Township of Admaston/Bromley

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It is with great sorrow that I share news of former Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe's passing today.

A long-time resident of Admaston Township, Raye-Anne was first elected to Council in the early 1970s After a twenty-year hiatus, she returned to the political arena, becoming Deputy Reeve in 1994 and elected Reeve in 1997. She would continue to tirelessly serve our community and the County of Renfrew through 2014, undaunted by numerous health challenges along the way.

Raye-Anne's mettle was tested almost immediately, thrust into the crucible of what Environment Canada called the ice storm of the century in January 1998, as much of the Township was devastated by impassable roads and downed power lines. While Raye-Anne spoke in retrospect of the immense pressure of declaring a state of emergency and responding to the needs of our residents, as events unfolded in real time, she was the unflappable voice of calm reassurance. Then, as always, Raye-Anne would credit the incredible generosity and community spirit of the residents in our community.

Before the snow would disappear that year, municipalities across Ontario were confronted with the Provincial amalgamation edict. Raye-Anne's long service with the National Farmer's Union and several Provincial agencies prior to her return to public office provided her the skillset to navigate the tumultuous and traumatic negotiations that would culminate in the creation of Admaston/Bromley Township.

Over her two decades, Raye-Anne provided dedicated leadership and guidance to both the Township and the County as each embraced the challenges of the new millennium. She has left an indelible mark on our community and her impact will continue to be felt for years to come.

On behalf of Admaston/Bromley Council, staff and residents, I express our deepest condolences to the Briscoe and Buffam families. She is sleeping in the palm of the hand of God, may her memory be a blessing to you.

Michael Donohue
Mayor