Tax Ratio

2024-77

Motion

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan



THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report TR-2023-07-09 AND recommends that Council adopt the Tax Ratio for the Township of Billings as follows: Residential 1.000, Commercial 1.000, Industrial 1.000 Farm 0.250, Managed Forest 0.250.

Carried.

4.2. Report TR-2024-02-07 - Committee Budgets

Motion

2024-78

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends approval of the 2024 Parks, Recreation and Wellness Budget AND FURTHER authorize the expenses be included in the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

Motion

2024-79

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends approval of the 2024 Billings Museum Board Budget AND FURTHER authorize the expenses be included in the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

Motion

2024-80

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends approval of the 2024 Climate Action Committee Budget AND FURTHER authorize the expenses be included in the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

Motion

2024-81

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends approval of the 2024 Billings Public Library Board Budget. FURTHER authorize the expenses be included in the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.



4.3. Report TR-2024-02-08-Township of Billings 2024 Draft Budget Operating and Capital Motion

2024-82

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report TR-2024-02-08

Carried.

4.4. Report TR-2024-02-09 - 2023 Carry-over projects and pre-budget approval Motion

2024-83

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole recommends the 2023 carry-over expenses AND items with pre-budget approval be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.5. Report TR-2024-02-10 -2024 New requests

Motion

2024-84

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the 2024 new requests be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget

Carried.

4.6. Report TR-2024-02-11-Revenue

Motion

2024-85

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed revenue budget in principle acknowledging that once further discussion are held the Committee may recommend an increase or decrease in the suggested 5% municipal tax rate increase.

Carried.

4.7. Report TR-2024-02-12-Capital Budget

Motion

2024-86

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed capital budget be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.



4.8. Report TR-2024-02-13 Operating Budget

4.8.1. Expenses Wages

Motion

2024-87

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed wages and benefits be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.2. Expenses – Administration

Motion

2024-88

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed administration expense is to be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.3. Expenses – Building and Equipment

Motion

2024-89

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Building and Equipment expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.4. Expenses – Other

Motion

2024-90

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Other expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.5. Expenses – Public Services

Motion

2024-91

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hunt



THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Public Services expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.6. Expenses – Roads

Motion

2024-92

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Roads expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.7. Expenses – Supplies and Equipment

Motion

2024-93

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Supplies and Equipment expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.8.8. Expenses – Utilities

Motion

2024-94

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the proposed Utilities expense be brought forward to the 2024 Township of Billings budget.

Carried.

4.9. 2024 Township of Billings Draft Budget direction

2024-95

Motion

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the 2024 Township of Billings budget come forward with a 5% increase to the municipal tax rate AND FURTHER directs staff to provide notice to the public on the proposed rate increase with comments being received until March 14, 2024 AND FURTHER the 2024



Township of Billings Budget be brought forward to the March 19, 2024 Council Meeting.

Defeated

Motion

2024-96

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby recommends the 2024 Township of Billings budget as amended with a reduction to the cedar maze to \$10,000 and 91 Main Street \$18,000 come forward with a 4% increase to the municipal tax rate AND FURTHER directs staff to provide notice to the public on the proposed rate increase with comments being received until March 14, 2024 AND FURTHER the 2024 Township of Billings Budget be brought forward to the March 19, 2024 Council Meeting.

Carried.

5. Adjournment

5.1. Motion to Adjourn

Motion

2024-97

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns at 9:02 PM.

Carried.

Mayor Bryan Barker

CAO/Clerk Emily Dance