

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

March 15, 2021

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Megan Bonenfant, CEMC

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. Open

2021-97 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of the Agenda

2021-98 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 15, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2021-99 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

2021-100 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the amended minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

a) Alyssa Spooney – Health Care Worker Recruitment

Council received the presentation

6. Committee Reports

a) S. Jackson – PRW Feb 22 Report

Council received the report

b) I. Anderson – MMA Report

Council received the report

c) B. Barker – CAC Feb 24 Report

Council received report

d) B. Barker – OGRA Conference Report

Council received report

7. Old Business

a) Broadband update

Council received the update from the Economic Development Officer.

b) Capital Project update

Council received the update from the Economic Development Officer.

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 response update

Megan Bonenfant, CEMC presented Council with a Covid-19 Update.

b) 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plant Summary and Annual Report

2021-101 Hunt - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plant Summary and Annual Report.

Carried

c) Township of Perry – Prioritize children and child care

2021-102 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township supports the Town of Carleton Place and Township of Perry resolution requesting the Government of Ontario to:

- a) prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;
- b) develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
- c) provide increased funding to childcare reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honorable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Michael Mantha, the Town of Carleton Place and the Township of Perry.

Carried

d) Manitoulin Planning Board Notice of Application for Consent File B02-21 and B03-21.

2021-103 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings has no comment or concerns regarding Planning Board Consent File B02-21 and B03-21 and recommends that consent be given.

Carried

e) Tourism Adaption Strategy

2021-104 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the Regional EDO Group's "Tourism Adaption Research" Project and allocate \$1200 in the 2021 budget to support this initiative.

Carried

f) Lone Worker App

2021-105 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instruct staff to purchase the Lone Worker App and have it installed on all municipal owned phones and those phones of any worker that may be working alone, as outlined in the memo.

Carried

g) Municipal Energy Plan Funding extension request

2021-106 Jackson - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instruct the CAO/Clerk to send a letter to Josh Shook, Project Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines to request an extension of the funding provided under the Municipal Energy Plan program.

Carried

h) Kagawong River trail bridge

2021-107 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to find and hire a company to assist in finding a location for the Kagawong River Trail pedestrian bridge.

Carried

i) 4elements request

2021-108 Hunt - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request from 4elements to allow them to use the Park Centre parking lot for the Elemental Festival 2021 on September 25, 2021 provided that they follow all of the COVID-19 protocols that are in place at that time.

Carried

j) Noise by-law 2021-12

2021-109 Barker - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-12, being a by-law to regulate noise be given first reading.

Carried

k) Recommendation from the Climate Action Committee

2021-110 Barker - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the continuation of the Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change partnership resources, including, but not limited to sharing staff resource (job title, salary, hours etc. to be determined) and maintain Council Climate Action Committee(s) once the current FCM/MEP grant is concluded.

Carried

9. Correspondence

None

10. Information

a) District Services Board 4th Quarter Report

Council received report

b) Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Assoc. news release

Council received report

c) Correspondence from Honourable Steven Clark

Council received report

d) Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture

Council received report

e) Climate Action Committee draft February 24, 2021 meeting minutes

Council received minutes

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-111 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts \$94,956.46

and that cheques numbers 6664 to 6678 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

None

13. Confirming By-law

2021-112 Jackson - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-13 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2021-113 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Carried



Ian Anderson, Mayor



Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk