



**The Corporation of the Township of Billings**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
March 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

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**Council**

Bryan Barker, Mayor  
David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor  
Jim Cahill, Councillor  
Vince Grogan, Councillor  
Michael Hunt, Councillor

**Staff**

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk  
Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk  
Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager  
Arthur Moran, By-Law Enforcement Officer / H&S

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Barker called the Council meeting of the Township of Billings to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

2023-96

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves the agenda as amended to include a Proclamation for International Women's Day and two notices of motion.

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 – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

4.2 Committee of the Whole – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

2023-97

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

## **5. Delegation**

### **5.1. Manitoulin Streams**

Seija Deschenes, Project Coordinator for Manitoulin Streams, provided a presentation on how Manitoulin Streams are protecting and restoring Manitoulin streams and the relevant projects in the Township of Billings.

## **6. Committee Reports**

6.1. There were no updates provided.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **7.1. HS-2023-03-02- Health and Safety Information Report (January, February) 2023-98**

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report No. HS-2023-03-02.

Carried.

### **7.2. BE-2023-03-03 – By-Law Enforcement Information Report (January, February) 2023-99**

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information Report Number BE-2023-03-03.

Carried.

### **7.3. BE-2023-03-04 – Backyard Chicken By-Law Amendment 2023-100**

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report Number BE-2023-03-04 AND authorizes an amendment to the Backyard Chicken By-Law to remove Section 4.4 AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

By Council consensus staff was directed to review the removal of backyard chickens from the 2021-31 Exotic Pets by-law with the amendment to be brought forward at an upcoming Council Meeting.

### **7.4. MPM-2023-03-05 Bulk Water Update (4) 2023-101**

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Cahill



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THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report No. MPM-2023-03-05 AND authorizes the continuation of bulk water on the lock and key system for 2023 at a rate of \$300 per user AND FURTHER that staff investigate options for a coin or card operated system for consideration for 2024.

Carried.

7.5. MPM-2023-03-06 Fire Hall Renovation Update (5)

2023-102

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report No. MPM-2023-03-06 AND supports the Fire Hall Project at a total cost of \$1,412,588.00 AND approves the submission of a funding application to NOHFC AND FURTHER commits to funding the project in its entirety less any applicable grant funding received from NOHFC AND any other grants should they become available AND FURTHER commits to cover any costs overruns should they occur.

Carried.

7.6. MPM-2023-03-07 – Old Mill Road Tender Results

2023-103

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report No. MPM-2023-03-07 AND awards the Old Mill Rd. Waterline Replacement project to Denis Gratton Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$1,551,554.63 plus HST AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

7.7. CLK-2023-03-05 - OCWA Operational Plan

2023-104

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CLK-2023-03-05 AND supports the overall goal of OCWA and the Township of Billings to provide safe cost-effective drinking water through sustained cooperation AND FURTHER commits and endorses the Kagawong Drinking Water System Operational Plan AND FURTHER directs the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign the required documentation on behalf of the Township of Billings.

Carried.

7.8. CLK-2023-03-06 – Delegation of Authority (STAR, Backyard Chicken, Trailer By-Laws)

2023-105



Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CLK-2023-03-06 AND designates the Chief Administrative Officer as the “License Issuer” for Short Term Accommodation Licences AND delegates the Clerk with the authority to issue Trailer Permits and Backyard Chicken Licenses AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate amending By-Laws coming forward.

Defeated. (Recorded Vote 2:3)

Member	Yes	No	Absent
Mayor Barker	X		
Councillor Cahill		X	
Councillor Grogan		X	
Deputy Mayor Hillyard		X	
Councillor Hunt	X		

7.9. CAO-2023-03-08 – Strategic Plan Confirmation  
2023-106

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CAO-2023-03-08 AND confirms support of the Strategic Plan Actions items as contained in the attached Appendix ‘A’ AND FURTHER directs staff to include a section “Alignment to Strategic Plan” in Council reports to ensure the Strategic Plan priorities are considered in the decision-making process.

Carried.

7.10. CAO-2022-03-09 – Climate Action Committee Terms of Reference / Committee Update  
2023-107

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report CAO-2023-03-09 AND approves amending the Climate Action Committee Terms of Reference and 2023 priorities as recommended by the Climate Action Committee AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried.

**8. Correspondence Requiring Direction**

8.1. Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) – Letter of Acknowledgement Request



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2023-108

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the letter from the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) letter dated March 2, 2023 AND directs staff to write a Letter of Acknowledgment as requested.

Carried.

## **9. Information**

9.1. 2023 FONOM Executive Award

9.2. FONOM Media Release - Catch and Release - Feb 2023

9.3. FCM 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show

9.4. 2022 Municipal Election Statistics

9.5. Congratulations on Outdoor Rink Correspondence Brad de St. Aubyn

9.6. 2022 Annual Summary Reports Kagawong Water System

2023-109

Moved by Grogan Seconded by Cahill

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 for March 2, 2023

2023-110

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves, ratifies, and confirms the March 2, 2023 Accounts for Payment as presented.

Carried.

## **11. By-Laws and Agreements**

None.

## **12. Proclamations**

12.1. International Women's Day

2023-111

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

WHEREAS March 8, 2022 is International Women's Day, a Day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements around the world, raising awareness on the challenges women face, and determining ways of achieving gender equality. AND WHEREAS International Women's Day is a time to work toward a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choice, such as participating in



politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination;

AND WHEREAS The Township of Billings is committed to promoting equity and justice and will continue to work to address the systemic and structural oppressions that perpetuate inequity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bryan Barker, Mayor of the Township of Billings DO HEREBY PROCLAIM March 8, 2023 as "International Women's Day" in the Township of Billings

Carried.

**13. Notice of Motions**

13.1. Hybrid Meeting Option

Councillor Cahill noted his intention to bring forward a motion for staff to review hybrid meetings.

13.2. Island-Wide Waste Management Meetings

Councillor Grogan noted his intention to bring forward a motion for an Island-Wide Waste Management discussion.

**14. Closed Session**

None.

**15. Confirmatory By-Law**

15.1. By-Law No. 2023-19 being the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law 2023-112

Moved Hunt Seconded by Hillyard

THAT By-Law No. 2023-19 being the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Carried.

**16. Adjournment**

16.1. Motion to Adjourn

2023-113

Moved by Hunt Seconded by Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 8:49 p.m.

Carried.

  
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Mayor Bryan Barker

  
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CAO/Clerk Emily Dance