

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McNAB/BRAESIDE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2014

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside met at 1:00 p.m.

Staff in attendance: Lindsey Parkes, Deputy Clerk
Alastair Baird, County of Renfrew
Anne McVean, County of Renfrew

Media in attendance: Sherry Haaima, Metroland Newspaper

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

All members of Council were in attendance.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared at this time.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** the agenda dated April 23, 2014 be adopted as submitted and circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

a) Item: Notice dated March 19, 2014

The Clerk read the notice of the Special Meeting. The notice was posted on the Township website calendar. The Clerk further advised that the notice of the Special Meeting was published in the Arnprior and Renfrew Newspapers.

5. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Renfrew County Economic Development – Alastair Baird (Manager, Economic Development)

Mr. Baird presented what the County of Renfrew is currently doing for Economic Development as well as Ontario East. A 5 year plan is essential for a successful Economic Development plan to work. Mr. Baird also explained how his group can help and what their department offers as services to the public. He also explained with regards to Economic Development it is important to be “shovel ready” with projects so when an opportunity comes up you are ready.

Mr. Baird also explained the program called “CORIBO” – County of Renfrew Investment & Business Opportunities Database. This is a service for businesses who would like to advertise the sale of their business confidentially.

Following Mr. Baird's presentation the floor was opened to the public in attendance. There was a question from Council to the public of what would help the development/growth in the Township?

Mr. McEwan stated that if the process was made easier, it would help. Having a planner on hand would be a great benefit. The Township currently does not have set fees for reviewing drawings, legal fees are always an unknown and there isn't an up to date subdivision agreement. With a process in place it would make it easier.

At 2:20 pm MPP Cheryl Gallant arrived to the meeting to announce that the Township received \$50,000 from the Federal Human Resources and Skills Development Office for Disability Issues-Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). This funding is for accessibility upgrades to the Waba Cottage Museum and Gardens. Handicap ramps, landings and exterior doors will be installed for the heritage buildings (the Staye Building, Waba Church, the Hill Building, the McNab School Building and the Main Building). The washroom located in the Staye Building will also be updated to become handicap-accessible.

Another comment made was on non-water lots the development of paved roads are not feasible due to the sale price of the land. Is there a less expensive option yet still acceptable road that Council would consider?

Another suggestion for the Township is a "snow bird" community that would include a secure development for seniors, adult only and turnkey bungalows that people would feel comfortable locking up and going south for the winter.

6. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- a) Item: By-Law #2014-30 - Confirm the proceedings of Council – April 23, 2014

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Styles, **THAT** By-Law No. 2014-30, Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside at the Special Meeting held on April 23, 2014 I now deemed read a second and third time short and it is hereby enacted and passed. **CARRIED.**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie, seconded by Councillor Campbell, **THAT** this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 2:50 p.m. **CARRIED.**

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK