

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY  
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Thursday October 18th 2018  
at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Adoption of Minutes – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting
4. Review Correspondence on new trade agreement
5. Review draft resolution for Council
6. Adjournment

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MINUTES

**Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**At 2:15 p.m.**

Present: Michael Donohue, Mike Quilty and Bob Hall  
Staff – Annette Gilchrist and Chris Kunopaski

1. Bob Hall called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – none
3. **Adoption of Minutes – March 9th meeting**

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Bob Hall

Be it resolved that the Planning and Economic Development Committee adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2018 Planning and Economic Development meeting.

“Carried”

4. The Committee reviewed the public survey which is seeking input to assist the Township and its consultants McSweeney and Associates in the development and preparation of Admaston/Bromley’s first Economic Development Action Plan. Question number 5 was removed from the survey as the Committee felt it was similar to question 6. The Committee directed staff to upload the survey onto the website and social media sites with a due date of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A paper copy would also be mailed to every property owner in Admaston/Bromley.

The Committee further reviewed the proposed Economic Summit which was to take place on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Summit date was extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in order to accommodate more time for the invites to be sent out. The Committee came up with 35 names for the invite list which included local business owners, school representatives and County of Renfrew Economic Development staff. Prior to the Summit McSweeney and Associates will analyze the results of the survey and take part in a tour of the Township. The Economic Development Action Plan will be presented at the July 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

5. Adjournment – Moved by Michael Donohue the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Clerk

## The new trade agreement – necessary but damaging

Posted on 5 October 2018 in Commentaries

*By Keith Currie, President, Ontario Federation of  
Agriculture*

Most Canadians and business sectors are relieved that a new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) has been drafted. Canadian markets in agriculture, automobiles and services are highly integrated across North America. A tripartite trade agreement is a necessity to keep goods and services flowing.

Unfortunately, a major part of Canadian agriculture is the sacrificial lamb in the new iteration of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The new deal opens up more market access for U.S. farmers who want to export dairy, eggs and poultry into Canada.

We need trade, there's no denying it. Solid trade agreements and rules are critical to many sectors of Canadian agriculture with export interests including beef, pork and grain. But the opening of new market access to dairy, chicken and eggs is a serious blow that will have a lasting impact on the health of Canada's supply managed commodities and extract economic activity from our rural communities.

Whether or not Canada got the best deal possible is open to speculation. There is no question we were negotiating with a partner who holds most of the cards. We sleep

beside the world's economic elephant and that elephant throws its weight around.

But make no mistake – this new agreement does not address all of our trade problems, by a long shot. The continuing tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum imposed by the U.S. increases our costs of production. The tariff war the U.S. is waging against China has depressed North American markets for meat and grain – again, at the expense and to the detriment of Canadian farmers.

The U.S. has acknowledged the damage caused by its tariffs and are providing American farmers with \$12 billion in support payments. Even so, US farmers say it is not near enough. Meanwhile, the Canadian government believes our existing risk management programs are sufficient to survive this tariff war.

They are not. Clearly, it's time for the federal government to step up and stand up for Canadian agriculture. The federal government either needs to find the magic strategy to end the tariff war or to get real and support Canadian farmers so we can try to weather this latest storm.

We know that the agri-food sector drives our economy and has the potential to do so much more for rural and urban Canada – for jobs, for growth and for safe food. We can only do that if our governments believe in us and demonstrates real support for Canadian farmers and food processors. So far, we are not seeing the support we need to sustain our industry.

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August 30, 2018

The Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

**Re: NAFTA – Dairy Supply Management Program**

At the regular meeting of Council held August 29, 2018, the following resolution was carried:

**Moved by H. Foster – Seconded by C. Gerrits**

**Be it Resolved That:**

WHEREAS it appears that Mexico and the U.S.A have come to an agreement on trade terms and now intense scrutiny is on Canada as our negotiators attempt to come to an agreement as well, and our Dairy Management system is once more front and centre in the news;

WHEREAS supply management means that our Canadian dairy farms produce enough milk for Canadians and Canada allows 10% import of tariff free dairy products and the U.S.A caps tariff free imports at about 2.75%, so the U.S.A also protects their dairy industry;

WHEREAS we want our dairy products to continue to be produced on Canadian farms, under the strictest animal welfare, milk quality and food safety standards in the world;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Amaranth, as a predominantly farming community, urge the Federal Government to not allow a foreign party to interfere with our Dairy Management System and that it be removed from all North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations;

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**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Dufferin-Caledon, MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of International Affairs, Premier of Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation Agriculture and all municipal councils within Ontario.**

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Stone".

Susan M. Stone, A.M.C.T.  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Amaranth

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Whereas Canadian markets in agriculture, automobiles and services are highly integrated across North American and therefore a trade agreement is a necessity to keep goods and services flowing;

And Whereas Solid trade agreements and rules are critical to many sectors of Canadian agriculture with export interests including beef, pork and grain;

And Whereas the new deal opens up more market access for U.S. farmers who want to export dairy, eggs and poultry into Canada;

And Whereas this will have lasting impact on the health of Canada's supply managed commodities and extract economic activity from our rural communities;

And Whereas the supply managed sector, along with all other agriculture sectors, is a vital engine of economic activity within Admaston/Bromley;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township of Admaston/Bromley demand that the Federal Government fully fund its commitment to provide support to our supply managed commodities sector for these concessions in order to ensure sustainable jobs, growth and safe food for all Canadians.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Lawrence MacAuley, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation Agriculture and all municipal councils within Renfrew County.