



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

Council Present

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

Staff Present

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk
Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk
Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager

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

2023-67

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Hillyard

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

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1. Regular Council Meeting – February 7th, 2023

2023-68

Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Hunt

THAT the February 7th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as amended.

Carried.

5. Committee of the Whole

5.1. Motion to move into Committee of the Whole

2023-69

Moved by Hillyard Seconded by Grogan



THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby moves into Committee of the Whole for a Strategic Planning Working Session AND FURTHER returns to open session upon completion.

Carried.

6. Committee Reports

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

6.2. Library Board Meeting Notes February 14, 2023
2023-73

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 6, Committee Reports.

Carried.

Councillor Cahill attended a Centennial Manor meeting. This meeting was a basic update to new committee members.

Councillor Cahill attended a Manitoulin and Sudbury District Administration Board meeting. An open invitation was shared with committee members to schedule an information session to Council from the Manitoulin and Sudbury District Administration Board chair.

Deputy Mayor David Hillyard attended the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting where the Swing Bridge Emergency Plan was discussed.

Councillor Vince Grogan chaired the first Billings Climate Action Committee.

7. Financial Reports

7.1. **January – December 2022 Income Statement**
2023-74

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives the January – December 2022 Income Statement.

Carried.

8. Staff Reports

8.1. BP-2023-02-02 Official Plan Amendment – Natural Heritage System Strategy
2023-75

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby deems it appropriate to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. A-3 for the District of Manitoulin Including the



Unincorporated Township of Robinson and Dawson consisting of explanatory text and mapping identified on Schedule 'D', dated January 30, 2023 for a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) to be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward on tonight's agenda.

Carried.

8.2. BP-2023-02-03 Joint Building Systems Committee
2023-76

Moved by: Cahill Seconded by: Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves Report BP-2023-02-03 AND approves entering into a Joint Building Systems Committee Agreement including an agreement for Chief Building Official (CBO) services AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Laws coming forward.

Carried.

9. Correspondence Requiring Direction

9.1. Manitoulin/North-Shore Federation of Agriculture (MNSFA) Slow Moving Vehicle Sign Campaign- email dated February 13, 2023
2023-77

Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby received the letter from the Manitoulin/North-Shore Federation of Agriculture (MNSFA) email dated February 13, 2023 AND directs staff to engage with MNSFA to identify high-farm traffic areas and to participate in the campaign.

Carried.

9.2. Public Engagement Policy Response
2023-78

Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information the email from Barb Erskine dated February 16th, 2023 AND thanks Ms. Erskine for her input.

Carried.

9.3. Public Engagement Recommendations
2023-79

Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information the email from Ruth Farquhar dated February 17th, 2023 AND thanks Ms. Farquhar for her input.

Carried.



The attachment for item 9.3 was inadvertently missed from the agenda. Council members and the press have a copy and it will form part of the agenda. If members of the public would like a copy, please see the Clerk.

10. Information

10.1. Ontario's Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan.

10.2. Municipal Petition in Opposition of Bill 3
2023-80

Moved by: Hillyard Seconded by: Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby supports the resolution of Shunai and directs to staff to distribute as required.

Carried.

10.3. Little Current Swing Bridge Emergency Plan January 2023

2023-81

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Grogan

Moved by: Hillyard Seconded by: Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 10.

Carried.

11. Accounts for Payment

11.1. Accounts for Payment to February 3rd – 16th, 2023

2023-82

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Cahill

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves, ratifies, and confirms the February 3rd – 16th, 2023 Accounts for Payment as presented.

Carried.

12. By-Laws and Agreements

12.1. By-Law No. 2023-13 being the Township of Billings Adopt
Communications Policy By-Law

2023-83

Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT By-Law 2023-13 being the Township of Billings Adopt a
Communications Policy By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND
finally passed this 21st day of February, 2023.

Carried.



12.2. By-Law No. 2023-14 being the Township of Billings Adopt Public Engagement Policy By-Law 2023-84
Moved by: Grogan Seconded by: Cahill
THAT By-Law 2023-14 being the Township of Billings Adopt a Public Engagement Policy By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 21st day of February, 2023.
Carried.

12.3. By-Law No. 2023-15 being the By-Law to Authorize a Change Order for the Fire Hall (Demolition) By-Law 2023-85
Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Grogan
THAT By-Law 2023-15 being the By-Law to Authorize a Change Order for the Fire Hall (Demolition) By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 21st day of February, 2023.
Carried.

12.4. By-Law No. 2023-16 being the Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. A-3 By-Law 2023-86
Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Hillyard
THAT By-Law 2023-16 being the Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. A-3 By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 21st day of February, 2023.
Carried.

13. Notice of Motions
None.

14. Closed Session

14.1. **Motion to move into a Closed Session** 2023-87
Moved by: Cahill Seconded by: Hunt
THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby moves into Closed Session pursuant to [s. 239(2)(b)] Personal matters about an identifiable individual – Financial Administrative Assistant Position AND FURTHER returns to open session upon completion.
Carried.

15. Report out of Closed Session
2023-92



Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT Mayor Barker reported a Closed Session was held where personal matters about an identifiable individual were discussed regarding the Financial Administrative Assistant Position AND direction was given to staff.

Carried.

2023-93

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Cahill

THAT By-Law No. 2023-17 being the Appoint Beckerton Financial Administrative Assistant By-Law be read a first, second, third time AND FINALLY passed this 21st day of February, 2023.

Carried.

16. Confirmatory By-Law

16.1. By-Law No. 2023-18 being the February 21st, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law 2023-94

Moved by: Hunt Seconded by: Hillyard

THAT By-Law No. 2023-18 being the February 21st, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second and third time AND finally passed this 21st day of February, 2023.

Carried.

17. Adjournment


17.1. Motion to Adjourn

2023-95

Moved by: Cahill Seconded by: Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 9:31 p.m.

Carried.



Mayor Bryan Barker



CAO/Clerk Emily Dance