

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Present were Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe, Deputy Mayor Dirk Rook and Councillors Robert Dick, Ray Pender and Michael Donohue.

Staff members present were Clerk-Treasurer Annette Louis and Road Superintendent Chris Kunopaski. From the press were Peter Clarke, Renfrew Mercury and Shannon Keller, Eganville Leader.

Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe called the meeting to order followed with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Four additions were made to the agenda, which were the following:

- (1) March 2013 Building and Sewage Report
- (2) Amended Application for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program
- (3) Fuel Usage Report under Public Works as Item 9e)
- (4) Email from Norm Lemke, Co-Chair Advisory Committee re: Algonquin Land Claim Negotiations

The following resolution was then passed:

Resolution No. 01/04/13

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Dirk Rook

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council accept the agenda as amended.

“Carried”

A thank you card was read from the Township's three waste site attendants for their addition to the Admaston/Bromley payroll grid.

Delegation and Guest – Mike Quilty, Chair of the Police Services Board was present for the next portion of the meeting. Chair Mike Quilty provided the Board's 2012-Year End Report. Chair Mike Quilty also discussed the need for succession planning as he intends to step down from the Police Services Board at the end of 2013.

The minutes for the month of March were presented to Council for approval.

The following resolution was therefore passed:

Resolution No. 02/04/13

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Ray Pender

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of regular Council Meetings held on March 7 and March 21, 2013 also minutes of the Public Planning Meeting held March 21, 2013.

“Carried”

Planning and Economic Development Committee – Chair Michael Donohue

The Building and Sewage Report for the month of March was provided to Council for review. The following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 03/04/13

Moved by: Michael Donohue, seconded by Dirk Rook

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council accept the Building and Sewage Report dated March 2013.

“Carried”

Community Service Committee – Chair Ray Pender

The following were reviewed by Council and filed as information:

- Report on Admaston/Bromley successfully being granted three defibrillators, which will include the initial training and ongoing inspection of the units. Direction was given to staff to send a thank you to Michael Nolan for his assistance in getting these units for the Township’s facilities.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation permission to re-allocate the remaining \$2,958.63 to purchase replacement cataloguing software. Staff was given direction to forward the email correspondence to the Chair and Treasurer of the Library Board.
- Minutes from the Douglas Recreation Committee Meeting held February 25, 2013
- Minutes of the Admaston/Bromley Public Library Meeting held February 19, 2013 plus Librarians’ report dated March 2013
- Minutes from the Admaston Recreation Committee meeting held in January 2013.

Public Works Committee – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

An invitation was received from the 2014 Municipal Trade Show to purchase an ad in their program. The following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 04/04/13

Moved by: Michael Donohue, seconded by Dirk Rook

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council direct staff to take out a ¼ page advertisement in the program for the 2014 Municipal Trade Show.

“Carried”

A Tile Drainage Loan Application was received for Harry Stuart and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 05/04/13

Moved by: Robert Dick, seconded by Ray Pender

Be it resolved that Council approve Tile Drainage Loan Application in the amount of \$30,100 as requested by Harry Stuart.

“Carried”

An Amended Application form for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program was presented to Council. Direction was given to staff to send a thank you to Mike Pinet at the County of Renfrew for his review and assistance in preparing the amended application. The following Resolution was then passed:

Resolution No. 06/04/13

Moved by: Robert Dick, seconded by Ray Pender

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure is providing funding for municipal capital projects in the areas of roads and bridges, water and wastewater;

AND WHEREAS applications must demonstrate how the funding fits within a comprehensive asset management plan;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Admaston/Bromley is committed to developing a comprehensive asset management plan and is currently collecting data required to form the basis of a detailed plan;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that the reconstruction of the Opeongo Road is top priority under our plan due to the excessive volume of traffic and safety concern for both vehicles and pedestrians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley hereby certify that the information submitted in the Application under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital Program for Opeongo Road Reconstruction with Bicycle/Pedestrian Lane, in the amount of \$236,330.00 being 90% of the total project cost is factually accurate and that the municipality is committed to developing a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all information and analysis described in Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans by December 31, 2013.

“Carried”

The following were reviewed by Council and filed as information:

- AMO Report re: Gas Tax Indexing
- 2009 to 2013 Fuel Usage Comparison Report

Budget, Finance and Human Resources Chair Raye-Anne Briscoe, All of Council

A Quarterly Comparison Report for March 2012 and March 2013 was provided to Council for review and filed as information.

The Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2012 together with the auditor’s annual Management Letter were provided to Council for review and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 07/04/13

Moved by: Ray Pender, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council approve the Auditors report for the year ending December 31, 2012, Annual Management Letter and Financial Statements for 2012.

“Carried”

A request was received from the Eganville Leader to purchase an ad in their 2013 Visitor’s Guide and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 08/04/13

Moved by: Robert Dick, seconded by Ray Pender

Be it resolved that the Township of Admaston/Bromley approve a full page ad in the Eganville Leader’s Visitors Guide for 2013.

“Carried”

Protective Services – Chair Dirk Rook

Douglas Fire Committee minutes from meeting held February 13, 2013 and Fire Chief's Report dated March 19, 2013 was provided to Council for review and filed as information.

County of Renfrew – Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe

Correspondence from Norm Lemke, Co-Chair Advisory Committee re: Algonquin Land Claim Negotiations and supporting Fact Sheet was provided to Council for review and filed as information.

Resolution requesting support from the County of Renfrew regarding Endangered Species Act passed at the Development and Property meeting held March 27, 2013 was presented to Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 09/04/13

Moved by: Michael Donohue, seconded by Dirk Rook

WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act (ESA) calls on the Province of Ontario to undertake measures to protect species listed as threatened or endangered;

AND WHEREAS regulatory decisions under the ESA are often made without a sound scientific basis or adequate data;

AND WHEREAS as a result of inadequate data the Ministry of Natural Resources have tended to designate broad areas of land as critical habitat instead of narrowing the designation to those areas that are truly "essential" as required by the ESA;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Species at Risk legislation as written:

- adds a new and costly layer of bureaucracy and regulatory burden;
- created an Act that does not achieve recovery of endangered species;
- imposes an Act that will not be supported by landowners, stewards, employers, or developers;
- creates a further disincentive to invest in Ontario;
- results in a loss of jobs; and
- results in a loss of economic opportunity;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with preserving a particular species fall disproportionately on rural communities to cope with the resulting economic disruption and financial burden;

AND WHEREAS implementation of the ESA causes landowners to unfairly assume the burden for protecting listed species and their habitat;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley requests the Province of Ontario to adopt tools that will allow the Endangered Species Act to advance the goal of preserving species without adverse effects on local, Provincial or national economies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley requests the Province of Ontario to amend the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and/or implementation regulations as follows:

- 1) Reform the listing process to ensure that all ESA decisions - such as listing, delisting, designation of critical habitat and recovery planning - are supported by sound science. Require that the listing process be subject to review by duly elected Members of Parliament.

- 2) Balance the needs of property owners and a growing population with the need to protect endangered species, including enhanced opportunities for property owners and the public to participate in the process.
- 3) Ensure that the burden of proving a species' existence on private property is placed on the Provincial government, and public participation and comments are provided on any survey protocols produced by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- 4) Ensure the social and economic implications of listing a species are clearly understood and mitigated.
- 5) Ensure that the designation of critical habitat:
 - a) is as precise as possible using a map-based approach that incorporates sufficient points of reference to locate critical habitat boundaries;
 - b) is limited to areas currently occupied by the species;
 - c) excludes areas where the costs of designation outweigh the benefits, based on an assessment of the full direct, indirect and cumulative economic and social effects; and,
 - d) excludes areas where adequate protection is already in place and addressed through other legislation e.g. Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Planning Act.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to local municipalities in the County of Renfrew, MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

"Carried"

By-Laws

Confirming By-Law

By-Law No, 2013-18, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed by the following resolution:

Resolution No. 10/04/13

Moved by Dirk Rook, seconded by Michael Donohue

That By-Law No. 2013-18, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held April 4, 2013 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

"Carried"

Resolution No. 11/04/13

Moved by Ray Pender, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that the April 4, 2013 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

"Carried"

Mayor

Clerk/ Treasurer