



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024 07:00 PM
Kagawong Park Centre

Council

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

Staff

Veronique Dion, CAO/Clerk
Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk
Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager
Arthur Moran, By-Law, H&S, Emerg Mgmt
Harmony Hancock, Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor David Hillyard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

In recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th, 2024 as we begin our gathering, we are reminded that the Township of Billings is situated on treaty land that is steeped in the rich Indigenous history of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. Mnidoo Mnising/Manitoulin Island is sacred to the Anishinaabe people and stewardship of the land and water that surrounds us is the thing that binds us.

Today and always the Township of Billings acknowledges the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) on whose traditional territory outlined by the 1862 Manitoulin Island Treaties and the unceded territory of Wiikwemkoong make up the land that is called Manitoulin Island and where we all call home.

It is the responsibility of the Township of Billings to recognize the 1836 Manitouwaning Treaty, the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty, and the 1862 Manitoulin Treaty, and to recognize the need to build

reciprocal relationship with the Indigenous peoples that have lived and continue to live here in order to build upon our shared history.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Confirm approval of the agenda

Motion Number 2024-349

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

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

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3.1. Michael Hunt - HS-2024-09-07 No Parking Signage

Councillor Michael Hunt declared a potential indirect pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No. 7.1 Item Title: HS-2024-09-07 No Parking Signage for the following reason: I am the Postmaster where the signs are to be installed.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2024

Motion Number 2024-350

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Grogan

THAT the September 3rd, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegation

Motion Number 2024-351

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the 2023 Township of Billings Audited Financial Statements AND directs staff to post the consolidated statements on the municipal website.

Carried

6. Committee Reports and Minutes

No reports were provided.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. HS-2024-09-07 No Parking Signage

Michael Hunt, Councillor declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Michael Hunt declared a potential indirect pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No. 7.1 Item Title: HS-2024-09-07 No Parking Signage for the following reason: I am the Postmaster where the signs are to be installed.)

Motion Number 2024-352

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby received for information report HS-2024-09-07 AND directs staff to install appropriate signage on the paved shoulder portion of the road on Main Street in front of the Kagawong Post Office.

Carried

7.2. EM-2024-09-03 Emergency Response Plan

Motion Number 2024-253

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report EM-2024-09-03 AND approves the proposed edits to the existing Emergency Response Plan AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Carried

7.3. CAO-2024-09-12 Internet Service for the Township Office

Motion Number 2024-254

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information report CAO-2024-09-12 AND directs staff to obtain Starlink internet services for the Township Office.

Carried

8. Correspondence Requiring Direction

8.1. Military Service Recognition Book Donation Request

Motion Number 2024-255

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the Military Service Recognition Book donation request and directs staff to purchase a 1/10 Page Ad in the amount of \$349.56 + HST AND FURTHER directs staff to support this cause going forward.

Carried

9. Information

9.1. Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities Motion Number 2024-256

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 9 and directs staff to write a letter of support for the Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities.

Carried

10. Accounts for Payment

10.1. Accounts for Payment - September 10, 2024

Motion Number 2024-257

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby ratifies and confirms the accounts for payment dated September 10, 2024.

Carried

11. By-Laws and Agreements

11.1. 2024-51 Authorize Debenture for the Old Mill Road Bridge

Motion Number 2024-258

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT By-Law 2024-51 Being the by-law to authorize the borrowing for the Old Mill Road Bridge be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of September, 2024.

Carried

11.2. 2024-52 Emergency Response Program and Plan

Motion Number 2024-259

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hunt

THAT By-Law 2024-52 Being the by-law to adopt an Emergency Response Program and Plan be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of September, 2024.

Carried

12. Notice of Motions

12.1. V. Grogan - Island Wide Waste Management

During the September 3rd, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Councillor Grogan proposed a notice of motion to discuss the opportunity of the Island Wide Waste Management Committee holding a meeting to be hosted and funded by the Township of Billings at the Park Centre.

Council will be given the opportunity to discuss and propose a motion directing staff to action accordingly.

Motion Number 2024-260

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Council for the Township of Billings hereby directs staff to host a luncheon for all Manitoulin Island Municipalities Administration, Public Works Representatives and Mayors.

Carried

12.2. Tires at Landfill

Councillor Grogan would like to discuss no tires being allowed at the Billings Landfill.

13. Closed Session

14. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion Number 2024-261

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

THAT By-Law No. 2024-53 being the September 17th, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 17th day of September, 2024.

Carried

15. Adjournment

15.1. Motion to Adjourn

Motion Number 2024-262

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 8:11 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Bryan Barker



CAO/Clerk – Veronique Dion