

Township of Admaston/Bromley
First Monthly Meeting

Council met for their first monthly meeting on Thursday November 7, 2024. Present were Mayor Michael Donohue, Deputy Mayor Brian Hamilton, Councillors Keith Gourley, Angela Field and Kevin LeGris.

Staff Members present were CAO/Clerk Jennifer Charkavi, Treasurer-Deputy CAO/Clerk Kelly Coughlin and Finance Clerk Amy Fraser. Also present was Audio/Video System Specialist Nate Maclsaac.

Agenda Items 1 and 2 – Call Meeting to Order and Moment Silence

Mayor Donohue called the Meeting to Order at 7:32 pm. A moment of silence followed.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 01/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve amending the agenda of November 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting to have Item 12a 2025 Renfrew Detachment Police Services Board Budget deferred;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the amended Council agenda for November 11, 2024.

Carried

Agenda Item 4 – Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Minutes

5a Resolution to adopt Minutes of Council Meetings October 17, 2024.

Resolution No. 02/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the following Meeting Minutes:

- October 17, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Carried

Agenda Item 6 – Delegations and Guests

None.

Agenda Item 7 – Planning and Economic Development Committee – Chair Keith Gourley, Committee Member Kevin LeGris

7a Site Plan Amendment for Aggregate Resources Act License #625056 Notification

Council discussed and had a few questions surrounding the road use, access and traffic. Staff will bring the answers back to the next Council meeting.

Resolution No. 03/11/24

Moved by Keith Gourley, seconded by Brian Hamilton.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the communication from MHBC – Planning Urban Design & Landscaping Architecture, concerning a Site Plan Amendment Application under the Aggregate Resources Act to the Ministry of Natural Resources to increase the maximum annual tonnage limit at the Valley Quarry located at 1418 Helferty Line in Douglas;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide staff with comments before December 2, 2024.

Carried

7b Development Agreement Report – Consent B17/24

Resolution No. 04/11/24

Moved by Keith Gourley, seconded by Brian Hamilton.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Admaston/Bromley Council adopt By-Law 2024-52, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute a Development Agreement with Mark Yakaback and Drake Yakaback for lands legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 2, Township of Admaston/Bromley, County of Renfrew.

Carried

Agenda Item 8 – Community Service Committee – Chair Angela Field, Committee Member Brian Hamilton

None.

Agenda Item 9 – Operations Committee – Chair Brian Hamilton, All of Council

9a Stone Road Garage Door Replacement Report

Resolution No. 05/11/24

Moved by Brian Hamilton, seconded by Keith Gourley.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to purchase the garage door from Balanced Door Service at an upset limit of \$11,000;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to re-allocate \$11,000 from the Capital Maintenance Program budget to finance this expenditure.

Carried

Agenda Item 10 – Waste Management Committee – Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

None.

Agenda Item 11 – Finance and Administration Committee – Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

11a Extension Integrity Commissioner Report

Resolution No. 06/11/24

Moved by Keith Gourley, seconded by Brian Hamilton.

WHEREAS the Municipality and the Consultant (together the “Parties”) did enter into an agreement for the Consultant to provide independent integrity commissioner services to the Municipality for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2019 (the Original Agreement);

AND WHEREAS the parties entered into an amendment to the Original Agreement to extend the term to December 31, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to further extend the Agreement on the same terms and conditions as the Original Agreement subject only to the express amendments set out in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, the Municipality and the Consultant agree to amend the Original Agreement by deleting section 6 of the Original Agreement and replace those provisions with the following new section 6:

TERM OF AGREEMENT

6. The Consultant's appointment pursuant to this Amending Agreement is effective on January 1, 2025 and extended for a further three (3) years, to December 31, 2027, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this clause. This Agreement may only be terminated in accordance with the following:

- a. The Municipality may be released from the Agreement at any time, with 30 days written notice.
- b. The Consultant shall provide 30 days written notice to the Municipality of their intention to resign as the Municipality's Integrity Commissioner and his resignation shall only be effective at the expiry of the notice period.

Carried

11b Ministry of Finance Correspondence – 2025 OMPF Allocation

Resolution No. 07/11/24

Moved by Keith Gourley, seconded by Brian Hamilton.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the communication from the Ministry of Finance, concerning the 2025 Allocation Notice for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

Carried

11c Ministry of Finance Correspondence – Update on 2025 Tax Policies

Resolution No. 08/11/24

Moved by Keith Gourley, seconded by Brian Hamilton.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the communication from the Ministry of Finance, concerning the Education Property Tax Rates for 2025 and Other Property Tax Policies for 2025.

Carried

Agenda Item 12 – Protective Services Committee – Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Angela Field

12b OPP 2025 Costing Increase Motion

Resolution No. 09/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the OPP costing resolution by removing clause 5 and clause 7 in the OPP Policing Contracts resolution

Carried

Resolution No. 10/11/24

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Angela Field.

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed billions to Toronto and Ottawa to assist with operating infrastructure deficits;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Toronto and Ottawa infrastructure deficits but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Admaston/Bromley call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Agenda Item 13 – County of Renfrew – Mayor Michael Donohue

13a Renfrew County District Health Unit 2023 Annual Report

Resolution No. 11/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Renfrew County and District Health Unit 2023 Annual Report.

Carried

13b Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Correspondence – Minister of Finance's 2024 Fall Economic Statement

Resolution No. 12/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Response to the Minister of Finance's 2024 Fall Economic Statement.

Carried

Agenda Item 14 – By-Laws

Resolution No. 13/11/24

Moved by Brian Hamilton, seconded by Keith Gourley.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following By-Law:

- 2024-52 – Development Agreement – Yakaback - B17/24

Carried

Agenda Item 15 – Old Business

15a Action Tracking List

Resolution No. 14/11/24

Moved by Brian Hamilton, seconded by Keith Gourley.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Admaston/Bromley Council receive the Action Tracking List as information.

Carried

Agenda Item 16 – New Business

CAO/Clerk Charkavi noted that the Walking Program is again up and running at Opeongo High School, it is a partnership with the Eganville and District Senior Citizens Needs Association and surrounding municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton noted that St. Michael’s School is once again having its Girls’ Night Out Event.

Mayor Donohue congratulated Keith Gourley on the Renfrew and Are Chamber of Commerce award of Lifetime Achievement Business Award.

Agenda Item 17 – Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item 18 – Confirmatory By-Law

18a 2024-53 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution No. 15/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2024-53, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held November 7, 2024, be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

Carried

Agenda Item 19 – Question Period

None.

Agenda Item 20 – Adjournment

Resolution No. 16/11/24

Moved by Angela Field, seconded by Kevin Legris.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thursday, November 7, 2024, Township of Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

CAO/Clerk