

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

SECOND MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their second monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Present were Deputy Mayor Mike Quilty, Councillors Bob Hall and Robert Dick. Mayor Michael Donohue and Councillor Kevin LeGris were absent.

Staff members present were Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist, Public Works Superintendent Chris Kunopaski and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell Ferguson.

From the Public were David Hoover, Alvin Brubacher, Manassah Sherk, Earl Walsh and Moses Martin.

Deputy Mayor Quilty called the meeting to order followed with a moment of silence.

The Agenda was amended to move the By-Law brought forward from the Public Planning Meeting under Item 7a before the Delegation Item 6a and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 23/08/19

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded Robert Dick

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

“Carried”

The August 1, 2019 minutes were provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 24/08/19

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 1, 2019.

“Carried”

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. 25/08/19

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council approve the passing of a By-Law amending By-Law 2004-13 for the purpose of rezoning the severed lands in consent file B114/17 to reduce the minimum lot size from 2 hectares to 4700 square metres, to reduce the Minimum Distance Separation I (MDS I) requirement from 171 metres to 85 metres, and to define and permit a meeting house.

“Carried”

Deputy Mayor Mike Quilty welcomed Amy Scholten, Executive Director of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic who made a presentation regarding funding cuts and modernization. Subsequently Council considered her request for support and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 26/08/19

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Robert Dick

WHEREAS the Renfrew County Legal Clinic (the “Clinic”) has delivered services in Renfrew County for over 30 years, providing direct front line legal services to low income clients across Renfrew County with service numbers continuing to rise annually;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic assists area residents who cannot afford legal assistance due to financial hardship — including those on social assistance, pensioners, the unemployed, or those with low income;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic’s services are aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to meet their most basic needs, which in turn gives them the ability to live with health and dignity as active members of their community;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic is committed to upholding the rights of the most vulnerable people of Renfrew County on issues that are most critical to them — including Canada Pension Plan, Ontario Disability Support Program, Workplace Safety and Insurance, Ontario Works, Landlord and Tenant, Criminal Injuries Compensation, Powers of Attorney, Wills, Human Rights, Consumer and Debt issues, administrative legal issues and many other areas that impact low-income people;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic also works with different community groups on issues such as domestic violence and homelessness in Renfrew County;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic carries out this work through approved funding provided by Legal Aid Ontario (LAO);

AND WHEREAS the Provincial government’s 2019 budget cut funding to LAO by \$133 million which represents 30% of its budget — retroactive to April 1, 2019 which could result in the closure of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic won \$1.5 million dollars for clients last year and this money which came from outside sources was spent locally assisting clients by reducing the need for Ontario Works benefits, financially benefitting municipalities and strengthening the local economy;

AND WHEREAS the absence of these services will have adverse social and economic consequences for the Township of Admaston/Bromley and surrounding communities, resulting in increased homelessness resulting from avoidable evictions, poverty resulting from lack of income supports and employment supports and increased reliance on municipal services such as mental health services, hospitals and public housing as well as increased demand on our local court from unrepresented people appearing without legal assistance, and increased reliance on social assistance administration resulting from people being denied appropriate supports;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Admaston/Bromley believes all levels of government should provide fair, economically-sound, and evidence-based programs and supports to help low-income residents, vulnerable people, and other equity-seeking individuals escape poverty, precarious housing, and systemic disadvantage, and realize their full potential by living healthy and safe lives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Admaston/Bromley calls upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice, respect the promise of their government to not decrease frontline services, and confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township urges the Province to restore funding to these critical services and ensure that all the residents of Renfrew County have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing Pembroke, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General and Mr. Charles Harnick, Chair of the LAO Board.

“Carried”

Operations Committee Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

Public Works Superintendent Chris Kunopaski reviewed the Job Cost Expenditure Report dated August 9th, 2019 and Council accepted it as information.

Waste Management Committee – Chair Kevin LeGris, All of Council

Public Works Superintendent Chris Kunopaski gave an update on the Recycling Services and that the municipality will have the Recycling Assistants hired and the new procedure in place by the end of the month.

Finance and Administration Committee - Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

A report and application for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance were presented to Council for approval. The following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 27/08/19

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Bob Hall

Whereas the Township of Admaston/Bromley recently experienced a severe flood due to the sudden, unexpected and extraordinary amount of rainfall and spring snow melt from the evening of Thursday, April 18th until the evening of Tuesday April 23rd, 2019;

And Whereas the Township has experienced incremental operating and capital costs, above regular budgets which are linked to the severe flood;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program;

And Further that Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached claim.

“Carried”

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Mitchell Ferguson reviewed the Budgetary Control Report dated August 9th, 2019.

A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announcing the re-launch of the revitalized Rural Economic Development program was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

Protective Services - Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

Councillor Dick reported that the Level 2 Fire Ban is still in effect in Admaston/Bromley with no fires being permitted including camp fires.

By-Laws

Resolution No 28/08/19

Moved by: Robert Dick, seconded by Bob Hall

That the By-Laws listed below dated August 15, 2019 be enacted and passed:

- By-Law 2019-37 – being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2004-13
“Carried”

Resolution No 29/08/19

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT By-Law No 2019-38, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held August 15, 2019 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

Resolution No. 30/08/19

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thursday August 15, 2019 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor

Clerk/ Treasurer