



The Corporation of the Township of Billings

Council Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor

David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor

Vince Grogan, Councillor

Michael Hunt, Councillor

Staff

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk

Harmony Hancock, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager

Arthur Moran, Health and Safety/By-Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barker called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda.

The CAO/Clerk brought forward a request to add an item to the agenda under Section 8 Correspondence requiring direction. The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club and Community Fish Hatchery in Gore Bay have made a request for a donation of \$1,000.

2024-1

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves the agenda as amended.

Carried.

3. Delegation

None.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

I, Mayor Bryan Barker, declare a direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No.: 8.5 Item Title: Gore Bay Game & Fish Club for the following reason: I am a member of the Gore Bay Game & Fish Club.



5. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the following meetings of Council:

5.1. Regular Council Meeting – December 19, 2023

2024-2

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the December 19th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Members of Council are provided with an opportunity to report on Committee and Board meetings.

Councillor Grogan gave a verbal update about the Island Wide Waste Resource Citizen Committee Meetings.

Deputy Mayor Hillyard gave a verbal update about the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Meeting.

6.1.1. October 18, 2023 Manitoulin Municipal Association Minutes

2024-3

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 6.

Carried.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. BP 2024-01-01 Building Report – 2023

2024-4

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report BP2024-01-01.

Carried.

7.2. HS 2024-01-01 Security Camera & Video Monitoring Policy

2024-5

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard



THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report HS-2024-01-01 AND FURTHER

1. Authorize bringing forward \$16,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras during 2024 budget deliberations
2. Approves the Video Monitoring Policy AND FURTHER approves the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

7.3. PW-2024-01-01 Vulnerable Road User Campaign (Sudbury District Health Unit) 2024-6

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report PW-2024-01-01 AND approves partnering with Sudbury and District Health Unit in the vulnerable road user campaign.

Carried.

7.4. PW-2024-01-02 Monument Road Petition (2) 2024-7

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report PW-2024-01-02 AND approves the reduced speed from 80km/h to 60km/hr for the 3 km section of Monument Road between John Street to the Central Manitoulin boundary AND FURTHER authorize the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

2024-8

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT Council directs staff to look into costing of purchasing marked speed signs on the roads with the Slow-Moving Vehicles signs for the 2024 budget considerations.

Carried.

7.5. MPM 2024-01-01 Firehall Project Completion / Infrastructure Ontario Loan 2024-9

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report MPM-2024-01-01 / TR-2024-0104 AND approves the OILC Debenture in the amount in the amount of \$890,198.93, at an interest rate of 4.53% p.a (compounded semi-annually) for a term of



30 years closing on February 1, 2024 AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward on tonight's agenda.

Carried.

7.6. TR 2024-01-01 Water System Financial Plan Report (Old Mill Road Waterline)
2024-10

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report TR-2024-01 -01.

Carried.

7.7. TR 2024-01-02 Old Mill Road Waterline Project (3)
2024-11

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report TR-2024-01-01 AND FURTHER approves the Old Mill Waterline Capital Cost Recovery By-Law coming forward on tonight's agenda.

Carried.

2024-12

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves the creation of a Sub Committee for the purpose of the creation of a Municipal Owned Water System Policy

Carried.

7.8. TR 2024 01-03 Tax Levy & Borrowing By-Law
2024-13

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report TR-2024-01-03 AND authorizes a By-Law to levy amounts on the assessment of property in the Township of Billings for local municipal purposes as authorized by the Municipal Act AND FURTHER authorizes the Mayor and Treasurer to borrow from time to time by way or promissory note, such sums necessary to meet current expenditures AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Laws coming forward on tonight's agenda.

Carried.

7.9. CAO 2024-01-01 Strategic Plan Update (2)
2024-14



Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report CAO-2024-01-01.

Carried.

8. Correspondence Requiring Direction

8.1. Manitoulin Streams Request for Funding Support for 2024 Stream Restoration Initiatives 2024-15

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the letter from Manitoulin Streams dated December 13, 2023 AND includes \$3,500 in donations in the 2024 Budget.

Carried.

8.2. Manitoulin Fine Arts Association 2024 Request for Reduced Park Centre Rental Fee 2024-16

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the letter from Diane Carriere of the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association dated January 2, 2024 AND authorizes in-kind support for the 2024 Manitoulin Fine Arts Association 2024 Art Tour in the form of a reduced rental fee of the Park Centre July 19-21, 2024 of \$300 + HST (regular value of \$600 + HST).

Carried.

8.3. Gore Bay Airport – Request for Funding 2023 2024-17

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the e-mail from the Gore Bay airport dated January 4, 2024 AND approves an unbudgeted donation amount of \$5,000 for the Gore Bay Manitoulin Airport for 2023.

Carried.

8.4. Town of Gore Bay – Request for Funding – Arena 2023 2024-18

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Hunt



THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the letter from the Town of Gore Bay dated December 31, 2023, AND approves an unbudgeted donation amount of \$2,500 for the Gore Bay Memorial Arena for 2023

Carried.

**8.5. Gore Bay Fish and Game Club / Community Fish Hatchery
2024-19**

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the letter from the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club and the Community Fish Hatchery AND includes a \$1,000 in donation in the 2024 Budget.

Carried.

9. Information

9.1. 2024 Annual FONOM Conference May 14th – May 16th, 2024

Mayor Barker and Councillor Grogan requested to attend the conference.

9.2. Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request - Tay Township

**9.3. 988 Suicide Crisis Helpline
2024-20**

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 9.

Carried.

10. Accounts for Payment

**10.1. Accounts for Payment: December 22, 2023 and January 10, 2024
2024-21**

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves, ratifies, and confirms the December 22, 2023 and January 10th, 2024 Accounts for Payment as presented.

Carried.

11. By-Laws and Agreements

**11.1. 2024-01 Temporary Borrowing By-Law
2024-22**

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT By-Law No. 2024-01 being the Temporary Borrowing By-Law be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 16th day of January, 2024.



Carried.

11.2. 2024-02 Infrastructure Ontario Debenture (Firehall) By-Law
2024-23

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT By-Law No. 2024-02 being the by-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$890,198.93 towards the cost of the Township of Billings Fire Hall be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 16th day of January, 2024.

Carried.

11.3. 2024-03 Interim Tax Levy By-Law
2024-24

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT By-Law No. 2024-03 being the by-law to provide for an interim tax levy be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 16th day of January, 2024.

Carried.

11.4. 2024-04 Cost Recovery (Old Mill Road Waterline) By-Law
2024-25

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT By-Law No. 2024-04 being the by-law to recover the capital costs related to the construction and improvement of the Old Mill Road Waterline for those receiving a present or future from the Kagawong Water System be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 16th day of January, 2024.

Carried.

12. Notice of Motions

None noted.

13. Closed Session

None.

14. Confirmatory By-Law

14.1. By-Law No. 2024-05 Being the January 16th, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law
2024-26

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt



THAT By-Law No. 2024-05 being the January 16th, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 16th day of January, 2024.

Carried.

15. Adjournment


15.1. Motion to Adjourn

2024-27

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 9:11p.m.

Carried.



Mayor Bryan Barker



CAO/Clerk Emily Dance

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Dec 13, 2023

Municipality of Billings
15 Old Mill Road P.O. Box 34
Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0

Re: Request for Funding Support for 2024 Stream Restoration Initiatives

Dear Council,

Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association's Board of Directors appreciates the continued support by the Township of Billings in regards to their commitment toward our 2023 stream restoration initiatives. Manitoulin Streams has enjoyed our relationship with Billing, through its in-kind and cash contributions over the years.

In the past, Billings has generously donated \$2500 to Manitoulin Streams, which has provided us with continuity in our efforts to revitalize the sport fishing industry and improve water quality on Manitoulin Island. Your donations towards our programs also help to prove that there is local support for our efforts, which in turn allows us to leverage funds from other funding sources. We have been committed to contributing toward our Island communities by providing stream tours and educational presentations to community members, tourists and school groups, participating in community events like, guided river hikes, log jam removals, community garbage clean-ups, tree planting, and providing economic stimulus to local businesses that can provide us materials and supplies for our restoration efforts. We wish to thank you for your continued support and hope you will consider the continuity of your \$2500 donation on an annual basis for our program which benefits future restoration projects along the Kagawong River, waterfront and adapting the community for future climate change hazards.

This year we are attempting to replace the formerly held LAMBAC Manitoulin Trade Fair with an outdoor/angling trade fair show in Kagawong. The event will be held on the May long weekend and will draw tourists to the island and particularly the west end. Similarly, it will encourage locals to come to Billings and explore Manitoulin Island while providing advertising and sales opportunities for businesses from across Manitoulin as well as in Kagawong.

Thank you for your time. Any contributions toward our efforts would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seija Deschenes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Seija Deschenes
Project Coordinator

From: [Diane Carriere](#)
To: [Diane Carriere](#); [Tiana Mills](#)
Subject: Request for the Park Centre for 3 days July 19, 20 and 21 2024 for the annual Art Tour
Date: January 2, 2024 3:19:26 PM

Hi Tiana, Happy New Year to all.

Please forward to appropriate committee:

As a resident of Kagawong and a member of the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association, I am requesting the fee for the Park Centre to be waived on the dates above please. (You would be the sponsor as advertised).

If you cannot waive the fee, I would request the minimum fee please similar to last year \$333.00. You would be a sponsor with other additional sponsors.

From previous years' experience, having many artists in one place is very appreciated by all visitors.

Thank you very much,
Diane Carriere

From: [Robert Colwell](#)
To: [Emily Dance](#)
Subject: RE: Billings Airport Contribution.
Date: January 4, 2024 3:03:12 PM

Hi Emily,

It was nice meeting you over the phone today Emily. Thank you for taking my call.

It's disappointing that the annual airport contribution from Billings was inadvertently dropped from your budget. But I realize with a change of council and administration it is easy for this to happen. The fact that this amount is not invoiced and a standing order was assumed by us, as in other municipalities, did not help the matter either. Sadly, this figure remained in our budget and was removed from yours.

Many thanks,

Robert J. Colwell, Mgr.
Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, C-YZE

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Office of the

Town Manager

December 31, 2023

Township of Billings
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Kagawong, ON
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Re: Gore Bay Memorial Arena Donation

Dear Council,

Your past support up to 2022 to the Gore Bay Memorial Arena has been greatly appreciated in helping to maintain and operate the facility. I am writing on behalf of the Town of Gore Bay to support 2023 funding for this facility.

As you are aware, the Gore Bay Memorial Arena is a valuable recreational outlet for the citizens of Western Manitoulin. Children and adults from Gore Bay, Billings, Gordon Barrie Island and Burpee Mills utilize this facility each year. Participating in minor hockey, figure skating and public skating benefits all our citizens.

Unfortunately, providing these services does come at a cost. Like most arenas, it is heavily subsidized by local taxpayers due to the costs for the arena manager wages, heat, hydro, plant, and maintenance costs.

We are hoping all the Western Manitoulin municipalities will consider a regular annual contribution to the Gore Bay Memorial Arena. If you would like further information to help reach a decision, please feel free to contact my office.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

For
Harry Schlange
Town Manager

Tiana Mills

To: Emily Dance
Subject: RE: Assistance request for the Gore Bay Community Fish Hatchery

-----Original Message-----

From: Ian Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Emily Dance <edance@billingstwp.ca>; Carrie Lewis <clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca>; Denise Deforge <ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca>
Subject: Assistance request for the Gore Bay Community Fish Hatchery

Dear Mayor/Reeve and Council

I am writing you today on behalf of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club and our Community Fish Hatchery located at Gore Bay.

Since 1986 our club has been actively involved in collecting fish eggs and rearing fish through a permitting system provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Fire (MNRF), Sudbury District office.

To date our hatchery has planted approximately 3 million fish in and around Manitoulin Island which has greatly contributed to our tourist based economy and ultimately benefited all municipalities.

Over the past 10 years we have shifted our efforts to walleye stocking in Lake Kagawong in the hopes of establishing either a self reproducing fishery or an ongoing put and take fishery. Walleye and yellow perch are the two most sought after fish by anglers in Ontario.

Lake Kagawong, as Manitoulin's second largest inland lake, forms part of your municipality and has historically been a destination angling location and popular vacation water body. Our stocking efforts will ultimately benefit everyone.

Annually our clubs operating expenses related to the hatchery average \$4500:00. All of the considerable time and labour associated with raising summer pond fingerlings to an advanced stocking size is donated by a small group of dedicated volunteers.

The Town of Gore Bay has been a partner of our club since our hatcheries started in 1986, (we are currently at our second location).

Their annual contributions of in kind support providing no cost rent and administration saves our club at least an additional \$1500:00 each year.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) administers a province wide Community Hatchery Program funded in part by the MNRF.

Our club applies each year and on average receives just over \$1000:00 per year to help off set our annual hatchery operating costs.

Annually we need to raise at least several thousand dollars to continue with our stocking program for Lake Kagawong, which we believe ultimately benefits everyone around the lake.

Today, our club respectfully asks that your municipality consider an annual donation of \$1000:00 to allow us to continue our efforts in enhancing our local sports fishery.

Sincerely,

Ian Anderson, secretary,
for,
Chris Robinson
President
Gore Bay Fish and Game Club,
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