

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McNAB/BRAESIDE
INAUGURAL MEETING
December 1, 2014

The Inaugural Meeting of the Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside was held at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk welcomed everyone in attendance at this evening's meeting for the swearing in of the newly elected Council for the Township of McNab/Braeside.

The Clerk advised that the Notice of the Inaugural Meeting was published in the November 13th and 27th, 2014 weekend editions of the Arnprior Chronicle-Guide and the Renfrew Mercury, as well as posted on the Township Website.

The Clerk advised that regrets have been received from Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke and Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Trustee, Mr. Andy Bray.

Reverend Dr. Leo Hughs was then invited to open the meeting. Reverend Hughs opening remarks offered the newly elected Council well in their new positions, Reverend Hughs closed with prayer.

Approximately 55 members of the public were present.

Warden Peter Emon was in attendance this evening and presented his opening comments. Warden Emon brought greeting on behalf of the County of Renfrew and stated that it is a responsibility and a privilege to work for your community, Warden Emon went on to advise that being on Council is a learning experience that can be challenging at times, however, can also be a very rewarding experience. He reminded Council that they carry the aspirations of the community and that although they are at the beginning of their political careers there are always opportunities and experiences to build on in the Municipal environment.

Each newly elected member was then called forward and the Declaration of Elected Office was read and signed by Mayor Tom Peckett, Deputy Mayor Brian Armsden, Councillors Heather Lang, Mark MacKenzie and Scott Brum. The Clerk congratulated each member of Council and then called upon the Township's new Mayor Tom Peckett to present his inaugural address to the public.

Mayor Peckett began his inaugural address by first welcoming everyone in attendance this evening including Rev Leo Hughs, Murray Hughs - Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce, Glen Miller - RCDSB Trustee, David Hartwick - Fire Chief, Elizabeth Stewart, Bonnie Chapeski and an acknowledgment to the late Len Chapeski. Mayor Peckett also acknowledged his long time mentor, supporter and advisor the former Mayor of Arnprior Mr. Terry Gibeau and his wife Nancy Peckett. Mayor Peckett also acknowledged the members of the press in attendance and thanked Warden Emon and Reverend Hughs for their kind words.

Mayor Peckett welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the people of McNab/Braeside for

their interest in democracy and those who put their names forward for election. The people have voted overwhelmingly for change and change will be delivered. There are some things that will not change, McNab/Braeside will remain a welcoming and caring community where we watch out for each other. We are a proud rural community with a rich history that we must continue to honour by promoting controlled development which compliments our heritage. Now with the people's support we will deliver the changes promised. First we will deliver an open and consultative form of government where the taxpayer is valued and treated with respect. This respect will be reflected by ongoing and clear communication. On social and traditional media frequent updates on what is happening around the Council table will be produced. A clear picture of our financial situation will be shared with you. There has never been any suggestion that anything untoward has occurred but it is critical the people and new Council know where the Township stands financially. Commencement of public negotiations for the best possible library and recreation agreements available with our neighbours will be started early in the new year. Our planning process will be updated to make it easier to have much needed development in the Township. We will meet with other communities to try and find a viable solution to unrealistic cost increases for policing. The question is not whether the OPP provide excellent service. They Do. The question is can we and others afford the proposed increases. Steps will be taken to protect our water resources. Using political and legal options available to us, a long festering situation in the Township and other emerging environmental problems will be met head on by this Council. Protection of the environment is paramount. Our farmers who are critical to the well being of our Township will be heard and considered in decisions which affect them. I am proposing a board of active farmers to meet and advise Council of their concerns and arrive at solutions beneficial to everyone. Volunteers, the life blood of any community provide a better quality of life for everyone and therefore will be respected and supported. Finally an improved website will be created and an atmosphere of service for residents will be promoted by staff and Council. As a completely new Council our moto will be slow an steady.

Mayor Peckett thanked everyone once again for their attendance and invited everyone to join him for some light refreshments being served in the board room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK