

CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, July 5th, 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 present was Clerk-Treasurer Annette Gilchrist. From the Media was Rick Stow from My FM and Oldies 107.7. From the Public was Tony Akkermans, owner of Reids Lake Campground, and Mr. John David.

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

Resolution No. 01/07/18

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 June 21st, 2018 were provided to Council for approval and the resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 02/07/18

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

Be it resolved that Council accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 21st, 2018.

“Carried”

Mayor Michael Donohue welcomed Nancy Johnson from McSweeney and Associates who gave a presentation on the creation of Admaston/Bromley’s first Economic Development Action Plan.

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

Council reviewed the County of Renfrew’s Planning Activity Report for May 2018 and accepted it as information.

A letter signed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the Franchise Agreement between the Township and Enbridge Gas Distribution along with a franchise handbook and a draft by-law and agreement for Council’s consideration was reviewed by Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 03/07/18

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council approves the form of draft By-law (including the franchise agreement forming part thereof) attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act.

2. That this Council requests the Ontario Energy Board to make an order dispensing with the assent of the municipal electors of the attached draft By-law (including the franchise agreement forming part thereof) pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.

“Carried”

Council reviewed the Economic Development Action Plan presented at the start of the meeting and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 04/07/18

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin LeGris

Be it resolved that Council approves the Economic Development Action Plan as presented this date;

And further that the Plan will be reviewed once every 4 years commencing January 2019.

“Carried”

Community Service Committee Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

The Minutes from the May 15th, 2018 meeting of the Admaston/Bromley Public Library Board along with the Treasurer’s and Librarians report dated June 2018 were reviewed by Council and accepted as information.

An invitation to participate in the Victim Services of Renfrew County’s 13th Annual Victim Services Golf Tournament was considered by Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 05/07/18

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

Whereas the Victim Services of Renfrew County is hosting a fundraising golf tournament to support the Volunteer Crisis Responders and the people they support within Renfrew County;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley hereby authorizes support for the Victim Services of Renfrew County and agrees to be an event sponsor for their 2018 Golf Tournament with a contribution of \$100.00.

“Carried”

Public Works Committee – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

Deputy Mayor Robert Dick reported that the roads department was busy grass cutting and road patching with construction season now getting underway.

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

A By-Law to delegate authority to the Clerk-Treasurer under Section 275 of the Municipal Act was considered by Council and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 06/07/18

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Mike Quilty

WHEREAS Section 275 of the Municipal Act limits the executive authority of Council during an election year should three-fourths of the sitting council members not file nomination papers and/or if three-fourths of the sitting council are not declared elected after voting day;

AND WHEREAS Section 275(6) of the Municipal Act allows a council to delegate such authority to a person prior to the nomination day for a new council;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley approves By-Law 2018-28 being a by-law to delegate executive authority for decisions to the Clerk-Treasurer and in his/her absence, to the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, in the event Council finds itself subject to Section 275 of the Municipal Act.

“Carried”

Council considered a by-law to adopt a complaint policy as amended by the Budget Finance and Human Resources Committee on June 22, 2018. Upon consideration the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 07/07/18

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Mike Quilty

WHEREAS Section 11(2) 2 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, states that a lower-tier Township may pass by-laws, respecting accountability and transparency of the Township and its operations and of its local boards and their operations;

AND WHEREAS on January 1, 2016 the Ombudsman Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.6 was amended to allow the Ontario Ombudsman to investigate general complaints about the province’s 444 municipalities in addition to complaints about closed municipal meetings, which were added to the Ombudsman’s jurisdiction in 2008;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley deems it expedient to establish a Complaint Process Policy to ensure accountability and transparency when addressing citizen complaints through the appropriate policies, procedures and local complaint mechanisms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2018-29 being a By-Law to adopt a Complaint Policy is hereby adopted as an official policy document of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley.

“Carried”

Protective Services – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

Council considered a by-law to authorize acceptance of the revised agreement between the Township of Admaston/Bromley and the Township of Whitewater Region for automatic aid with respect to Heavy Rescue (Extrication) Services which was amended following a review of the 2014 agreement by the Protective Services Committee on February 26th, 2018 and the subsequent investigation into the process and cost recovery amounts for Motor Vehicle Collisions on Ministry of Transportation Highways. Upon consideration the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 08/07/18

Moved by Mike Quilty seconded by Robert Dick

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley has requested an amendment to the 2014 automatic aid agreement with respect to Heavy Rescue (Extrication) Services from the Township of Whitewater Region;

AND WHEREAS the revised agreement was accepted by the Township of Whitewater Region on May 16th, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley enacts as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Corporation, the revised agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley and the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region for automatic aid with respect to Heavy

Rescue (Extrication) Services within the described response area of the said Township of Admaston/Bromley;

2. And Further That By-Law 2014-46 is hereby repealed.

“Carried”

Council reviewed a resolution passed by the Town of Arnprior regarding support for Double Hatter Firefighters. Upon consideration the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 09/07/18

Moved by Mike Quilty seconded by Robert Dick

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley has established support for Double Hatter Firefighters since the introduction of Bill 52, the Volunteer Firefighters Employment Protection Act in 2005;

And Whereas AMO continues to put forward an extensive effort into promoting the benefit and necessity of Double Hatter Firefighters in Ontario, as they work hard to protect our communities and should be thanked for their service, not charged and fined;

And Whereas the right of individuals to use their free time in service of their community is a fundamental right in a free, open and democratic society;

And Whereas Double Hatters are trained professionals, who want to protect family, friends and their communities, while being an important backbone of fire services within smaller municipalities;

And Whereas Council deems it expedient to continue to voice their support of Double Hatter Firefighters and encourages the Province of Ontario to revise legislation in regards to their position on Double Hatters.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council voice their continued support of Double Hatter Firefighters to the Provincial Government, under the leadership of Premier Doug Ford;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

“Carried”

Council discussed the unfortunate Fire on Monday July 2nd on Stone Road. Mayor Donohue said that the Township was pleased with the excellent response by our Douglas Fire Department and the fantastic mutual aid from Whitewater Region and Horton as well as the County of Renfrew paramedic response. He also noted that the dry fire hydrant on Lynch Road played a vital part in preventing the Barn Fire from spreading to the surrounding buildings on the property.

Councillor Quilty updated Council on the Police Services Board efforts to combat the speeding on Opeongo Road and in Douglas. The Bonnechere Valley Township and OPP speed spy's are both under repair however once they are back up and running the OPP will be placing them at strategic locations to assist with the speeding concerns raised by the Township. He further noted that Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act, portions of which were to come into effect July 1st has been set down until further notice as the new provincial government intends to dial it back.

By-Laws

Resolution No 10/07/18

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

THAT the By-Laws listed below dated July 5th, 2018 be enacted and passed:

- By-Law 2018-28 being a By-Law to delegate authority for decisions to the Clerk-Treasurer under Section 275 of the Municipal Act
- By-Law 2018-29 being a By-Law to adopt a Complaint Policy for the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley
- By-Law 2018-30 being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the revised agreement with the Township of Whitewater Region with respect to Heavy Rescue (Extrication) Services.

New Business

Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No. 11/07/18

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-Law No. 2018-31, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held July 5th, 2018 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

“Carried”

Resolution No. 12/07/18

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thursday July 5th, 2018 Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor

Clerk /Treasurer