AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Moment of Silence

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. Minutes –
   a) 5a Minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 20th, 2017

6. Delegation and Guests – Doug and Gladys Sidock from Sunshine Coach

7. Planning and Economic Development Committee - Chair Bob Hall, Committee Member Kevin LeGris
   a) 7a Resolution to approve By-Law 2017-28 – being a by-law to amend By-Law No 2004-13 (bring forward from Public Planning Meeting)

8. Community Service Committee - Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall
   a) 8a Minutes of the Douglas Recreation Meeting held March 7, 2017
   b) 8b Minutes from the February 21, 2017 Meeting Admaston/Bromley Public Library with Treasurer and Librarian’s Reports
   c) 8c Resolution support request from Lanark County re: Opioid Strategy

9. Public Works Committee - Chair Robert Dick, Committee Member - All of Council
   a) 9a Resolution re: Acting Public Works Superintendent

10. Budget and Finance and Human Resources - Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council
    a) 10a Report on One Third Tax Exemption Proposal

11. Protective Services - Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick
    a) 11a Minutes of the Douglas Fire Committee Meeting held March 9, 2017
    b) 11b Thank you letter from Ontario Provincial Police for support of the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving
    c) 11c Minutes of the Police Services Board Meeting held March 23, 2017
12. County of Renfrew – Mayor Michael Donohue

13. By-Laws

➢ By-Law 2017-28 being a By-Law to amend by-law 2004-13

14. Notice of Motion

15. Old Business

16. New Business

17. Confirmatory By-Law

   a) 17a By-Law No. 2017-29 to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held May 4, 2017

18. Question Period

19. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE “Submissions received by the public, either orally or in writing may become part of the public record/package”.

Council Information

2017-04-18 Ottawa Valley Business
2016 December – The Village Press
AMO Communication – 2017 Provincial Budget Delivered
Council met for their second monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael Donohue, Deputy Mayor Robert Dick and Councillors Bob Hall, Kevin LeGris and Mike Quilty.

Staff members present were Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bill Piasetzki and Public Works Superintendent Chris Kunopaski. From the press was Bruce McIntrye, Eganville Leader.

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

**Resolution No. 12/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented this date. “Carried”

The minutes of the Special Council meeting which was held April 6th, 2017 was provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No.13/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the Special Public meeting held on April 6th 2017.

“Carried”

The minutes of the regular Council meeting which was held April 6th, 2017 was provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No.14/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 6th 2017.

“Carried”

Mayor Donohue read two pieces of correspondence being a thank you from Renfrew County Catholic District School Board for Council’s support regarding AEDs in all schools and a thank you from the family of Bernard Hanniman for the lowering of the flags and the kind words upon his passing.


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

Three consent applications submitted by Kyle Cobus were considered by Council and the following resolutions were passed:

**Resolution No. 15/04/17**

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council accept in principle Consent Application B183/16(1) submitted by Kyle Cobus so long as requirements of commenting agencies are satisfied.

“Carried”
Resolution No. 16/04/17

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council accept in principle Consent Application B184/16(2) submitted by Kyle Cobus so long as requirements of commenting agencies are satisfied.

“Carried”

Resolution No. 17/04/17

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council accept in principle Consent Application B185/16(3) submitted by Kyle Cobus so long as requirements of commenting agencies are satisfied.

“Carried”

The Building and Sewage Report for the month of March 2017 was reviewed by Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 18/04/17

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Council accepts the March 2017 Building and Sewage Report.

“Carried”

The Township’s website stats for March 2017 were reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

The recommendation regarding the planning inquiry submitted by Mark and Lisa Lavallee was brought forward from the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 19/04/17

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

WHEREAS Mark and Lisa Lavallee wish to establish a secondary dwelling or a temporary granny suite on their property;

AND WHEREAS both options require a zoning by-law amendment for which further direction is required before an application can be submitted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley upon recommendation from the Planning and Economic Development Committee directs staff to advise Mark and Lisa Lavallee to submit an application for a zoning by-law amendment to permit the construction of a secondary dwelling on their property to be considered in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act and related Ontario regulations.

“Carried”

Community Service Committee Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

The 2016 Renfrew Recreation Rural Participation Report was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

Public Works Committee – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

Correspondence regarding the Federal Gas Tax Legacy Payment was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.
A request for support from the municipality of Port Hope regarding the banning of waste incinerators in Ontario was considered by Council and accepted as information.

The Roads Voucher dated April 13, 2017 was provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 20/04/17**

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Mike Quilty

Be it resolved that Council approve payment of the Roads Voucher dated April 13, 2017 in the amount of $103,102.71.

“Carried”

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

Staff proposed changes to the Schedule of Fees By-Law. These changes were reviewed and accepted by the Budget, Finance and Human Resources Committee. A notice was placed in the local newspapers informing the ratepayers of the special meeting held on April 7th, 2017 and that Council was going to consider changing the fees at the April 20th, 2017 Council meeting. Hearing no concerns, the following resolution was therefore passed:

**Resolution No. 21/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council approves a By-Law to Establish a Schedule of Fees for Municipal Services.

“Carried”

Subsequent to the presentation by Rory Richards regarding the 2016 Financial Statements, Council reviewed the annual management letter from MacKillican and Associates regarding strengthening internal controls and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 22/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley approve the Auditors report for the year ending December 31, 2016, the Annual Management Letter and the Financial Statements for 2016.

“Carried”

A report regarding unfunded items to be excluded from the 2017 Budget was presented to Council and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 23/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

WHEREAS for 2017 budget purposes, as per Ontario Regulation 284/09, a municipality may exclude from the budget, amortization expenses pertaining to tangible capital assets; post-employment benefit expenses and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses;

AND WHEREAS Council chose not to include amortization costs, post-employment benefit expenses for payout in a future year and unfunded landfill closure and post-closure costs;

AND WHEREAS a report must be presented to Council providing the 2017 impact of the excluded expenses from the budget;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the following as excluded items from the 2017 Budget:

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“Carried”

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

- Interim Tax Report – Control totals as of March 31st, 2017
- March 2016-2017 Financial Comparison Report

An updated Building By-Law was considered by Council and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 24/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley approves a By-Law to regulate the erection of buildings.

“Carried”

The General Voucher dated April 14th 2017 was presented to Council for approval. Upon review, the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 25/04/17**

Moved by Robert Dick seconded by Mike Quilty

Be it resolved that Council approve payment of the General Voucher dated March 11th to April 14th, 2017 in the amount of $577,031.06

“Carried”

**Protective Services** – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

Council approved the request from the municipality of Greater Madawaska regarding a joint purchase of a generator for DACA providing that an agreement to use the DACA centre as an evacuation centre in the event of an emergency in the Township of Admaston/Bromley was reached. A By-Law and agreement was prepared and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 26/04/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley approves a By-Law authorizing the execution of an Emergency Plan Mutual Agreement with the Dacre and Area Community Association.

“Carried”

Mayor Donohue reviewed the County of Renfrew request for 10 stones from each Lower-Tier for the Canada 150 Cairn and items for the County of Renfrew Time Capsule to be opened in the year 2067. The items must be submitted to County by May 31st, 2017. Council agreed to decide on the items for the time capsule at the first meeting in May.
By-Laws

Resolution No. 27/04/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT the By-Laws listed below dated April 20th, 2017 be enacted and passed:

➢ By-Law 2017-24 being a By-Law to adopt a Tariff of Fees
➢ By-Law 2017-25 being a By-Law to regulate the erection of buildings
➢ By-Law 2017-26 being a By-Law authorizing the execution of an Emergency Plan Mutual Agreement with the Dacre and Area Community Association

“Carried”

New Business

Councillor LeGris made note of the federal government’s proposal to end the 1/3 tax exception. Council requested that this item be added to the May 4th Agenda for discussion.

Councillor Hall reported that the Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce Home and Leisure Show is on April 22 and 23 at the Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre.

Mayor Donohue reported that he attended the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge at Garrison Petawawa on April 9th. The past, present and future of our military were represented at the celebration by veterans and members of the Royal Canadian Legion, soldiers from various units across Garrison Petawawa and by local cadets.

Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No. 28/04/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-Law No. 2017-27, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held April 20, 2017 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

Resolution No. 29/04/17

Moved by Kevin LeGris seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that Council moves to an in-camera session at 9:07 p.m. under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act 2001, c, 25 being a personal matter about an identifiable individual and to approve minutes of the January 19th, 2017 in-camera session.

“Carried”

Deputy Mayor Robert Dick rose and reported that Council met in-camera to choose the Citizen, Youth Citizen and Senior of the year, to be recognized at our Canada Day celebrations.

Resolution No. 33/04/07

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thursday April 20 2017 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

“Carried”

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Mayor                                                Clerk/ Treasurer
1. THAT By-law Number 2004-13, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) By adding the following new subsection to Section 22.0 – Requirements for Agriculture (A) Zone, immediately after Section 22.3(gg):

“(hh) Agriculture-Exception Thirty-Four (A-E34)

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law to the contrary, for the lands located in the A-E34 Zone, within Lot 19, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Bromley, now in the Township of Admaston/Bromley, known municipally as 62 Durack Line, the maximum height of the existing accessory building shall be 15 metres.

(ii) Agriculture-Exception Thirty-Five (A-E35)

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law to the contrary for the lands located in the A-E35 Zone, within Lot 19, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Bromley, now in the Township of Admaston/Bromley, known municipally as 62 Durack Line, residential uses are not permitted.”

(b) Schedule “A” is amended by rezoning those lands described above 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), as shown as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule “A” attached hereto.

2. THAT save as aforesaid all other provisions of By-law 2004-13, as amended, shall be complied with.

3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing thereof.
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

This is Schedule "A" to By-law Number ________
Passed the ______ day of __________, 20____

Signatures of Signing Officers:

Mayor ___________________________ Clerk ___________________________

LEGEND

- RU Rural
- RR Rural
- Natural Heritage Feature (NHF)
- Extractive Industrial (EM)
- Extractive Industrial Reserve (EMR)
- Environmental Protection (EP)
- Exception One (Numbered consecutively for each respective zone classification e.g. RU-E1, RU-E2, etc.)
- Inactive Waste Disposal

Item 1: From EMR To A-E34
Item 2: Area affected by this Amendment: From EMR To A-E34
Item 3: Area affected by this Amendment From A To A-E35
DOUGLAS RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes from March 7, 2017

**Attended:** Dawn Afsisks, Anne Trainor, Bev Chafer, Robert Lobetaske, Jesse Welch, Maureen Enright. Send their regrets: Lindsay Dick.

**Start @ 7:05pm End @ 9:05pm**

**Motion to accept minutes from January 9, 2017 as presented** 1st Maureen Enright, 2nd Anne Trainor - passed

**Finances:** Bank account: $41,838.24 (includes Frosty Fun). We reviewed the budget that Jesse has already sent to the TWSP. Items to note: allocating approx. $7K for volleyball upgrades: sand, fencing (significant cost), new poles. Allocating $7450 for B Ball for equipment, balls, field mix, jerseys and netting above backstop. Budget $1500 for a new building sign. Allocation $1500 for well/plumbing issues. Carry over $9275 from 2016 to build a fund for rink board improvements or overhaul est 3 more years before we have to do the work. Note, we fell short on FF revenue for 2017 vs budget which might minimize allocation in other areas.

**Frosty Fun 2017** – Feb 10, 11, 12 2017. The event generated $14,537.50 in profit (budget $19K). There are still some Silent Auction revenues to collect. 2017 numbers were down from 2016 by just over $5000 – 2016 was a record year – the weather on Sunday affected bar, dinner & silent auction. Thank you for everyone’s exceptional efforts to execute this important fundraising event. A full list was noted on comments and feedback with some recommendations for 2018.

**Miscellaneous:**
- Rink was shut down in mid Feb – one week after FF due to weather.
- St Paddy’s float – Lindsey Rowan organizing w help from Shawn McF – we need bodies – plan join the float effort Saturday Mar 11.
- All other spring and summer planning discussions rolled to next meeting.
- Picnic Tables need to be repaired/re-stabilized – Jesse – in progress, next meeting
- Update lock on container – Jesse – in progress, next meeting
- Well/pump – Ron to take a look and determine if there is any follow up. In progress, next meeting
- Water Filling station – Maureen/Jesse to work through application.

**NEXT MEETING – Please mark your calendars:**

**“TUESDAY” APRIL 18TH, 2017 – 7PM**

- SPRING/SUMMER PLANNING
- NOTE – WE ARE GOING BACK TO TUESDAY MEETINGS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED VOLUNTEER WORK!!!!**
ADMASTON/BROMLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Susan Patterson-O'Neill, Jane Wouda (Librarian), Karen Coulas, Charlene Whattam, Beth McDonald, Angela McEachen, Bob Hall

Regrets: Lynn Agnew, Karen Payne, Mary Catherine Brisco, Tricia McIntyre, Lynn Clelland

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

3. Declaration of conflict of interest - No conflict declared

4. Approval of minutes of February meeting - tabled until next meeting

5. Business arising from the minutes
   A) Update on St. Patrick's Day Float - Susan gave an update
   B) Update on St. Patrick's Trivia March 14 - Susan gave an update
   C) Rain barrel fund raiser - discussed and decided not to at this time. Caesar's pizza
   D) Plant / yard / book sale - decided not to do this and do Little kit fundraiser instead. Beth and Jane co-chairing.

6. New business - none

7. Motion to accept treasurer's report and pay all bills

   Moved by Angela McEachen
   Seconded by Charlene Whattam
   Carried

8. Librarian's report as attached

9. Motion to approve Policy No GOV – 12 Governance - Succession Planning

   Moved by Karen Coulas
   Seconded by Bob Hall
Motion to approve Policy No GOV - 07 Governance - Financial Control
Moved by Charlene Whattam
Seconded by Karen Coulas

10. Correspondence - none

11. Other business – succession planning: discussed policy above

12. Adjournment: 8:20 pm

13. Next Meeting – Tuesday April 18, 2017 @ 7 pm

[Signatures]

Susan Patterson-O’Neill
Chairperson

[Date]

April 18, 2017
Admaston Bromley Public Library
Board Meeting
February 21, 2017
7:30 PM

Present: Susan Patterson-O’Neil, Karen Payne, Jane Woude (Librarian), Charlene What tam, Karen Coulas, Bob Hall, Lynn Agnew, Tricia McIntyre, Angela McEachen

Regrets: Lynn Cieland

Absent: Mary Catherine Brisco, Beth McDonald

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – No conflict declared

4. Motion to accept minutes from January 24, 2017

Moved by Karen Coulas
Seconded by Angela McEachen
Carried

5. Business arising from the minutes

a) Float for St. Patrick’s Day Parade — the committee gave an update

b) Trivia Night in March — the committee gave a brief update

c) Agreement with RCCDSB — since there has been no communication from the School Board we will table this item indefinitely

6. New Business

a) Approval of pay raise for Jane

Motion to approve a pay raise for Jane to $18.32 per hour, retroactive January 1, 2017

Move by Lynn Agnew
Seconded by Trish McIntyre
Carried

b) The board approved time off for Jane in May for her daughter’s wedding

c) Our annual Plant and Book Sale will be on May 27, 2017
7. Motion to accept treasurer's report and to pay all bills

Moved by Lynn Agnew
Seconded by Tricia McIntyre
Carried

Lynn Agnew and Jane Wouda will prepare a letter for our bank with signing authorities in order to set up on-line banking

8. Librarians Report as attached

9. Review of Policy OP-10 Children's and Teen's Services

Motion to accept Policy OP-10 Children's and Teen's Services

Moved by Angela McEachen
Seconded by Trish McIntyre
Carried

10. Correspondence - none

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment: 8:40 pm

13. Next Meeting Tuesday March 21, 2017 @ 7 pm

[Signature]
Susan Patterson-O'Neill
Chairperson

[Date]
April 18, 2017
Admaston/ Bromley Public Library  

April 18, 2017  

Treasurer’s Report  

Lynn A Agnew  

Deposited  

$1105.00 in bank on April 11, 2017 (donation $1000.00 in memory of Jack and Sarah Campbell and a $25.00 donation from Elaine Bazinet-Smith and $80 in book fines and photocopies)  

Balance as of April 18, 2017  

$5,590.58  

Bills to pay  

Mastercard BMO  

Bell Internet  

$ 85.88 (online)  

payment April 25, 2017  

Bell phone  

$ 73.62 (online)  

payment April 19, 2017  

Wagas  

$ 1,614.42  

cheque #784  

Lg print pool  

$ 175.00  

Cheque #785  

Total bills to be paid  

$1948.92  

OLCF 2016-2017 has been spent $2,534.00 overspent by -$2.38 (money was already in account)  

Story Walk money $500.00 arrived and needs to be deposited  

Monies from the townships have not been sent, this usually comes late spring from Admaston/Bromley, late summer from North Algona and Bonnechere Valley  

Thanks  

Lynn Agnew
Librarian’s Report – April 2017

1. Programming – We had a great turn out for the Easter Party. I couldn’t even count how many kids there were, but I’d say about 35 to 40 kids, if you include the toddlers! There were about 50 people, including the parents and helpers, so it was terrific. I may have another event in June, but it depends on what else is happening. The Mercury took some photos, so that should be in the paper soon. Two parents signed up for library cards.

2. Fundraising – The pizza fundraiser has been very well received. The school is being a huge help. I have had a lot of people visiting the library for the first time looking for order forms.

3. Grants – I haven’t heard anything back about either grant, yet. I think that if we don’t get the SEP grant, we should consider using some of the money we’ve raised to help pay for a summer student to do the Summer Reading Club and some data entry to try to get JASI as complete as possible. I also think we could consider buying some laptops and going ahead with the computer classes even if the Senior’s Community money doesn’t come through.

4. Collections – I spent a total of $251.93 on the collection in March. In April, I spent $272.31. I also spent $245.39 on large print books in April, thanks to a generous donation to the library.

5. Policy – Please review GOV-03 Duties and Responsibilities of Individual Board Members, which I have emailed to you. I am still working on the circulation policy. I hope to present it before the summer.

6. OLCF 2016/17 – I completed the report and received this notice, “All funding requirements have been met for the 2016-17 OLCF-ITS grant and your Grants Ontario case will be closed.” Great news!

7. Correspondence:
   - Phone & Internet Bills
   - Bank Statement
   - DVD Pool bill
   - Fortinet renewal notice (needs to be renewed in June)
   - Donation to library

8. Miscellaneous:
   - Stacks (our old ILS) has finally stopped working. I am starting to get the school kids’ information into JASI. I have contacted Mary Catherine to let her and the staff at St. Michael’s know what is happening. Once the information has been transferred, I’ll need to do some staff training.
   - I contacted Matthew Cherry to let him know I wanted to order the signs. He still needs to let me know when to expect them.
   - I put in an order totalling $182.64 to Brodart for my library supplies. I don’t think there is a library discount any longer. I am going to see if there is another supplier that offers a better deal.
   - Doug Headrick (handyman) and I are meeting Wednesday to discuss our projects.
   - I will not be able to make it to the next Librarian’s Meeting because it conflicts with the day the pizzas are arriving. It was unavoidable.
   - I have uploaded MS Word to 3 computers so far. I will get it activated on the other two as soon as I can. I’m running into problems installing the new software. I can fix it, but it’s time consuming. I am confident I can get it all sorted out.
   - STATS: Total Overdrive usage as of 4/10/2017 – 207, Feb. Circulation stats – 737, not including e-books. ILL total – 77 (to date) New patrons – 13 (to date). (This doesn’t include the school children.)
The library board expects its members to understand the extent of their authority and to use it appropriately. This policy sets out the obligations of individual board members. While an individual board member has a number of responsibilities, outside of a meeting of the library board he or she has no authority to make decisions.

1. Each board member is expected to become a productive participant in exercising the duties of the board as a whole.

2. Individual members of the library board are responsible for exercising a Duty of Diligence as follows:
   
a) be informed of legislation under which the library exists, board bylaws, mission, vision and values
b) be informed about the activities of the library and the community and issues that affect the library
c) be prepared for all board meetings and
d) attend board meetings regularly, contribute from personal and professional experience, and use meeting time productively

3. Individual members of the library board are responsible for exercising a Duty of Loyalty, as follows:
   
a) adhere to the regulations of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M60
b) act in the Interest of the library members and community over and above other interest group involvement, membership on other boards, council or personal interest
c) speak with “one voice” once a decision is reached and a resolution is passed by the library board
d) represent the library positively to the community

4. Individual members of the library board are responsible for exercising a Duty of Care, as follows:
   
a) promote a high level of library service
b) consider information gathered in preparation for decision making
c) offer personal perspective and opinions on issues that are subject to library board discussion and decisions
d) show respect for the opinions of others
e) assume no authority to make decisions outside of board meetings
f) know and respect the distinction in the roles of the library board with regard to governance and the employees, management and operations
g) refrain from individually directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the employees
h) respect the confidential nature of library service to users while being aware of, and in compliance with, applicable laws governing freedom of information
i) resist censorship of library materials by groups or individuals

Related Documents:

Admostat/Bromley Public Library Public Library. BL 04 - Powers and Duties of the Board
Admostat/Bromley Public Library Public Library. Gov 01 - Purpose of the Board (forthcoming)
Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M60
April 27th, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen’s Park
Toronto, Ontario  M7A 1A1

Dear Ms. Wynne:

Re: Request for Provincial Support: Opioid Strategy

At the regular session of Lanark County Council held on April 26th, 2017, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lanark adopted the following resolution seeking provincial support in relation to the opioid crisis:

MOTION #CC-2017-67

WHEREAS, communities across the province and country are responding to the escalating risk of opioid overdoses and deaths;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario alone has witnessed 13 years of increasing deaths due to opioid overdoses, to the point that deaths related to such overdoses are now double those from motor vehicle collisions (excerpt from Prescription for Life www.drugstrategy.com);

AND WHEREAS, according to the Regional Supervising Coroner East Region, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark (LGL), our region is not immune to the opioid problem, as there were 24 opioid related deaths between 2010 and 2014, as well as 7 suspected opioid-related deaths in the region in the past 12 months, and individuals participating in the Public Health Unit Harm Reduction Program have reported 23 non-fatal opioid related overdoses in the past 6 months;

AND WHEREAS, opioids, such as morphine and fentanyl patches, are prescribed by physicians to treat pain;
AND WHEREAS, fentanyl patches and other opioid pills are being diverted from their initial purpose, and are being sold illicitly to be smoked, chewed, ingested or injected for a high, which over time, requires more and more opioid to get the same high, which leads to overdose and potentially death;

AND WHEREAS, a particular concern with fentanyl patches, including illicit fentanyl and its related analogues, is that these drugs are available and easily imported illegally from other countries, and the amount of fentanyl varies on each portion of the patch leading to a higher risk of overdose;

AND WHEREAS, illicit fentanyl has been confirmed in many other street drugs such as heroin, fake oxycontin pills, cocaine, and crystal meth;

AND WHEREAS, police in our area have reported seizing diverted fentanyl (an opioid) patches, illicit fentanyl, and drugs laced with fentanyl;

AND WHEREAS, the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is working with the community to develop a community response plan to the opioid situation in collaboration with many stakeholders including police, fire, EMS, community organizations, municipalities, health service providers, and the education sector;

AND WHEREAS, the Health Unit has the lead in expanding surveillance of the problem, ensuring individuals who are using opioids and their family/friends have access to naloxone which can reverse respiratory failure from an overdose, and providing information and education to the public, in addition to working with municipalities and the community on the social determinants of health such as poverty, unemployment, lack of social supports, and inadequate housing, that can have a negative impact on the health of individuals and communities, as well as address the underlying root causes of substance misuse;

AND WHEREAS, in October of 2016, the Honourable Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins announced the Ontario Provincial Opioid Strategy to tackle the public health crisis related to problematic use of opioids by looking at multiple sectors including physician prescribing, overdose monitoring, opioid prescription monitoring, and enhancing harm reduction and addiction services.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lanark respectfully requests the provincial government to enhance our local response to the opioid problem in our community, by enacting the following:

- Ensure all first responders, including police and fire, have access to provincially funded naloxone that can reverse an opioid overdose, and training in its use, due to the fact that in our rural region volunteer firefighters are often the first ones on the scene of an opioid overdose, and it is critical that the individual(s) who has overdosed receive naloxone as soon as possible to prevent death; and

- Ensure all places that support vulnerable people in the community, have access to publicly funded naloxone, and training in its use; and

- Provide a provincially funded public opioid education campaign, including social media to complement the efforts of individual communities; and

- Provide additional provincial funding for addiction and mental health services that would assist in treating people with mental illness to reduce and/or eliminate self-medication with opioids, and would provide addiction services to help people overcome their opioid addiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MP Scott Reid and MPP Randy Hillier, Carleton-Mississippi Mills MPP Jack MacLaren, FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities), AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Honourable Premier, this is a crisis situation and we need strong leadership from the provincial and federal governments to coordinate with communities and urgently invest in the solutions to stop the epidemic, including addictions treatment, supportive housing, prevention and drug policy reform. We desperately need a nationwide emergency response as opioid addiction devastates families and communities and overdose deaths reach an even more horrific toll. We very much look forward to a favourable response.
If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Drynan, County Clerk/Deputy CAO at 613-267-4200 ext. 1502 or via email at ldrynan@lanarkcounty.ca or Dr. Paula Stewart MD, FRCP Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) at 613-345-5685.

Sincere regards,

Bill Dobson
Warden

BD/Id

cc:
Honourable Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MP Scott Reid and MPP Randy Hillier
Carleton-Mississippi Mills MPP Jack MacLaren
FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities)
AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)
EOWC (Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus)
All municipalities in the Province of Ontario
Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health for LGLDHU
REPORT

Date: April 28, 2017

To: Council

Re: Acting Public Works Superintendent

From: Annette Louis

On Friday April 21st Public Works Superintendent Chris Kunopaski had surgery on his ankle.

He is now comfortably healing at home and we wish him a quick and speedy recovery and return to work.

While Chris is away Lead Hand Steve Visinski has been Acting Public Works Superintendent. Authorization from Council regarding remuneration of acting pay is required for this position.

Recommendation:

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.
REPORT

Date: May 1, 2017
To: Council
Re: 1/3 Tax Exemption
From: Annette Louis

The following is an excerpt from page 210 of the 2017 Federal Budget:

Employee Benefits and Allowances in today’s workforce, many Canadians receive benefits—such as a daily food allowance or transit fare—which are counted as taxable income. Yet certain tax measures allow some individuals to pay less than their fair share of taxes on such benefits. These measures are unfair and they lack a strong policy rationale. To improve consistency, Budget 2017 proposes to:

• Eliminate the deduction in respect of employee home relocation loans. Evidence suggests that this deduction disproportionately benefits the wealthy, and does little to help the middle class and those working hard to join it.

• Remove the tax exemptions for non-accountable expense allowances paid to members of provincial and territorial legislative assemblies and to certain municipal office-holders. This exemption is only available to certain provincial, territorial and municipal office holders, and provides an advantage that other Canadians do not enjoy.
An email was received from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) dated April 5, 2017 regarding the 1/3 Tax Exemption advising that AMO is preparing a survey to go to municipal treasurers in the next few weeks to obtain data about council remuneration and the impact that ending the 1/3 tax exemption, effective 2019, will have on remuneration and municipal budgets. AMO is working with several other provinces that are similarly impacted so that a coordinated federal approach occurs going forward.
The regular meeting of the Douglas Fire Committee was called to order by Chairman Robert Dick. Present were Daryl Thom, Nathan Harris, Fire Chief Kevin Van Woezik. There were no conflicts of interest.

It was moved by Daryl Thom and seconded by Nathan Harris that the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting be approved as read.

Carried

In Old Business fire chief Kevin said he or a delegate from the fire department will act as a representative from the fire department on the Canada 150 celebration committee. The PTSD Prevention Plan that was developed with the municipality was circulated and discussed. Fire Chief Kevin Van Woezik had worked with clerk Annette Gilchrist in developing the plan and felt the material was complete.

It was moved by Nathan Harris and seconded by Daryl Thom. Be it resolved that the Douglas Fire Committee recommends to the Council of Admaston/Bromley Township that the PTSD Prevention Plan be adopted

Carried

The hiring committee interviewed for the position of deputy fire chief and presented the following motion.

It was moved by Nathan Harris and seconded by Daryl Thom. March 1, 2017 a team consisting of Robert Dick, Kevin Van Woezik, Ken Kelli and Daryl Thom Interviewed candidate Bill McHale for the position of Deputy Fire Chief - Douglas Fire Department. Having satisfactorily answered all questions posed and after the interview was completed it was unanimously concluded that Bill met the qualifications in all areas of knowledge, experience and training. We recommend that the Douglas Fire Committee approve the application of Bill McHale and forward to township council his name to fill this vacancy.

Carried

It was moved by Daryl Thom and seconded by Nathan Harris. Be it resolved that the Douglas Fire Committee recommend to the Township of Admaston/Bromley that Bill McHale be appointed deputy fire chief.

Carried

In Correspondence a letter from Opeongo High School was received notifying the fire department that on April 7th there will be a sleep over at the high school.
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Date: March 15, 2017

To: Mayor Donohue, Township of Admaston Bromley

The Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee was successful in obtaining a Ministry of Transportation Road Safety Community Partnership Program grant to facilitate a campaign to address the dangers of distracted driving. Distracted driving is a major safety concern and has now surpassed impaired driving as the leading cause of motor vehicle collisions that cause fatalities.

This grant, in addition to contributions from community partners and some municipalities has funded a county-wide community education program called Leave the Phone Alone.

The grant brought an interactive computer simulator presentation to all 2,000 Grade 11 and 12 students for all 11 Renfrew County High Schools, focused education to all Grade 4 and 5 students in Renfrew County Elementary Schools and a community outreach program targeted at the public.

The committee would like to thank you for supporting this campaign. As one of our sponsors I have included a copy of the booklet we printed with your donation. All grade 4 and 5 students in Renfrew County will receive a copy along with a presentation by a police officer on the dangers of distracted driving. This would not have been possible without your generous donation.

On behalf of the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee please accept our thanks for your sponsorship.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Inspector Colin M. Slight
Detachment Commander
Renfrew Detachment
/enclosure
Township of Admaston/Bromley
Police Service Board
Monthly Meeting

Thursday March 23rd, 2017 4:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jamieson called the meeting to order at 4:13 P.M.

2. ATTENDANCE

Detachment Commander Colin, Slight Chair Jamieson Dyer, Mike Quilty, Connie Dick, and Andrea Leclaire were present.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike made a motion to approve agenda for today’s meeting, seconded by Connie.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike made a motion that we approve the February 7th, minutes as presented, seconded by Connie.

6. ISSUES ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

7. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- The board reviewed memo from MCSCS on Sexual Violence and Harassment.
- OAPSB correspondence letter on PTSD Summit, Making progress on prevention.
- The board received correspondence regarding Zone 2 membership and the April OAPSB Zone 2 meeting. Jamieson is going to attend.
• The board reviewed the Township of Admaston/Bromley Police Service Board 2016 Year End Report.

• Jamison reviewed the Road Safety Challenge Grant application in which he was successful and awarded $1000.00.

9. FINANCIAL

Connie made a motion to approve the Voucher in the amount of $933.95 which was 2nd by Mike.

“CARRIED”

10. DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S REPORT

• Detachment Commander Colin presented the Records Management System Report for the township for the year end.

• Calls for service billing summary report were reviewed for the month of February 2017. Adjustments were made to the calls for service billing report from Fraud charges being changed to Nuisance calls which will result in a savings.

• There were a total of 28.75 cruiser patrol hours for Feb 2017.

• There was 6 snowmobile patrol hours for Feb 2017.

• As of February 2017 there were no public complaints for the Township of Admaston/Bromley.

• Both Admaston Public School and St. Michaels Elementary School had one visit each.

• Renfrew County Situation Table development phase is well under way. There is a scheduled training date set for April 6, 2017 in Renfrew.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting would be Tuesday April 25th 2017 @ 4:00 P.M.
13. QUESTION PERIOD

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Jamieson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

"CARRIED"

Chair, Jamieson Dyer

Secretary, Andrea Leclaire
WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council at its meeting held on the 4th day of May 2017 and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meetings, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.

2. That the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley to all such documents.

3. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 4th day of May 2017

READ a third time and finally passed this 4th day of May 2017

________________________________     ______________________________
Mayor                                 Clerk-Treasurer
Rural municipalities across Ontario are upset with proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code and specifically new requirements on septic tanks. The changes propose that property owners would need to empty their septic tank every five years, or when one-third full - whichever comes first. From media reports around the province, many municipalities feel that the Ontario government is trying to manage something that is not a problem - there appear to be no rise in complaints that property owners are not pumping out their tanks. The municipalities are also concerned about an increased regulatory burden - how would they manage who needs to pump out tanks and who doesn’t?

Conrad Spezowka is the expert on the Ontario Building Code consultation process with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He also handles Media Relations. Unfortunately, Mr. Spezowka indicated that neither he, nor any staff at Municipal Affairs, was able to speak to Ottawa Valley Business on the phone about this issue. The only way the ministry is capable of communicating is by email.

What We Know

According to Spezowka, 500 changes to the Ontario Building Code were proposed by staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. With respect to septic tanks, Spezowka notes that “since 1997, the Building Code has contained a requirement that “operators” (i.e., owners) of septic tanks and treatment units clean out their systems when the working capacity is one-third full. For a number of years, the ministry has heard concerns regarding septic performance and whether more proactive approaches were needed to achieve proper maintenance.”

While there is no answer yet as to who all has raised issues of septic performance (it appears not to have been local municipalities), the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association is specifically referenced as well as manufacturers of treatment units.

Chris Thompson, the Manager of the Building Code Policy Development Unit of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs deferred Ottawa Valley Business’s request for an interview to Spezowka. However, in an email with Head, Clara and Maria Mayor, Jim Gibson, Thompson noted the changes “would add no new requirements for municipalities to conduct mandatory maintenance. It also was not intended to require municipalities to maintain new types of records, or to request proof of pump-outs from homeowners. It would, however, provide municipal Chief Building Officials (CBO) with the authority to request that pump-out information if - in the municipal CBO’s opinion - that information was potentially useful to resolve any issues regarding the on-site wastewater system, thereby giving municipalities an additional tool with which to protect both public safety and soil and groundwater quality in their jurisdiction.”

So if there is no requirement to actively monitor whether property owners are doing their due diligence, why is a new regulation needed?

OVB has posed the following questions, twice, to Spezowka:

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April 19, 2017
Renfrew County Plowmen meeting. Cobden. Contact Myles at 613-582-3470.

April 21, 2017
Inaugural meeting of the Canadian Christian Business Federation. Held at Logos Land in Cobden. 8:00am-9:00am. Launch of a new Pembroke-Renfrew Chapter. Guest speaker is Keith Knight.

April 21-22, 2017
Renfrew Home Garden and Leisure Show. For information, call 613-432-7015 or email at info@renfrewareachamber.ca.

April 26, 2017
How to Do Business with the Ontario Government. Free webinar. 1:30pm-2:45pm. Learn about the procurement process, the Vendor of Record program and more. Register in advance. doingbusiness@ontario.ca

April 27, 2017
Starter Company Plus information session. Mandatory if you are thinking of being part of the program. Open to individuals age 18 or over who are not full-time students. For information, call 613-735-8224.

May 3, 2017
Township of Whitewater Region User Pay (Water & Sewer) Budget public meeting. Council Chambers, 44 Main Street in Cobden. 6:00pm. For information, contact Marsha Hawthorne at 613-646-2282.

May 3, 2017
Opening of the new showroom at Glenergy in Petawawa. 2669 Petawawa Boulevard. 5:30pm-8:00pm. All are welcome.

May 6, 2017
Deadline for Summer Company. Open to students aged 15-29 who are returning to school in the fall. Earn $1,500 to start a business and $1,500 upon successful completion. Call 613-735-8224 for more information.

May 8, 2017
Public meeting hosted by AECL on the government-owned, contractor-operated model of CNL. Claude Lajeunesse, Chair of the AECL Board of Directors, and Richard Sexton, President and CEO, will present at this meeting. 7:00pm-8:00pm. 167 Brockhouse Way, Deep River. Meeting will also be webcasted live. Register by May 1 to: communications@aecl.ca or 1-888-220-2465.

May 8, 2017
Sean Conway speaks at Algonquin College on The Character and colour of the Ottawa Valley political tradition. 7:00pm. $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Call 613-735-4700 ext. 2756 or brambuj@algonquincollege.com

May 8, 2017
Sales Skills for Service Companies. 10:00am-12:00pm. Does the thought of sales make your stomach turn? This course will show you how to help customers that need your service make the investment in you. Held in Ottawa. Phone: 613-828-6274

May 10-12, 2017
Three-day comprehensive Payroll Masterclass Course. Hands-on instruction by a Certified Payroll Compliance Practitioner. Three days of training using Quickbooks, laptops provided for use in the course, reference manual and flash drive to take home. 8:30am-4:40pm each day. $1,125 plus HST includes lunch and light refreshments. Call 613-656-0441 ext.441 or training@accountapotamus.com

May 11, 2017
How to do business with the federal government. Presented by Graham Acreman of Stellacon Solutions. Graham has won dozens of contracts and RFP’s worth tens of millions of dollars. 9:00am-12:00pm. $79 per person. Held in Ottawa. Phone: 613-263-1010 or info@stellaconsolutions.com

May 13, 2017
Downtown Connect trade show. Pembroke Memorial Centre from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Booths are $50 for Downtown businesses and $100 for others. Contact Heather Sutherland at 613-629-5555 or pbia@downtownpembroke.ca

May 13, 2017
Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards Gala. Contact: 613-732-1492 or manager@uovchamber.com

May 14, 2017
Merchandising and Sales for Makers. 12:00pm-4:00pm. Amanda Cockburn has worked with global brands such as Gap inc, Tiffany & Co., Club Monaco and Urban Barn, her passion turned to bringing this knowledge to helping small creative businesses grow their brands. $88 per person. Held in Ottawa. hello@makerspacenorth.com

May 17, 2017
Community Accessibility Forum. Held in Ottawa. For people interested in accessibility for people with disabilities, members of accessibility committees and community organizations and businesses who provide support for people with disabilities. Register at: accessibility@ontario.ca or by calling 1-866-515-2025. Hosted by the Accessibility Ontario.

May 17, 2017
Renfrew County Plowmen meeting. Cobden. Contact Myles at 613-582-3470.

May 18, 2017
Renfrew County Beef Association meeting. 7:30pm at the Cobden Ag Hall. Contact Donna Campbell at: 613-432-5568.

May 23, 2017
The launch of Startup Ottawa Valley. 3:00pm-5:00pm. Algonquin College in Pembroke. Guest speaker is Victoria Lennox, Co-founder and CEO of Startup Canada. Contact Chris Dore at 613-698-2374.

May 25, 2017
The 3rd Annual Algonquin College Spring Business Leadership Conference. $229. Four workshops, keynote address, a refreshment break, lunch, networking and poster conference social. www.algonquincollege.com/pembroke

May 29, 2017
Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture meeting. Cobden. Contact Donna at 613-432-5568.

May 31, 2017
How to Prepare a Bid. Free. 1:30pm-2:45pm. Learn the procurement process, the Ontario Tenders Portal and the vendor’s role in public procurement. Register in advance. Contact: doingbusiness@ontario.ca

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Septic Issue: Questions Asked By OVB
Media relations person is also the "expert" on building code

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1. Has there been an increased situation of homeowners refusing to pump their septic tanks that is causing this type of regulation to be necessary?
2. Would the regulations still apply even if the pump out was not actually required?
3. There is a mayor in our area who has indicated that none of Ontario’s 444 municipalities have requested this Building Code change. Is that correct?
4. How would the province monitor whether homeowners a) have a tank that is more than one-third full, and b) had their tank pumped within the last five years? Would a new department be created to monitor this? What is the proposed cost to monitor and enforce this change, and how does that compare with the costs of the current problem requiring the Building Code change?
5. In a quote to the Thunder Bay newspaper, MP Bill Mauro noted that he knew this would be a “point of contention” especially for northern communities. What was the basis for making that statement?
6. What is the significance of a five-year pump out as opposed to three years or 10 years?
7. The Township of Tay Valley has raised an interesting point. In a December 2016 letter to Hon. Chris Ballard, they write: “There is also concern that a simple pump out does not address maintenance issues. Five year pump out will simply result in moving sewage from one location to another. The alternative of testing tanks and judging the level of sludge present would result in a more evidence based approach reflecting actual conditions.”

As you indicate the Ministry has heard concerns about septic performance and proper maintenance, would, how does the current proposed change address this issue raised by Tay Valley?

Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association

The Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) is an organization that actually lobbied for this change to the Ontario Building Code. In fact, they have been asking for it since 2013. According to Rick Esselment, the organization’s government relations co-chair, what they asked for and what the ministry put forward for consideration is not the same thing.

OOWA asked for property owners to be required to prove, when asked by a municipal building official, when the septic tank was last inspected to see if it was one-third full or not. OOWA says under the current Ontario Building Code, this requirement already exists, as does the opportunity to fine property owners if they cannot provide proof of septic inspection. However, what OOWA wants in addition is to require property owners to report the information to the municipality. Right now, that’s the missing link, says Esselment.

Esselment also says his OOWA never suggested that pumping out should be mandatory every five years because it would not make sense for a lot of properties. He calls that inclusion “ridiculous” and says OOWA is not in favour of that.

Esselment does say that rural Ontario is at “high risk” for groundwater contamination from septic issues, however, apart from homes that have no septic tank, there is no “proof” per se that current septic tanks are causing any groundwater issues.

OOWA is going to provide their position statement to Ottawa Valley Business for review. They are meeting with the technical advisory committee on May 1, 2017.

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On The Move

Amy Rule
Amy Rule, owner of the Rocky Mountain House restaurant in Renfrew, has been elected as the new president of the Renfrew and District Chamber of Commerce.

Dale McTavish
Dale McTavish, owner and president of the Pembroke Lumber Kings, has returned as their head coach. McTavish was previously the head coach and then stepped away from that position for the past season.

Sean Crozier
Sean Crozier, coach of the Pembroke Lumber Kings for the 2016/17 season, has been relieved of his duties. Crozier was offered a position with the Prescott Flyers, which will be operating in the Township of Whitewater Region this year, but Crozier declined the position.

Rita Paine
Rita Paine has been hired on a six month contract by the Municipality of Mississippi Mills. Paine is the business owner at Point the Way, fire training and consulting in Almonte. Paine replaces Stephanie Tuffin who is on maternity leave. Paine will be an administrative assistant for the fire department.

Kaila McCormick
Kaila McCormick has been hired by the Municipality of Mississippi Mills as a youth centre program coordinator. This is a three month contract which started March 20, 2017. McCormick was previously the Healthy Living Coordinator at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health in Ottawa.

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From Nuclear Wonder To Nuclear Wasteland
CNL says nuclear waste facility “urgent” with closure of NRU

By: Jennifer Layman
jenn@ovbusiness.com

The decision to shut down a perfectly functioning nuclear reactor has resulted in an “urgent” need for a nuclear waste disposal site. The creation of this facility is no secret - it has been in the works since the decision to decommission of the reactor. The public comment period is now open for CNL’s Near Surface Disposal Facility Project. The public has until May 17, 2017 to submit comments.

CNL submitted an Environmental Impact Statement, which is 990 pages in length. Relevant documents and links are available at: www.ovbusiness.com.

In addition, here are some of the highlights:

What’s Being Proposed
CNL is proposing to construct a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) for the disposal of radioactive waste to be operational by the end of March 2020.

The NSDF will be a containment mound, built at near-surface level of the property. This is necessary to support the “future plans” of the site. The waste site will accept low-level, intermediate-level and mixed wastes. The facility is expected to be operational for 50 years. The first 20-25 years, it will be designed to hold 525,000 cubic metres of waste. It will then be expanded to include up to 1 million cubic metres of waste. The total land area required is 34 hectares.

Waste will be permitted from other, off-site sources.

The construction will include two liner to contain the waste and limit (not prevent) the potential release of contaminated water to the subsurface and groundwater. Later in the document, the report notes that there will be impacts to aquatic and terrestrial environments, and that there will be impacts to air quality and that radioactive gasses may be released from the wastes within the facility.

Wetland vs. Trees
The site for the facility will be between a Petawawa Research Forest plantation, and the Perch Lake wetland complex. The Research Forest has indicated they have no interest in the plantation abutting the project.

Currently, nuclear waste is stored at the site’s waste management areas. In fact, CNL currently accepts nuclear waste from hospitals and stores it on site as well. However, the decommissioning of the NRU (reactor) and more than 100 buildings and structures at the laboratories brought about the “urgency” of the NSDF. CNL also plans to close the WL and NPD prototype reactor sites.

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**Business News Around The Valley**

**KW Opens**
The Keller Williams real estate office in Arnprior has officially opened. The office is located at 44 Elgin Street and held an official opening on April 13, 2017. The office is run by Paul Laviolette.

**Hotel Wins Award**
Quality Inn and Suites in Petawawa has recently attained their 6th Platinum Award with Choice Hotels. Winning the honour requires hotels to be in the top three per cent of the Choice brand. The system ranks guest satisfaction, product quality, room condition, cleanliness and staff service.

**Municipal Voting Options**
The Township of Laurentian Valley has decided that the 2018 municipal election will offer the same voting options as the 2014 election. The options include internet and telephone voting, as well as paper ballots on election day. The municipality had a 44 percent voter turnout in 2014 with almost three quarters using the internet to vote. To the west, the Town of Petawawa will introduce telephone and internet voting for the first time. Petawawa had a dismal 15.8 per cent voter turnout in 2014, significantly below the 43 per cent provincial average. The traditional paper ballot system will also be available. To the east, the Township of Admaston Bromley will offer only the paper ballot option for voting in 2018.

**County Applies For Funding**
The County of Renfrew has applied to the revised Rural Economic Development (RED) program for $9,512. The County will match those funds and will put them towards updating their website, creating a video and creating print materials. In addition the County has applied for $60,000 from the Eastern Ontario Development Program with funds to be matched from the County, the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association and OHTO. The money will go towards developing a Maple Culinary tour, a cycling route map and directory, an CP Rail trail management plan and a map showing Ottawa River tributaries and website.

**Arnprior Licensing For Transient Businesses**
Transient businesses in Arnprior are under some new regulations. Businesses such as clothing donation bins and drop boxes, precious metal dealers, pawn-brokers, hawkers and peddlers, stands, mobile canteens and special event vendors are now required to be licensed. In addition, patios connected to existing businesses will also need licenses.

**Business Relocates**
The Training & Learning Centre of Renfrew County has relocated to 227 Bridge Street in Eganville to 227 Bridge Street. The Centre will host an open house on Friday, April 28, 2017.

**Arnprior Chamber Presents Awards**
The Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce presented their 13th annual Business Achieve-ment awards for 2017. The winners included: Jade and Laney Boutique and Lumberton Ale House (New Business), owned by Lisa Hogan and Hugo Lafleche; Renee Stewart (Volunteer of the Year) for her work with Special Olympics, Girl Guides and for organizing the Caitlin Stewart Memorial Highland Dance Competition; Ballintotis Alpacas (Business Appreciation); Pine Grove Farm (Agriculture Appreciation) and the McNab Braeside Mayor’s Award went to Irene Robillard. Out of the Woods Design and Sweetlegs (Young Entrepreneur), owned by Brittany Saylor; Loxx of Style and Esthetics (Innovation Award); Arnprior Floor Coverings (Skilled Trade Business); Antrim Truck Stop (President’s Award) and the Business of the Year was Anderson Automotive.

**Summer Company Plus**
Starter Company Plus is a new program offered through Enterprise Renfrew County. Starter Company Plus is designed to provide business training for entrepreneurs ages 18 and over who are launching a new business or expanding an existing business that has been operating for five years or less. An information session is being held on Thursday, April 27 from 10:00am to Noon. For more information on Starter Company Plus visit www.enterprisenrefrewcounty.com

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Summer Company is seeking students 15 to 29 years old to create a business and to take part in ongoing business training. Upon successful completion of the program, the City demonstrated what it is like to be an entrepreneur. Students can receive an additional final award of up to $1,500. For details visit: www.ontario.ca/summercompany or call Enterprise Rennie County at 1-837-8247.

Stone Fence Theatre's presentation of “High Times” from the Heart Institute, raised $21,379 for a number of local hospitals and a number of Ottawa Heart. The group provided 10 performances as part of the music in hospital foundation's assisted in the Ottawa Heart. The group provided 10 performances as part of the music in hospital foundation's assisted in the Ottawa Heart Institute. The group provided 10 performances as part of the music in hospital foundation's assisted in the Ottawa Heart Institute.

McNab Braeside earned a $150,000 grant to make accessible a local baseball field, add-to-kick-start-a-business and to take part in ongoing business training. Upon successful completion of the program, the City demonstrated what it is like to be an entrepreneur. Students can receive an additional final award of up to $1,500. For details visit: www.ontario.ca/summercompany or call Enterprise Rennie County at 1-837-8247.

The City of Pembroke has been approved under Province of Canada, enhancing the Algonquin’s business and economic development opportunities and setting honest customer expectations. Create and implement an effective customer access strategy, including how to capture and leverage the voice of the customer to set priorities and improve products, and keep customers satisfied. The book contains an innovative customer experience framework, and step-by-step roadmap, showing how to move from the payoff of getting it right. The book contains an innovative customer experience framework, and step-by-step roadmap, showing how to move from the payoff of getting it right.

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2016 Ontario Budget
300,000
Jobs to be created in Ontario by the end of 2019
$5.7 Billion
Ontario’s projected deficit for 2015-16
$160 Billion
Investment, over 12 years in infrastructure
100
Agreements signed on trade missions to China
$2.7 Billion
Jobs and Prosperity Fund investment
$50,000
Family income cut-off for free post-secondary education
$10
Maximum hospital parking charge per day
$70
Savings on the electricity bill after removing debt retirement charge
$30
Driver savings by eliminating Drive Clean emissions test fee in 2017-18
9.5 Million
Drivers who benefit from lower auto insurance premiums
$345 Million
Increased funding to hospitals
$333 Million
Investment in services for children with autism
10 Years
Goal timeframe to end chronic homelessness

It’s A Fact

2016 Ontario Budget

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Costs
The estimated cost of the first phase of the NSDF - the $25,000 cubic metre capacity - is $215 million. The expansion to the 1 million cubic metre capacity will cost an additional $110 million. Operating costs for a 50-year life plus an additional 30-year maintenance is estimated at $275 million. The total cost is $600 million. The cost is “more preferable as it further contributes to the reduction of the cost of laboratory operations.”

Alternatives
As part of this Environmental Impact Statement, CNL is required to offer alternatives to the proposed preferred option. While alternatives were offered, none of them included either continuing at status quo, continuing to operate the NRU and laboratories, or the option of a site alternative to Chalk River.

Above vs. Below Ground
One of the comparisons CNL made was above-ground (NSDF) or below-ground storage. The below ground facility would be a deep, underground repository. There are currently none in Canada although Ontario Power Generation is proposing one in Tiverton, Ontario and they are found throughout the world. This type of storage is preferred where “additional barriers for protection are warranted.”

CNL confirmed that this is an option on the site, however it cannot be ready by 2020 - the date required given the government’s choice to shut down the working NRU. A below ground repository is also not limited in size, and would require no repair or upgrading. Also, the likelihood of human actions interfering with the facility is significantly reduced when compared with an above-ground facility. In considering both above-ground and below-ground options, the below ground is more favourable because it provides additional barrier to potential groundwater transport. In addition, the below-ground option would not need to deal with surface water quality issues as it would not be prone to infiltration. The above-ground option does need a solution for the seepage of leachate.

The cost for a safer alternative? $10,000 Million.

Species at Risk
The goal for all options would be to eliminate impacts on Species at Risk, and if they cannot be eliminated then reduce them as much as possible. There are 24 species at risk on the CNL site in Chalk River.

CNL compared three site options for the NSDF - the nuclear power demonstration plant area in Rolphton, Whiteshell in Manitoba and Chalk River.

Chalk River has the most species at risk (24) compared to Rolphton (9) and Whiteshell (8). Chalk River has the only “critical habitat” (Blanding Turtle) while the other sites have no critical habitat.

Rolphton and Chalk River are along the Ottawa River, while Whiteshell is along the Winnipeg River. For Rolphton and Chalk River, “all surface drainage on these sites ultimately drains to the Ottawa River.” The Ottawa River supports 55 species including four provincially-rare fish. A similar assessment was not done of the Winnipeg River. Geological studies for the other two sites were also not completed.

Economic Business Case
The estimated labour force activity is 30-60 full time jobs over two years for construction, and 45 full time jobs for operations.

On www.ovbusiness.com, we have provided links to the public notice on the NSDF. For information, contact Nicole Frigault of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission: cnsc.ea-ee.ccsn@canada.ca or 1-800-668-5284

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Tender Results Around The Region

PWO-2017-01 - One Tandem Truck and Plow Unit. County of Renfrew.
ELP Incorporated - $265,435.34
Francis Canada - $266,014.00
Valley Truck - $266,920.00
Surgenor Truck - $282,500.00
Awarded to ELP Inc.

PWO-2017-02 - Six Light Duty Pick-up Trucks. County of Renfrew.
Mack MacKenzie - $172,400.50
Surgenor Chev - $172,967.00
Urban Ford - $187,198.00
Butler Chevrolet - $189,795.45
Fraser Durham - $191,924.81
Awarded to Mack MacKenzie.

Summer Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Townships of Head, Clara, and Maria.
Trang Ton - $12,500.00
Ken Giroux - $12,250.00
Awarded to Ken Giroux.

RFP - Purchase of Trommel Screener. Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre.
Awarded to Gedco Excavating Ltd. in the amount of $95,000.00 plus shipping.

Replace Shingle Roof at Building Z123. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to H&H Construction Inc. in the amount of $64,050.00.

Awarded to Exp Services Inc. (Ottawa) in the amount of $12,465.00.

RFP 2017-01 - Municipal Insurance Requirements. Admaston/Bromley.
MIS Knox Insurance-$43,884.00
BFL Canada - $59,527.00
AON Risk Solutions- $39,992.00
Johnston & Mackie - $42,568.00
Awarded to AON.

PW2016-10 - Roadside Mowing. Lanark Highlands.
Lewis Farms - $12,902.40
Whyte’s Maint. - $13,132.80
Truelove Contract. - $14,208.00
Stanley Bros. - $18,816.00
Awarded to Lewis Farms.
Tender Results Continued

RFP - 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario Rental Housing Component. County of Renfrew.
Aurel Boucher - $1,260,000.00
Blackrock - $2,105,300.00
Frank Yantha - $2,098,000.00
GM Seniors’ - $1,080,000.00
Lantern Dev. - $2,100,000.00
McGrimmon - $2,500,000.00
Awarded to Blackrock Properties.

Awarded to National Grinding in the amount of $120,752.

Awarded to ELP Inc., in the amount of $283,619.23.

For full tender results, and tenders with results pending, please visit out website at: www.ovbusiness.com

Current Tenders

TENDERS

Roadside Safety
Barrier Vegetation Control
Supply and Application of Liquid Calcium Chloride
Gemmill Park Development
Rehabilitation of County Road 26
Rehabilitation of County Road 51
Replacement of Concrete Walkways
Craig Street Bridge Rehabilitation
One 2017 Two-Wheel Drive One-Ton Truck with Dump Box
New Hot Box Trailer Unit
Four-Door Compact Vehicle
Sewer Inspection Equipment
Crushed Gravel
Electrical Panel Replacement at Central Public School
Two Diesel Waste/Recycling Collection Trucks
Site Improvements at Various RCDSB Locations
2017 Surface Treatment Program
Bulky Waste Processing (Grinding)
Surface Treatment
Hot Mix Pavement
Boiler Replacement at RCDSB Administration Office
Boiler Replacement at Pine View Public School
Boiler Replacement at Rockwood Public School
Supply and Delivery of Tandem Truck with Snow Plow and Combination Spreader/Dump Body
Roof Restoration - Bishop Smith Catholic High School
Roof Restoration - St. Joseph’s Catholic High School
EIFS Restoration - St. Joseph’s Catholic High School
Sale of Land (Drummond/North Elmsley)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Engineering Services - Catherine Street Reconstruction
Water Storage Class Environmental Assessment Study
Home for Good Funding Program
Municipal Grounds and Garden Maintenance
Professional Services for the Completion of the Beckwith Street Redevelopment Plan

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Legacy Cottage Plaques

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The Question to Ask
Which always yields the best answer

By: Jennifer Layman
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“What if you’re wrong?”

In my life prior to Forward Thinking, I worked as a researcher for a civil litigation law firm. I worked for someone who had built a strong reputation and was very successful, but despite that, he never gave his clients more than a 50-50 chance of winning, no matter how much the law seemed to be on their side. With a clientele comprised of mostly high-achieving businesspeople, you can imagine how well a “50-50 chance” went over in discussions. But the lawyer always stuck to his guns, and the clients always hired him.

Many times, clients would disagree on the direction that the lawyer should take in their case. Usually, this was because the client was viewing the situation only from his position, and putting forth an argument of what he thought was just. The lawyer’s direction was based on legal precedent, all of the circumstances at play and what everyone’s responsibility was under the law. That led to some spirited discussions in the boardroom, and sometimes the client was not willing to bend to the advice of the lawyer. When that happened, the lawyer asked one question: “What if you’re wrong?”

That usually stopped the argument on the spot, although one client did retort, “Well, what if you’re wrong?” The lawyer’s response was, “It leaves us two good options on appeal.”

The Question To Ask
“What if you’re wrong?” is a great strategy question, and one that has come up in many marketing discussions in my past 11 years at Forward Thinking. It’s interesting because it requires a client to go into the future and live the consequences of his choice.

One organization I worked with had four people involved in the decision-making process. One was adamant about going in a certain direction, while the other three were less convinced. But preferring to rule by consensus, they delayed making decisions in hopes of getting the other individual on board, but it became clear that wasn’t going to happen. As the organization was stuck in neutral until they made a decision, I asked the question, “What if you’re wrong?” to the individual who was so adamant in his position.

His response was, “So be it. Then we’ll do it your way.” The problem in that case was that there was a cost to him being wrong. The organization will wait longer to get results, going in the wrong direction could have negative repercussions that would have to be addressed, and there would be more costs: the costs of my work to date, and then the cost to re-work the plan if we had to start over. I think it was the first time that organization didn’t rule by consensus, and the other three opted to move ahead.

I have a file folder of at least 100 ideas that I don’t have a good answer to “What if I’m wrong?” yet. It could be those ideas will never see the light of day, and it could be their time has not yet come. But I know their time is not today.

When you find yourself at odds with a professional opinion, or even an opinion amongst team members, ask yourself the question, “What if I’m wrong?” and see where it takes you.

Jennifer is the owner of Forward Thinking Marketing Agency. Her column appears every issue.

Wisdom
The secret of leadership is simple: Do what you believe in. Paint a picture of the future. Go there. People will follow.
- Seth Godin

If you can’t swallow your pride, you can’t lead. Even the highest mountain had animals that step on it.
- Jack Weatherford

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.
- John F. Kennedy
The Board welcomes Dorothy Allemang as Office Administrator
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Hello from the Chairman of the Board

It is my honour and pleasure as Chair of the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village (RAHSV) to introduce you to The Village Press, your quarterly newsletter with information about our not for profit organization. We are dedicated to recruiting doctors to practise family medicine and serve you in our community. The not for profit organization was formed by the municipalities of Admaston/Bromley, Horton, Greater Madawaska and Renfrew to meet the need to hire 14 doctors.

Our board is comprised of the four Mayors representing our municipal partners, business community members, retired health care professionals, the Renfrew Industrial Commission, the Medical (continued below)

Renfrew & Area Health Services Village and the Renfrew Victoria Hospital have joined hands in Physician Recruitment. Patti Dillabough has been hired on a part time basis to fill the position of Physician Recruiter.

Patti is a Renfrew native with a passion for her community. Her experience in project management, combined with her long-time volunteering efforts in planning special events, will help to guide her as she develops a Physician Recruitment plan to attract new medical professionals to the area.

Community and Renfrew Victoria Hospital. Since forming our not for profit organization, we have been able to recruit 10 doctors to serve in our community. This $2.1 million initiative has been funded in part by the municipal partners, corporate donors and individuals such as yourself. Our board believes it has a unique and vitally important role to play in ensuring the good health of our community and have made a wise choice of ensuring access to a family doctor.

Our newsletter is a means of informing you of our efforts and offering other ideas and suggestions on your health. If you wish to donate and receive a tax receipt or if you have questions please contact me at pemon@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

For a taxable receipt please make your cheque payable to Township of Greater Madawaska
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Calabogie, ON
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Write Physician Recruitment on the subject line.
2017 Provincial Budget Delivered

Today the Honourable Charles Souza delivered the 2017 Provincial Budget. The 2017 Budget is balanced for the first time since 2008. The government is also planning for balanced budgets in 2018-19 and 2019-20. The budget shows total debt of $341 billion for 2017-18.

Highlights for municipal governments include:

- **Authority to Levy a Hotel Tax:** All municipalities will be given the authority to levy a hotel tax. Existing Destination Marketing Fee programs would be funded from within new hotel tax revenues. Where Destination Marketing Fees do not currently exist, 50% of new hotel tax revenues must be shared with regional tourism organizations. The change is expected to provide permissive municipal authority to include home-sharing programs (i.e. Airbnb) within the hotel tax. An Ontario Sharing Economy Strategy is forthcoming.

- **Municipal Revenue and Property Taxation:**
  - **Railways:** Municipal property tax rates will increase by approximately $6 per acre in railway right-of-ways in 2017. The variance in rates will be narrowed by establishing a new minimum of $80 per acre in 2017 (vs $35 currently). In effect, this is a modest change.
  - **Farms:** Municipalities will have authority to reduce property tax rates for small-scale value-added and commercial activities on farms should they choose.
  - **Provincial Land Tax:** The budget vaguely states, "legislative amendments will be introduced to further support increased equity in taxation and in how services are paid for in the north".
  - **Vacant Homes:** As announced in last week’s housing strategy, some municipal governments will receive additional authority to tax vacant homes.

- **Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund:** The total envelope of the fund for 2018 remains unchanged at $505 million.

- **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund:** The previously announced expansion of the program to $300 million by 2018-19 was reconfirmed in the budget.

- **Ontario Gas Tax for Transit:** The previously announced doubling of the program to $642 million by 2021-22 was reconfirmed in the budget.

- **Connecting Links:** The budget reconfirmed the envelope of $25 million in 2017-18 and $30 million in 2018-19.

- **Carbon Pricing Proceeds:** Municipalities will be eligible for funds in two investment areas: social housing retrofits and $55 million to include a Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge Fund supporting municipal energy or climate change plans. Funding for homeowners for energy efficiency improvements is included in a separate program.
• **Library Digital Services:** $1 million in 2017-18 to improve digital services for libraries including 165 rural and 82 remote public libraries.

• **Retirement Homes and Seniors Public Transit:** The Province will provide funding to small and rural retirement homes to install sprinkler systems for fire protection. Details have not been confirmed in the budget. The Province will also provide a 15 per cent tax rebate to seniors for public transit costs.

• **Workplace Safety and Insurance Act:** There will be amendments to the Act with respect to work-related chronic mental stress, worker benefits, and indexation.

AMO will review the Budget Bill itself when it is publicly available and continue to analyse the budget in greater detail, reporting to the membership as required.

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