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## The Corporation of the Township of Billings

### Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Kagawong Park Centre

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#### Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor

David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor

Vince Grogan, Councillor

Ian Anderson, Councillor

Michael Hunt, Councillor

#### Staff

Veronique Dion, CAO/Clerk

Todd Gordon, Deputy CAO/Municipal Project Manager

Arthur Moran, Health & Safety

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#### 1. Call to Order

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

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda.

Motion Number 2024-386

Moved by Hunt

Seconded by Grogan

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

Carried.

#### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

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

4.1. Regular Council Meeting – October 1, 2024

Motion Number 2024-387

Moved by Hunt

Seconded by Anderson

THAT the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.



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Carried.

**5. Delegation**

None.

**6. Committee Reports**

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

Motion Number 2024-387

Moved by Anderson

Seconded by Hunt

THAT Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 6.

Carried.

6.1. Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board of Management Meeting Minutes - August 22, 2024

6.2. Public Health Sudbury and Districts Ministry of Health Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2024

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1. EM-2024-10-04 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant

Motion Number 2024- 388

Moved by Anderson

Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives Report EM-2024-10-05 AND FURTHER directs staff to apply for funding under the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG).

Carried.

7.2. CAO-2024-10-14 2024-25 Holiday Hours – Office and Landfill

Motion Number 2024-389

Moved by Hunt

Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves report CAO-2024-10-14 AND approves the closure of the Municipal Office on December 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025 AND approves the closure of the Billings Landfill on December 24, 26 and 31, 2024.

Carried.



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7.3. 2025 Council Meeting Schedule

Motion Number 2024-390

Moved by Hillyard

Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CAO-2024-10-15 AND approves the 2025 Council Meeting Schedule as amended to exclude the meeting in August 2025.

Carried.

**8. Correspondence Requiring Direction**

8.1. Request for Funding Support for 2025 Stream Restoration Initiatives

Motion Number 2024- 391

Moved by Hunt

Seconded by Anderson

THAT Council for the Township of Billings hereby receives the correspondence from Manitoulin Streams dated October 2, 2024 and directs staff to include the funding support request in the 2025 budgeting process.

Carried.

8.2. Establishment for an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Motion Number 2024-392

Moved by Grogan

Seconded by Anderson

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Billings requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make



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the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;  
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;  
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried.

### 8.3. Solve the Crisis Campaign

Motion Number 2024-393

Moved by Grogan

Seconded by Anderson

The Township of Billings supports the SolvethCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario

Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

Whereas there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.



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Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Billings supports the SolveTheCrisis.ca Campaign;

AND calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially; AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND that the federal government is included in these conversations.

AND that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

AND that this Council calls on the residents of [insert name of your municipality, region or organization here] to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;

AND further that a copy of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and



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- Ontario's Big City Mayors

Carried.

## 9. Information

Motion Number 2024-394

Moved by Barker

Seconded by Grogan

THAT Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 10.

Carried.

9.1. 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement

9.2. Resolution Supporting Rideshare Services

## 10. Accounts For Payment

10.1. Accounts for Payment – October 8, 2024

Motion Number 2024-395

Moved by Hunt

Seconded by Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby ratifies and confirms the accounts for payment dated October 8, 2024.

Deferred.

## 11. By-Laws and Agreements

## 12. Notice of Motion

## 13. Closed Session

2024-396

Moved by Anderson

Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby moved into Closed Session pursuant to [s.239(2)(b)] Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal employees - Employment Contract AND FURTHER returns to open session upon completion.

Carried.

13.1. Call to Order

13.2. Approval of Closed Meeting Agenda

13.3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest



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- 13.4. Approval of Minutes
    - 13.4.1. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Township of Billings Closed Meeting Minutes
  - 13.5. Staff Reports
    - 13.5.1. Confidential Report
  - 13.6. Adjournment

**14. Report out of Closed**

Mayor Barker reported a closed meeting was held where Council reviewed an employment contract.

**15. Confirmatory By-Law**


- 15.1. By-Law No. 2024-55 Being the October 15, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law
  - Motion Number 2024-401
  - Moved by Grogan
  - Seconded by Anderson
  - THAT By-Law No. 2024-55 Being the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Carried.

**16. Adjournment**

- 16.1. Motion to Adjourn
  - Motion Number 2024-402
  - Moved by Hunt
  - Seconded by Grogan
  - THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Carried.

  
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Mayor Bryan Barker

  
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CAO/Clerk Veronique Dion