



The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Council Meeting Minutes
March 04, 2025 07:00 PM
Kagawong Park Centre

Council

Bryan Barker, Mayor
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

Mayor Bryan Barker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Confirm approval of the agenda

Motion Number 2025-70

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby approves the agenda as amended to include item 7.5 - Senior's Active Living Contribution.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion Number 2025-71

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council minutes and the February 20, 2025 Special Meeting of Council minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.1 Regular Council Minutes - February 18, 2025

4.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes - February 20, 2025

5. Delegation

None.

6. Committee Reports and Minutes

Motion Number 2025-72

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives all items listed in section 6.

Carried

6.1 Manitoulin DSAB 2024 Fourth Quarter Activity Report - February 20, 2025

6.2 Island Wide Waste Management Committee Minutes - February 5, 2025

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Protective Services-2025-002 Bi-Monthly Health and Safety Report

Motion Number 2025-73

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Anderson

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby reviews and accepts, for information, this bi-monthly report of the health and safety activities.

Carried

7.2 Administration-2025-004 Committee Membership

Motion Number 2025-74

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives report Administration-2025-004 and directs staff to advertise all committee vacancies.

Carried

7.3 Administration-2025-005 Procedural By-Law Amendment

Motion Number 2025-75

Moved By Grogan

Seconded By Hillyard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law#2025-03 be amended by replacing the definition of Electronic Meeting to be following: "Electronic meeting" means a meeting or public hearing where all members of Council or a committee may participate electronically.

Carried

7.4 Treasury-2025-001(3) - 012(1) 2025 Budget

Motion Number 2025-76

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby accepts the 2025 Budget as amended and directs staff to bring forward a by-law adopting the 2025 budget at an upcoming meeting.

Carried

7.5 Senior's Active Living Contribution

Motion Number 2025-77

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Grogan

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby commits to a contribution of 20% of the costs of delivering the Senior Active Living program through in-kind contribution.

Carried

8. Correspondence Requiring Direction

None.

9. Information

Motion Number 2025-78

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby receives all items listed under section 9.

Carried

Motion Number 2028-79

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Hunt

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Billings categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

Carried

Motion Number 2025-81

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS on September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include non-alcoholic beverage containers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Billings hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Carried

Motion Number 2025-82

Moved By Hunt

Seconded By Grogan

WHEREAS the Corporation of The Township of Billings is a Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Township of Billings committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

WHEREAS The Township of Billings developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

WHEREAS all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within the Township of Billings, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

WHEREAS federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

WHEREAS the Township of Billings supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings adopts the following actions: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and That the Township of Billings supports the federal and provincial call to action "Canadian business first" policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and That the Township of Billings promotes the policy of "Buy Canadian" to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in the Township of Billings; and That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by the Township of Billings.

Carried

Motion Number 2025-83

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Hunt

WHEREAS speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

WHEREAS infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township of Billings calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities; and,

THAT the Township of Billings specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads.

Carried

9.1 Sovereignty of Canada - Fort Frances

9.2 Blue Sky Net 2025 Northern Ontario Broadband Report

9.3 Ontario Deposit Return Program - Town of Halton Hills

9.4 Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers - Township of Archipelago

9.5 Paid Plasma Free Zone: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

9.6 Speeding, Distracted Driving and Impaired Driving - City of Woodstock & Zorra Township

10. By-Laws and Agreements

None.

11. Notice of Motions

None.

12. Closed Session

Motion Number 2025-84

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby moves into a Closed Session pursuant to [s.239(2)(b)] Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees AND [s.239(2)(d)] Labour relations or employee negotiations AND [s.239(2)(e)] Litigation or potential litigation,

including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality AND [s.239(2)(c)] A proposed or pending application or disposition of land by the municipality AND FURTHER returns to open session upon completion.

Carried

12.1 Call to Order

12.2 Approval of Closed Meeting Agenda

12.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

12.4 Approval of Minutes

12.4.1 Closed Meeting Minutes

12.5 Staff Reports

12.5.1 Confidential Report

12.5.2 Confidential Report

12.5.3 Confidential Report

12.5.4 Confidential Report

12.6 Adjournment

13. Report out of Closed Session

Motion Number 2025-92

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hillyard

THAT Mayor Barker reported a closed meeting was held where direction was given to staff regarding committee appointments for the Senior's Advisory Committee, direction was given to staff regarding a new Senior Active Living staff position, information was received regarding potential litigation - Insurance Claim and finally direction was given to staff regarding a request to purchase municipal lands.

Carried

14. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion Number 2025-93

Moved By Hillyard

Seconded By Hunt

THAT By-Law No. 2025-12 Being the March 4, 2025 Confirmatory By-Law be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 4th day of March 2025.

Carried

15. Adjournment

15.1 Motion to Adjourn


Motion Number 2025-92

Moved By Anderson

Seconded By Hunt

THAT the Township of Billings Council hereby adjourns at 8:29p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Bryan Barker



CAO/Clerk – Veronique Dion