

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael Donohue Deputy Mayor Robert Dick and Councillors Bob Hall Mike Quilty and Kevin LeGris.

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

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

**Resolution No. 01/03/18**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

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

“Carried”

The minutes of the regular Council meeting which was held February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were provided to Council for approval with amendments to the Mayor’s comments on the Police Services Board annual report and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 02/03/18**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting as amended held on February 15th, 2018.

“Carried”

Mayor Donohue read a thank you note from Jennifer Doleman regarding the Townships support and promotion of the Farm 911, Emily Project.

Mayor Donohue welcomed back Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist who was off ill at the last Council meeting and thanked Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Mitchell Ferguson for an outstanding first meeting as Clerk.

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

The County of Renfrew Planning Division Activity Tracker dated January 2018 was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

**Community Service Committee** Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

The January 16, 2018 Admaston Bromley Public Library Minutes and the Treasurers Report dated February 2018 were reviewed by Councillor Hall and accepted as information by Council.

Mayor Donohue asked Councillor Hall to pass on congratulations to the elected officers and many thanks to all the volunteers. He noted that Council is especially looking forward to the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

**Public Works Committee** – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Renfrew regarding the Commuter Cycling Fund was reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

Public Work Superintendent Chris Kunopaski reported on the road department's activities and the Ontario Good Road Association Convention.

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

A request for support from Hospice Renfrew was considered by Council and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 03/03/18**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Admaston/Bromley Council direct staff to forward Bronze Sponsorship Support in the amount of \$300.00 plus HST to Hospice Renfrew to promote the 2018 Hike for Hospice.

“Carried”

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

The January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Douglas Fire Committee Meeting Minutes and Fire Chief's Report dated February 14, 2018 were reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

A letter from the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association regarding draft regulations amending the Fire Prevention and Protection Act was reviewed by Council and the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. 04/03/18**

Moved by Mike Quilty seconded by Robert Dick

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 mandates in Section 2(1) that “Every municipality shall, (a) establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention; and (b) provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances.”;

AND WHEREAS the Act further mandates that, “In discharging its responsibilities under Section 2(2), a municipality shall, (a) appoint a community fire safety officer or a community fire safety team, or (b) establish a fire department,

AND WHEREAS the duties of the Ontario Fire Marshall (OFM) in Section 9(2)(d) of the Act are “to develop training programs and evaluation systems for persons involved in the provision of fire protection services and to provide programs to improve practices relating to fire protection services”;

AND WHEREAS no consultation opportunity was provided municipalities when what appears to have been an informal agreement to adopt the United States based trade association National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards;

AND WHEREAS prior to the implementation of the NFPA standards, municipalities and their fire departments were afforded access to curriculum materials, regular training and regular access to a regionally dedicated Fire Advisor through the Office of the Fire Marshal;

AND WHEREAS since the implementation of the NFPA standards, these services have no longer been offered;

AND WHEREAS the Douglas Fire Department has continued to dedicate the majority of its time training to these NFPA standards, spending 1,559 hours training out of a total of 2,958 hours of operation in 2017 alone;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry appointed a Technical Table to review the Fire Protection and Prevention Act and training model in January 2017;

AND WHEREAS all volunteer fire departments comprising over half of the departments in Ontario were woefully underrepresented on the Technical Table;

AND WHEREAS the Technical Table was struck in January 2017 yet the first indication of the initiatives being considered was communicated to Ontario Fire Chiefs October 31<sup>st</sup> via an OFM subscribers list and then only to gather survey data regarding fire dispatch within an extremely unreasonable 24 hour window;

AND WHEREAS that same October 31<sup>st</sup> email made no mention of firefighter certification yet cited initiatives regarding community risk assessments and public reporting of fire service data;

AND WHEREAS the consultation documents were made public only on January 25, 2018, creating untenable time constraints to undertake a comprehensive review and impact analysis;

AND WHEREAS the recommended certification will fundamentally impact the 20,000 volunteer firefighters serving fully volunteer and composite departments, create a significant impediment to recruitment and threaten the ability of small rural municipalities to maintain a viable fire department;

AND WHEREAS this degrades the authority municipalities have in determining appropriate levels of service in how these exceptional and effective fire services are provided in the face of myriad fiscal challenges, among them the rising cost of policing and the increasing infrastructure deficit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Admaston/Bromley endorses the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 letter from the Renfrew County Fire Chief's Association to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services;

AND FURTHER that a copy be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Marie France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Mr. Ross Nichols, Ontario Fire Marshal, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Renfrew County Fire Chief's Association.

“Carried”

### **County of Renfrew**

Mayor Donohue reviewed the additional funding for Healthy Kids Community Challenge which is available to lower-tier municipalities.

### **New Business**

Councillor Bob Hall volunteered to pick up the Township Truck at 5:40 p.m. on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> for the St Patrick's Day Parade in Douglas.

### **Confirmatory By-Law**

### **Resolution No. 05/03/18**

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-Law No. 2018-10, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held March 1st, 2018 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

**Resolution No. 06/03/18**

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thursday March 1st, 2018 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

“Carried”

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Mayor

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Clerk/ Treasurer