



The Corporation of the Township of Billings

Council Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor

David Hillyard, Deputy Mayor

Vince Grogan, Councillor

Michael Hunt, Councillor

Staff

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk

Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Barker to call the meeting to order and make a short statement of the purpose of the meeting and the general order of the proceedings to be followed.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. Vacancy on the Township of Billings Council

3.1. List of Certified Candidates

The list of certified candidates in alphabetical order:

Ian Anderson 580 Newburn Road Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

William Gerald Concannon 10483 Highway 540 Gore Bay, POP 1H0

Mark Anthony DiLello 141 Maple Drive Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

Deborah Flaxman 78 Old Mill Road Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

John Foster 627A Newburn Road Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

Michael Toppazzini 16 Serendipity Lane Kagawong, ON POP 1J0

3.2. Nomination of Candidates

3.3. Review of Candidates and Qualifications

Each of the candidates shall be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not more than ten (10) minutes. The order of speaking shall be determined by lot.

The names drawn shall address Council in the order they are drawn by the Clerk.

Signatures and other personal information have been redacted for privacy purposes.



3.4. Vote for Candidate to be Appointed

The voting procedures Council will use to determine the Candidate to be appointed are outlined in the "Appoint an Eligible Elector to Fill a Vacancy Procedure" adopted by Council on December 19, 2023.

3.5. Clerk to Announce Successful Candidate

3.6. By-Law to Appoint new Council Member

3.7. Declaration of Office

3.8. Oath of Code of Conduct

4. Confirmatory By-Law

4.1. By-Law No. 2024-08 Being the February 6, 2024, Confirmatory By-Law

5. Adjournment

5.1. Motion to Adjourn

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Dear Mayor and Council

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the vacant councillor position in Billings Township.

I have been a resident of Billings Township for the past 50 years and helped raise a family here. Shortly after I arrived I joined the volunteer fire department and the recreation committee and helped as much as my job allowed for a number of years.

As a Conservation Officer for 36 years here on Manitoulin I was able to meet and interact with a great number of people under a variety of circumstances. I learned very quickly in the value of listening, using common sense and being flexible and fair as it went a long ways towards resolving conflicts and issues.

I believe that a member of council should....

- . Be an effective communicator and a listener
- . Work well in a team environment in council and with staff
- . Work towards long range planning in an affordable manner to further the townships strategic plan
- . Explore all reasonable options for long term waste management
- . Ensure the taxpayers are updated in a timely fashion on capital projects
- . Be a strong supporter of our library, museum and our townships recreational programs
- . Ensure that our roads remain safe and well maintained
- . Ensure we have good fire protection and support our excellent team of volunteer fire fighters
- . That the council be accessible and accountable

In 2018 I was elected to the position of mayor for Billings. I was very fortunate to be part of a great team of councillors and staff and am proud of what we were able to collectively accomplish in spite of a pandemic.

A new small craft harbour and boat launch, a rebuild of Main Street to address a serious water drainage issue originating near the Fire Hall and a new frame and covering and boards for our old outdoor rink surface which has turned this into a four season much needed asset for the township.(to name a few)

Proactively as a council we addressed some issues like lack of standards for short term rentals which ultimately should make this option for accommodations safer.

I believe that my experience as Billings mayor and the training I have received in all aspects of being a member of council will allow me to immediately take a place at the council table as a councillor.

I am committed to ensuring that Billings Township remains a great place to live, for you, me and our families.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Anderson

Dated this 27th day Of January, 2024, this is the Personal Statement of William Concannon, 10483 Hwy 540, Gore Bay Ontario P0P 1H0, to be sent to the Clerk of the Township of Billings in requirement of the application to become a Township of Billings councillor.

I have interest in becoming a councillor as I feel someone has to properly represent the people of Billings without any bias of personal feelings.

I am that person.

I am able to set my ego aside and implement, into action, the wants and needs of the residents and businesses of Billings.

I have extensive experience (12 years) of sitting on a board of directors representing the group's membership without considering any possible benefit to myself as this is what the position required.

I cannot be bought.

I have noticed on multiple occasions, too many to list, that tax payer money has been spent in excess and I plan on putting an end to that. And doing so, immediately.

I admire democracy with every part of my being and see it's benefit in my every day life as a Canadian citizen.

I succeed at many things I set out to do and have all the confidence in the world that I will succeed as councillor.

I plan to hold my fellow councillors accountable to a standard of which they swore to and promised to the people of Billings prior to becoming a councillor.

The people of Billings want and deserve a councillor who is 100% focused on implementing what THEY want and not what a councillor wants.

My opinions will not supersede the wants or needs of the public. They are the very people who trust that we represent their interests, without any personal bias and I will deliver.

I would not join council just to be a part of a team. I would be the one who isn't afraid of upsetting a fellow councillor by stating and/or implementing what the people want.

I will take in information from the ratepayers of Billings and be their active voice at council meetings. I will implement an easy tool for use by ratepayers to communicate their wishes to council as well as offer them an "open door policy".

When I am sworn in as councillor, I will not deviate from anything stated above.

I am a man of my word.

January 22, 2024

Township of Billings
15 Old Mill Road,
Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0
(705) 282-2611

Mark A. Di Lello
141 Maple Drive
Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0



Billings Town Council (Emily Dance CAO/Clerk),

It is with honour that I am applying to be a councillor for the Township of Billings.

My skills include Information Manager AS5--civilian equivalent, crisis management team lead, executive base management team lead--including housing requirements manager--and CanEx market steward coordinator. I have directed groups of people responsible for the construction and maintenance of facilities to include Canadian Airforce Museums and recreational facilities. I enjoyed my time as a volunteer soccer coach for youths (5 yr-15yrs). I oversaw emergency fire, medical and police response units, as well. During my 20 years of employment with the Canadian Armed Forces, I managed both public and non-public funds for 22 Wing North Bay: with a small budget of 70K. I am an exceptional public speaker, I have received awards and accolades during my time with non-profit organizations such as, the Canadian and American Diabetes associations. As the regional manager for the Northeast Ontario CDA and Colorado Springs, Colorado ADA I was invited to speak on behalf of both organizations in efforts to educate and fundraise. As an executive assistant to the 22 Wing Base Commander, I oversaw and aided in the health and welfare of approximately 450 service members and their families. In that role I would host and conducted fund raising activities such as winter carnivals and support for a variety of charities, such as the Canadian Cancer Society. I have taken middle management courses and courses in basic firefighting and

multiple emergency response and crisis management; for my community. I was a team lead for a Military Tattoo performance in North Bay, which I have also organized. This performance required co-ordination between my office, as the Assistant to the base Commander, and the then Mayor, Victor Fideli. The Military tattoo saw bands and performers from all over Canada descend upon the township in need of food and lodging. This event raised tens of thousands of dollars for the local community. I have been involved with the security and organization of Heritage Days in Northern Ontario communities. I am also familiar with applying for funding through programs, such as the Northern Ontario Heritage fund, to help enhance the communities where I have lived. I would enjoy using my skill set to promote Billings Township in Northern Ontario, as a business friendly and family-oriented community.

I believe I would be an asset to our community as a councillor and I look forward to helping to preserve the township's vibrant history and assist in securing a prosperous future.

Formal Experience

Department of National Defense

1991-2011

Camp Tillicum/YMCA - Senior Camp Counsellor (Ages 6-13)

1994-1998

ASIG Ground Handler MacDonald Cartier International Airport

2011-2013

Asset Management

2013-present

For your Consideration,



Mark A. Di Lello Sgt (ret)

CPSM CD

Encl. (2)

Deborah Joan Flaxman
78 Old Mill Road
Kagawong, Ontario
POB 1J0
[REDACTED]

Dear members of Council,

My name is Deborah Flaxman and I have been a permanent resident of Billings Township since 2020. I reside here with my dog, and remain an active member of the area as it holds a special place in my heart since I left the chaotic city. Prior to this, I was a seasonal tenant of Kagawong but fell in love with the community since I first set my eyes on it. This deep and growing love for our township is why I would like to express my keen interest in the Vacant Councillor Seat, as my breadth of experience would be an asset to the community and this council.

Prior to moving to Billings, my portfolio covered a variety of skill sets and fields. For six years, I worked as a project and marketing manager for a U.S. based computer company. This experience highlighted the importance of making decisions that are beneficial for the team as a whole, developing my ability to manage people. Prior to this, I worked as an administrative assistant for 4 years, under the Research Department at Lyndhurst Hospital. This position developed my organizational skills, allowing me to be consistent in my performance and help set my colleagues up for success. Outside of my career, I volunteered as the as Parent Council President for Davisville Public Elementary School for 12 years. These positions not only taught me how to prioritize the collective whole, but taught me how to look at a situation and explore alternate and creative solutions to situations as they arise. By working with such a diverse range of individuals as well as fields, I have developed strong communication skills along with strong interpersonal skills.

Since I have moved permanently to Billings, I have worked in several positions, additionally covering a breadth of fields. Currently, I am a Co-op partner along with five others, in Artisan's by the Bay where we run a seasonal shop operated out of the Austin Hunt Marina, during the Summer months. This job has significantly expanded my connections within the community, driving my desire to help care for it. Additionally, I am a current Committee member of the Old Mill Heritage Museum. Prior to my current committee position, I sat as a member on the committee for Parks, Recreation and Wellness. Preserving the infrastructure of our community, as well as it's history, is a priority for me. In my spare time on top of this, I remain an active member of the St. John's Anglican Church, and engage in activities that help my peers.

This current opportunity would allow me to leverage my experiences to help assist the growth and continued development of Billings Township. If I am given the chance to sit as a member of Council, I would bring a new perspective to the community, as well as give ideas to add to the continued evolution and enhancement of our Community as we move forward in the coming years. I plan to live here for the rest of my life, and hope to help protect and foster our community in whatever way I can.

Best regards,

Deborah Flaxman

Application For Vacant Billings Council Position – John Foster

24 January 2024

To: Mayor and Council, Billings Township

Please accept this letter as my application for the vacant Billings Council position. By way of background, I was born and raised in the suburbs of Vancouver, BC and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force right after high school. After obtaining my engineering degree, I flew helicopters in support of the Army. I flew across Canada, in the USA and did one peacekeeping tour in the Sinai Peninsula stationed approximately 10 km from the Gaza Strip. In 2005, I left the military and my son and I moved north to follow my wife's career. Upon leaving the military, I started a consulting business and in 2007, I joined the LaCloche Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC) as their Community Economic Development Officer. I left LAMBAC and my consulting business in 2014, and took on the role as a wind farm manager for General Electric (GE) first for just one wind farm in Little Current and then after a few years, I became the manager for two additional wind farms: one in Nova Scotia and the other in Massachusetts. I left GE in 2022 and restarted my consulting business and since then have helped a not-for-profit organization with a public transportation project and a for-profit company with a sales project. As previously indicated, I am married. We have one child, a son, who lives in Ottawa with his wife. My wife and I enjoy living in Kagawong and on the Island. We enjoy walking the trails and roads with our dog and we really enjoy boating in the North Channel. We are big fans of the new marina!

In terms of why I want the position as Billings Councillor, the reason is that I want to represent the community and be part of the decision-making body that leads our township not only with resolving present day-to-day issues but also laying the groundwork for a successful community in the future. I want to help the community maintain and hopefully grow its status as one of the premiere places to live and work on Manitoulin Island.

There are likely other people in the Township who are similarly motivated to me so let me touch on my qualifications which I believe will set me apart from other candidates. To be an effective Billings Councillor, one should have a broad range of experiences and also, one must have the time to dedicate to the position. I believe experience is necessary because more experience generally should enable a councillor to better understand and resolve issues. Time is necessary because, no matter how passionate and keen one is to serve the community, without having the time to dedicate to doing the work, a councillor simply cannot be effective.

In terms of experience, first, let's start with the fact that I have lived in Kagawong for almost 20 years. While I will never be a Haweater, I can say that I have good amount of knowledge of Billings Township and the Island. Knowledge of the local area will assist me, as a councillor, in dealing with Billings' specific issues and in dealing with pan-Island issues that Billings Council may wish to become involved in. My work experience is also an asset. Whether I was dealing with flying operations, helping a local abattoir get up and running, assisting a local business with improving their sales or bringing green energy to the Island, I have been able to see issues clearly, bring solutions to the fore, and once a decision is made whether by me or others, implement decisions to achieve success. I expect to use these same skills as a councillor to provide thoughtful comment and where necessary, make sound decisions. All work experience is valuable but by far, my work at LAMBAC is my greatest asset to being an effective councillor. As the Community Economic Development officer, I worked with many municipalities and not for profit organizations on the Island and the North Shore. Indeed, one of my last projects with LAMBAC was working with former Billings Mayor Aus Hunt and former Councillor Tom Imrie on a Billings committee to develop ideas for waterfront development. In general, I have the necessary work and life experience to become an effective councillor for Billings Township.

The second necessary qualification to being an effective councillor is to have the time to dedicate to the position. While at LAMBAC, I worked with many councillors. It was obvious to me when sitting in a committee meeting with local councillors who was prepared for the meeting and who was not. I understand that there is more to being a councillor than just voting at council meetings. There can be a significant amount of preparation necessary to be informed on an issue before it even comes to council chambers. I will be that councillor who is prepared. Now that I have effectively retired, I have the time available to prepare for and participate fully in council activities.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time and for your consideration of my application for the vacant Billings Council position. While I have not been a councillor before, I believe I have the necessary life and work experiences to be an effective councillor. Should I be fortunate enough to be selected to fill the position, I will dedicate the necessary time and effort to ensure I am fully prepared and ready for the work involved.

JF Foster

John Foster

627A Newburn Rd

Kagawong, On POP1J0

I am interested in this position because I am now a Resident of the Township of Billings I have been in business for many years, and am presently retired. I am 60 years of age. I have mainly been in the construction business my whole life, however, have had many life experiences in many other businesses. I am here to be a voice for the people. I have come into contact with so many wonderful individuals of Kagawong and I wish to pursue this seat on council. I believe I can help perform decisions, rationally and competently. If you wish further information, please contact me on my cell phone at any time at [REDACTED]

Thank you very kindly for the opportunity to be of your service yours truly,

Michael Toppazzini.





BY-LAW NO 2024-08

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c 25, Section 5(1), as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c 25, Section 5(3), as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under Section 9; shall be exercised by By-Law;

AND WHEREAS The Council for The Corporation of the Township of Billings deems it expedient that the proceedings of meetings of the Council be confirmed and adopted by By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Billings enacts as follows:

1. THAT the actions of the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Billings at its Council Meeting held on February 6, 2024 in respect to each report, motion, resolution, or other actions recorded and taken by Council at its meetings, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Lands Tribunal is required is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk, or such other official as deem appropriate are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, of Council of the Township of Billings referred to in the proceeding section.
3. THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary on behalf of the Council and to affix the corporate seal of The Corporation of The Township of Billings to all such documents.
4. THIS By-Law shall come into full force and effect upon final passage.
5. THIS By-Law may be cited as the "February 6, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law".

READ a FIRST and SECOND TIME this 6th day of February, 2024

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 6th day of February, 2024

Bryan Barker, Mayor

Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk