

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

August 3rd, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Park Centre

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

Staff: Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Arthur Moran, By Law Enforcement Officer; Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021-261 Alkenbrack-Barker

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 AGENDA

2021-262 Barker-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 3rd, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

I, Councillor Bryan Barker, declare a direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item No. 8(b) Domestic and Exotic Animals By-Law for the following reason: I am a bee keeper and have bee hives on my property and live within the Township of Billings.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) July 19th, 2021

2021-263 Jackson-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the July 19th, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) July 20th, 2021

2021-264 Alkenbrack-Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the July 20th, 2021 special meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Museum Special Committee Report – June 22, 2021

Council received update.

b) Museum Committee Report – July 15, 2021

Council received update.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Main Street Construction Update

Council received update.

b) Waterfront Project – Wastewater Component

Council received update.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) COVID-19 Update

Council received update.

b) By-law 2021-31 Exotic Animal By-law

2021-265 Alkenbrack-Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-31, being an Exotic Animal By-Law, be given 2nd and 3rd reading and enacted as amended.

Carried

c) 2021 Budget Approval

2021-266 Barker-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the 2021 budget as presented.

Carried

d) 2021-34 Tax Rate by-law

2021-267 Alkenbrack-Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-34, being a Tax Rate by-law, be given 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading and enacted.

Carried

e) 2021-35 Water Rate by-law

2021-268 Hunt-Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-35, being a by-law to establish water rates be given 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading and enacted.

Carried

f) ICIP Funding

2021-269 Barker-Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to submit an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Green Stream, 2021 intake, for funding to replace the Old Mill Rd. Waterline from the line intersection at Main Street, along Old Mill Rd. to the terminus of the existing line below Graham Hill.

Carried

g) 1990 Friendship Treaty

2021-270 Alkenbrack-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Council affirms our commitment to the 1990 Friendship Treaty and that now, as then, we all need to work together.

Carried

h) Integrity Commissioner Report

2021-271 Barker-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the July 19th 2021 Commissioner Reports.
Carried

2021-272 Alkenbrack-Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs staff to amend or re-write the Municipal Code of Conduct By-law to include the recommendations contained in the Integrity Commissioners Reports.

Carried

i) Cleaning Contract

2021-273 Hunt-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO enter into a contract with Darren and Lisa Hayden (Lakeshore Maintenance) to supply cleaning services to the municipality.

Carried

j) Safety and Well Being Plan

2021-274 Barker-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Safety and Well Being Plan.

Carried

k) Virtual Meeting Discussion

Council discussed virtual meetings.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) M'Chigeeng – Hydro Pole

2021-275 Barker-Hunt

Whereas, M'Chigeeng First Nation requires a relocation of hydro poles onto the unopened road allowance between Concession 4, Lots 15 and 16,

AND WHEREAS, the unopened road allowance was never transferred to M'Chigeeng First Nation and the ownership shows as belonging to Billings Township,

And WHEREAS, Hydro One will only work with the property owner to install hydro lines

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs staff to submit all the required paperwork, and accept invoicing, for the relocation of hydro poles onto the unopened road allowance between Concession 4 Lots 15 and 16, and accepts M'Chigeeng First Nations letter that Billings Township will be reimbursed the costs associated with this by M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Carried

10. INFORMATION

a) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Minutes – June 28, 2021

Council received report.

b) Museum Committee Minutes – July 5, 2021

Council received report.

c) Kitchener – Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act

Council received report.

- d) **Kitchener – Cost of Building Materials**
Council received report.
- e) **Updating Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transmission Lines**
Council received report.
- f) **Health and Safety Report**
Council received report.
- g) **By-Law Report**
Council received report.
- h) **H&M COFI Broadband Internet Update 6**
Council received report.
- i) **Correspondence from Stratford re: Phasing out Gas Plans**
Council received report.
- j) **Code of Conduct 2018-41**
Council received report.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2021-276 Alkenbrack-Hunt

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

General Accounts \$1,112,877.24

and that cheques numbered 6847 to 6873 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. CLOSED SESSION

a) **Section 239(2)(d) re: Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations**

2021-277 Alkenbrack-Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2) (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25*, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. in order to discuss an item related to employee negotiations.

Carried

2021-278 Resolution passed in camera

2021-279 Hunt - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:08 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

2021-280 Jackson-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Tiana Mills position as Deputy Clerk be permanent as of September 1, 2021.

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-281 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2021-282 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk