

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, August 15, 2024

At 6:05 p.m.

Present – Mayor Michael Donohue, Brian Hamilton, Keith Gourley and Kevin Legris

Staff present –CAO/Clerk Charkavi and Fire Chief McHale

Guest – Ashley St Marie, Renfrew CACC Manager, Medical Priority Dispatch Systems

1. Chair Kevin LeGris called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None.
3. Approval of Agenda – August 15, 2024

Resolution No. 01-08-24

Moved by Brian Hamilton

Seconded by Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee approve the agenda for the August 15, 2024 Protective Services Committee meeting as presented at this date.

“Carried”

4. Minutes
 - April 20, 2023

Resolution No. 02-08-24

Moved by Brian Hamilton

Seconded by Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Protective Services Committee approve the following Committee minutes:

- April 20, 2023

“Carried”

5. Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Presentation – Renfrew CACC

Presentation from Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) regarding the changing public safety landscape. Request for Ambulance Service are increasing rapidly with ever increasing aging population. Current call system did not put patients into queue and did not able to ensure proper use of the ambulance resources in today's environment. Renfrew County has partnered with Prior Dispatch Corporation to embark on transformational change to the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). Provincial wide, not just across Renfrew County.

A copy of the presentation was sent to the Fire Chief for review and will be shared with Committee if requested.

Response plans are tailored to specific fire department, however, where there is more nuances there is more potential for error.

6. Renfrew County Agreement with the Ministry of Health for Communications

i) Agreement

Mayor Donohue asked if the Steering Committee itself is advisory, Ms. St Marie explained the JSC is not the one that makes the agreements, it's more to have a voice at the upper level. The Fire Chief Associations Committee and the JSC are two different committees. Fire Chief McHale explained the difference between the two committees and explained that there is no representation from the Fire Chief

Association invited to where the decisions are actually being made and decided in CAAC, this is a County meeting. The fire chief's association is looking to have a say in those meetings and have a say in those decisions prior to them being decided.

Resolution No. 03-08-24

Moved by Michael Donohue

Seconded by Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Protective Services Committee amend the resolution regarding the contract for dispatch of fire service to remove the second resulting clause regarding membership of the Joint Steering Committee

"Carried"

Mayor Donohue was opposed to the agreement that was put in front of them. In the agreement as it states municipalities do not have a say at County Council, but Mayor Donohue explained that every municipality has a seat at the County Council. Each agreement rolls up through the health committee, Town of Renfrew and Arnprior have gone to private dispatch. He suggested that the Fire Chiefs should get together and have their decisions/asks and go back to their individual municipalities and the representative for the municipality to have their voices heard.

Fire Chief McHale agreed the association has all the mandates and all the prerequisites required to be a formal meeting. This conversation is about communication, but none of the chief's are aware of the conversation. Fire Chief McHale asked why they can not have a chief at the he would much rather have a fire chief sit at the table, he understands we have representation but having a chief there would eliminate miscommunication.

Resolution No. 04-08-24

Moved by Keith Gourley

Seconded by Brian Hamilton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Protective Services Committee recommends that Admaston/Bromley Council respectfully requests that the County of Renfrew invite the Renfrew Fire Chiefs Associate to be part o the contract renewal process for the agreement with the Ministry of Health for communication services to the County fire services by the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre that is expiring December 31, 2024;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Protective Services Committee recommends that Admaston/Bromley Council respectfully requests that the agreement between the Ministry of Health and the County of Renfrew for communication services for the County Fire Services be amended to include that a representative from the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association be made a member of the Joint Steering Committee and not only as an advisory member

"Defeated"

9. Next Meeting – At the call of the Chair

10. Adjournment

Resolution No. 05-08-24

Moved by Michael Donohue

Seconded by Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Protective Services Committee recess at 7:49 p.m. on August 15, 2024 and to be scheduled to complete the August 15, 2024 agenda at a later date.

"Carried"

Chair

CAO/Clerk