

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Present were Mayor Michael Donohue, Deputy Mayor Robert Dick, Councillors Kevin LeGris, Mike Quilty and Bob Hall.

Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist. From the press was Bruce McIntyre Eganville Leader.

Mayor Michael Donohue called the meeting to order followed with a moment of silence.

Resolution No. 01/05/17

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the agenda as presented this date.

“Carried“

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 20, 2017, were provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 02/05/17

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 20, 2017.

“Carried“

Mayor Donohue welcomed Doug and Gladys Sidock from the Sunshine Coach. They highlighted the fundraising efforts of the ride the bus campaign. Community events are planned to raise \$110,665 and when combined with matching funds from the grant the total of \$221,000 will go towards the purchase of a new bus and equipment. The fundraising events are hosted by various local groups and will be ongoing throughout 2017. 56% of the fundraising goal has been received to date. The funds need to be raised by the Fall of 2017. The goal of the presentation was to encourage participation in these events and request promotion through the Township website and social media outlets. Deputy Mayor Robert Dick thanked them for the very good service provided to our community by the Sunshine Coach and Mayor Michael Donohue commended them on their efforts.

Planning and Economic Development Committee - Chair Bob Hall, Committee Member Kevin LeGris

A Zoning By-Law Amendment was brought forward from the public planning meeting held prior to the Council meeting. Upon consideration Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 03/05/17

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Council approve the passing of a By-Law amending By-Law 2004-13 for the purpose of rezoning a portion of lands located within Lot 19, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Bromley, from Extractive Industrial Reserve (EMR) and Agriculture (A) to Agriculture – Exception Thirty-Four (A-E34), and from Agriculture (A) to Agriculture-Exception Thirty-Five (A-E35);

And Further that for the lands located in the A-E34 Zone, the maximum height of the existing accessory building shall be 15 metres;

And Further that for the lands located in the A-E35 Zone, residential uses are not permitted.

“Carried“

Community Service Committee Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

The following minutes and reports were reviewed by Council and accepted as information:

- Minutes of the Douglas Recreation Meeting held March 7, 2017
- Minutes from the February 21, 2017 & March 21, 2017 meetings of the Admaston/Bromley Public Library with Treasurer and Librarian’s Reports

Council considered a request for support from Lanark County asking the Province to enhance local response to the opioid problem and the following resolution was proposed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley supports the resolution passed by Lanark County requesting the provincial government to enhance local response to the opioid problem by coordinating with communities and investing in solutions to stop the epidemic, including addiction treatment, prevention and drug policy reform;

And Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honorable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP Mr. John Yakabuski.

Upon consideration the resolution was tabled and referred to the Douglas Fire Committee by the following resolution which passed:

Resolution No. 04/05/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

Be it resolved that the Council of Admaston/Bromley table the supporting resolution for Lanark County on Opioid overdose and refer it to the Douglas Fire Committee until the Council meeting following the next Fire Committee meeting.

“Carried“

Public Works Committee – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

Council reviewed a report requesting approval of Acting Pay according to the Township’s Human Resources Policy B-10 to Steve Visinski who is Acting Public Works Superintendent in Chris Kunopaski’s absence. Upon consideration the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 05/05/17

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Mike Quilty

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Admaston/Bromley authorize the remuneration of acting pay to Lead Hand Steve Visinski in the amount of \$4.37 per hour effective Monday April 23rd, 2017 until such time as the Public Works Superintendent is fully able to resume the duties of the position.

“Carried“

Budget and Finance and Human Resources - Chair Michael Donohue,
Committee Member - All of Council

Council reviewed a report regarding council remuneration and the impact that ending the 1/3 tax exemption, effective 2019, will have on remuneration and municipal budgets. Upon consideration the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 06/05/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

Whereas the Federal Budget proposes to remove the 1/3 income tax exemption for municipal politicians as allowed by the Federal Income Tax Act;

And Whereas this tax exemption option was introduced federally in 1947 for the purpose of helping to defray incidental expenses incurred by elected officials in the performance of their duties and their support of events and organizations by making donations or purchasing tickets that are not claimable expenses;

And Whereas it is increasingly difficult to attract good candidates into municipal office and removing the 1/3 tax exemption on Council remuneration without compensating for that loss will make it even more challenging;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley requests that the Federal Government rescind the tax increase in the Federal Budget that eliminates the 1/3 tax exemption allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of the person's duties as an elected officer of a municipality;

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal and Provincial Finance Ministers, Federal Revenue Minister, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant.

“Carried”

Protective Services – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

The following minutes and reports were reviewed by Council and accepted as information:

- Minutes of the Douglas Fire Committee Meeting held March 9, 2017
- Thank you letter from Ontario Provincial Police for support of the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving
- Minutes of the Police Services Board Meeting held March 23, 2017

Councillor Quilty reported on the upcoming Bike Rodeo's June 6 in Douglas and June 7 at the ARC. He further reported that the changes to the Police Service Board Act have been delayed to the spring of 2018 and the grand opening of the new OPP offices will be June 9th in Renfrew. Councillor Quilty also noted that the Emergency Management Committee meeting would be held next week on Tuesday May 9th

County of Renfrew

Mayor Donohue reminded Council to bring items/ideas for the Canada 150 County of Renfrew Time Capsule to next meeting.

By-Laws

Resolution No 07/05/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT the By-Laws listed below dated May 4, 2017 be enacted and passed:

➤ By-Law 2017-28 being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2004-13

“Carried”

New Business

Councillor Mike Quilty requested that staff review the Township Beaver Removal Policy and report to a future Committee meeting for recommendation to Council.

Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No 08/05/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-Law No. 2017-29, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held May 4, 2017 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

Resolution No. 09/05/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thursday May 4, 2017 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor

Clerk/ Treasurer