September 11, 2006

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Admaston/Bromley at its meeting of September 7, 2006, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS on July 4th, 2006 a portion of the Township of Admaston/Bromley experienced a tornado assessed by Environment Canada as an F1 and possible F2, and,

WHEREAS to date, 29 damage reports filed with the municipality total $1,007,404.00 in damages, and,

WHEREAS insurance claims will cover only $332,988.00 of said damage recovery, and,

WHEREAS under formula the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program would possibly cover $449,611.00 of the damage recovery, and,

WHEREAS the municipality, small businesses, farmers and rural residents affected would be required to raise $224,805.00 which would be an impossibility, and,

WHEREAS it would appear that severe weather such as that experienced this summer may well be a trend for the future,

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Government of Ontario be advised that the present Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program formula is ineffective and unworkable, and,

2. THAT the Government of Ontario be requested to review and revise the present Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program to make it more economically feasible for use by Ontario municipalities, their rural residents and their respective businesses, farms and properties, and,

3. THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, The Hon. Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, and Julian Fantino, Commissioner of Emergency Management, Community Safety and Correctional Services, and circulated to the local member of Provincial Parliament and to all municipalities in Ontario through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario urging their support.

Please forward your endorsement to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Minister of Finance, Commissioner of Emergency Management of Community Safety and Correctional Services and your local MPP.

Sincerely,

Beverly Briscoe
Clerk-Treasurer