

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Present were Mayor Michael Donohue, Councillors Bob Hall, Kevin LeGris and Mike Quilty. Deputy Mayor Robert Dick was absent.

Staff member present was Clerk-Treasurer Annette Louis. From the press was Tiffany Lepack, from the Renfrew Mercury and Peter DeWolf, MYFM Radio.

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

Resolution No. 01/03/16

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Bob Hall

Be it resolved that Council accept the agenda as presented on March 3, 2016.

“Carried”

The minutes of the Council meeting held February 18, 2016 was provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 02/03/16

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Bob Hall

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 18, 2016.

“Carried”

The Mayor welcomed Gerry Richards and Lynn Clelland on behalf of the Renfrew County Agricultural Water Quality Leadership Group.

The purpose of the presentation to Council was to present the results and final report of the research that was conducted on the Groups behalf by Intersol from the Fall of 2014 to June 2015. Six County groups created this Leadership Group because they had a strong sense that the Agriculture community needs to be more engaged and recognized when it comes to water issues in Renfrew County. The Group is making the same presentation at Renfrew County Development and Property Committee to promote the need for collaboration through the development of a county-wide management model that supports the improvement of water quality across the various watersheds.

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

A report on website stats comparing 7 months in 2013 to 2015 was reviewed and accepted as information. The remaining 5 months were unavailable. The yearly total was provided for 2015 however it was also not available for 2013.

A request for support from the Township of Gilles for support of the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding the Government of Ontario limiting the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board’s powers to questions of law or process was presented to Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 03/03/16

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley supports the resolutions passed by the Town of Aurora and Township of Gillies requesting that the Ontario Municipal Board be required to uphold any planning decisions of Municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

“Carried”

Community Service Committee Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

A By-Law to appoint members to the Public Library Board was considered and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 04/03/16

Moved by: Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

Be it resolved that Council approves a By-Law to Appoint a Public Library Board for the Township of Admaston/Bromley.

And further that By-Law 2015-03 is hereby repealed.

“Carried”

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

A request from Valley Heritage Radio regarding St. Patrick’s Day Greetings was received by Council and the following motion was moved by Bob Hall:

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council direct staff to purchase a St. Patrick’s Day greeting from Valley Heritage Radio.

A call for a seconder once – no response
A call for a seconder a second time – no response

“Motion– falls to the floor”

A report on the Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Annual Conference was presented to Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 05/03/16

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Council authorize Clerk-Treasurer Annette Louis to register for the AMCTO Conference being held in Niagara Falls from June 12th – 15th, 2016.

“Carried”

A request for support from AMO, MFOA and LAS to have the province amend the current Municipal Act investment regulation to grant all municipalities similar

investment powers granted to the City of Toronto consistent with the 'Prudent Investor Standard' was presented to Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No 06/03/16

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

WHEREAS municipalities are required to invest their reserves in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), which specifically outlines allowable investments;

AND WHEREAS to ensure the sustainability and sound stewardship of the municipality's investments, the municipality is of the opinion that changes should be made to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), to allow for the prudent investment of reserves, if those investments are professionally managed and part of a broader investment strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Prudent Investor Standard is an industry accepted best practice in effectively managing a portfolio of investments, and the Standard applies to investments, not in isolation, but in the context of the portfolio of investments and as part of an overall strategy, that should incorporate acceptable risk and return objectives suitable to the stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Province is conferring "Prudent Investor" status on the City of Toronto to enable greater diversification in portfolio management,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Local Authority Services (LAS), and the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), have long requested that the Prudent Investor Standard apply to all municipal investments that are invested with The One Investment Program;

AND WHEREAS in 2005, municipalities were granted the ability to invest in longer-term corporate bonds and Canadian equity investments via only the One Investment Program, and the One Investment Program has demonstrated strong investment returns for municipalities within these 'new' investment sectors;

AND WHEREAS the institutional portfolio managers utilized by the One Investment Program recommend that the Prudent Investor Standard approach is a more appropriate approach to investing;

AND WHEREAS operating municipal investments under the Prudent Investor Standard is precluded by the Municipal Act, Eligible Investments, in its current form;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the request of AMO, LAS, and MFOA to amend Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard, if such investments are through the One Investment Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Local Authority Services (LAS) and the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA).

"Carried"

A report on Council Remuneration for 2015 was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

Protective Services – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member

The Minutes from the Police Services Board Meeting held January 20th, 2016 was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

By-Laws

Resolution No 07/03/16

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT the By-Laws listed below dated March 3 2016 be enacted and passed:

- By-Law No 2016-09 being a By-Law to appoint a Public Library Board for the Township of Admaston/Bromley and repeal By-Law 2015-03.

“Carried”

Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No 08/03/16

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT By-Law No 2016-10 being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held March 3, 2016 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

New Business

Council agreed to enter a Township truck in the Douglas St. Patrick’s Day parade on Friday March 11th, 2016.

Resolution No 09/03/16

Moved by: Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thursday March 3rd, 2016 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor

Clerk/ Treasurer