

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Regular Council Meeting

September 6th, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

Present: Mayor Ian Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson

Regrets: None

Staff: Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Cheryl McCulligh, Treasurer; Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager; Arthur Moran, By-Law Enforcement Officer; Chris Cyr, Public Works Superintendent

1. OPEN

2022-271 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:33 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2022-272 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 6th, 2022 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

I, Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item 8d, item title Economic Development Committee Christmas in Kagawong for the following reason: I am a vendor at Christmas in Kagawong.

I, Councillor Sharon Jackson, declare a potential indirect pecuniary interest on agenda item 8d item title Economic Development Committee Christmas in Kagawong for the following reason: my husband Craig Jackson will be a vendor at the market.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 2nd, 2022

2022-273 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the August 2nd, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 16th, 2022

2022-274 Hunt - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the August 16th, 2022 Special meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Report – August 22, 2022**
Council received report.

b) **Climate Action Committee Report – August 24, 2022**
Council received report.

c) **Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report – August 25, 2022**
Council received report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) **2022-29 Backyard Chicken By-Law**
2022-275 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council gives by-law 2022-29, being a by-law to regulate the keeping and licensing of backyard chickens, second reading.

Carried

b) **Telecom Enterprises Report**
2022-276 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts Option B as presented by Telecom Enterprises in their Telecommunications Review.

Carried

c) **Riding Changes**
2022-277 Alkenbrack-Hunt

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes

for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need.

Carried.

**d) Economic Development Committee - Christmas in Kagawong
2022-278 Barker - Hunt**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves November 18th, 19th and 20th for the Christmas in Kagawong Event and that the vendor rate be set at \$40/vendor.

Carried

**e) Climate Action Committee - Natural Infrastructure Fund
2022-279 Barker - Jackson**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to work with Manitoulin Streams to apply to the Natural Infrastructure Fund.

Carried

**f) Climate Action Committee – Green Economy North
2022-280 Alkenbrack - Barker**

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to complete the first stage of the online application process with Green Economy North (GEN).

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Waste Management Master Plan

2022-281 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to connect with Cambium Inc to discuss local solutions to waste management and potential opportunities to collaborate.

Carried

b) Hunting By-Law

Council received the correspondence.

c) Aus Hunt Marina Food Proposal

2022-282 Jackson - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to investigate further Main Street Express' offer to provide food at the Aus Hunt Marina starting in the 2023 season.

Carried

10. INFORMATION

a) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Minutes - Aug 22, 2022

Council received report.

b) Firefighter Certification

Council received report.

c) Warming and Cooling Centre Policy

Council received report.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2022-283 Alkenbrack - Jackson

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

General Accounts \$ 246,156.37

and that cheques numbered 7393 to 7437 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. CLOSED SESSION

None.

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2022-284 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2022-48 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT


2022-285 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

