



**Minutes of Council Meeting
June 28, 2021
6:30 PM
Electronic Participation – Via Zoom**

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present:

Mayor Walter Stack
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Lisa McGee

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk
John Steckly, General Manager,
Operations
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Estelle Moynes, Manager of Finance &
Support Services
Megan Rueckwald, Town Planner
Janet Carlile, Museum Curator

Council Members Absent:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Walter Stack called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of Council being present.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Walter Stack asked Members of Council and staff to take a four-minute moment of silence in recognition of the discovery of 751 unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school in Saskatchewan. Upon hearing of the discovery, on June 24, the flags at municipal buildings were lowered to half-mast. Mayor Stack further noted that he would like the four minutes of silence to take place moving forward, if any other sites are discovered. Also, Mayor Stack asked that the flags to be left at half-mast until there is real clarity on the end of this tragic situation.

Following the moment of silence, Mayor Walter Stack asked everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and show respect for the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land we operate on, by stating:

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I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we work and gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe People. This Algonquin Nation have lived on this land for thousands of years, long before the arrival of the European settlers, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number 239-21

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Be It Resolved That the amended agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, June 28, 2021, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 240-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under item number 6 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – June 14, 2021).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentations

i. Senior of the Year – Sandra Elliott

Mayor Walter Stack welcomed Sandra Elliott, the Town of Arnprior 2021 Senior of the Year Award recipient, and noted the following:

“Sandra is a hardworking and compassionate person. She is involved in the community through many facets and continually advocates for seniors in Arnprior and the surrounding area. Sandra serves on the Executive as Secretary for the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC), the GASC Seniors Affordable Housing Initiative Subcommittee, the United Church Women (UCW), the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) and the Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program. Sandra was presented with the Senior of the Year Award certificate at Town Hall earlier today. On behalf of Members of Council and the residents of the Town of Arnprior, I would like to take this time to thank Sandra for her many contributions to the community and congratulate her on being nominated and selected as this year’s Town of Arnprior Senior of the Year.

Mayor Walter Stack and Members of Council congratulated Sandra Elliott on being the 2021 Town of Arnprior Senior of the Year.

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Sandra Elliott thanked her nominator(s) and Council for selecting her to be this year's Town of Arnprior Senior of the Year. She then provided some background information on the various community groups she serves on, while indicating that she is happy to work with seniors and help to provide seniors with a voice in our community.

ii. Retirement – Jeff Crawford

Mayor Walter Stack welcomed Jeff Crawford, former Fire Chief, noting he had officially retired at the end of May, 2021, after working for the Town of Arnprior for three years. Mayor Stack then noted the following:

“Chief Crawford was presented with a retirement gift at Town Hall earlier today. Chief Crawford was instrumental in recruiting new volunteer firefighters to the fire department, a new emergency communications system, and a renegotiated mutual aid agreement with the City of Ottawa. On behalf of Members of Council, I would like to take this time to thank Jeff for his years of service to the Arnprior Fire Department and wish him well in his retirement.

Mayor Walter Stack and Members of Council congratulated Jeff Crawford on his retirement.

Chief Jeff Crawford thanked Members of Council and Mayor Stack for giving him the opportunity to serve in the Town of Arnprior. Chief Crawford further noted that Volunteer Firefighters are a priceless asset, and the Town of Arnprior is fortunate to have such a great group of firefighters. He also noted that both Captain Cory Nicholas and Deputy Chief Rick Desarmia as fantastic employees to work with, and the Town is fortunate to have these employees serving in the Fire Department. Jeff noted that it has been an honour to work for the Town of Arnprior as a Fire Chief.

iii. Retirement – Brenda Murdoch

Mayor Walter Stack welcomed Brenda Murdoch, Recreation Administrator, noting that she will be retiring on July 1, 2021, having held positions with the Town of Arnprior since 1984. Mayor Stack then noted the following:

“Earlier today I had the pleasure of presenting Brenda Murdoch with a retirement gift. Brenda is retiring on July 1, 2021 having held positions with the Town of Arnprior since 1984. Brenda ends her employment with the Town of Arnprior where she began, at the Nick Smith Centre. Although her start and end are at the Nick Smith Centre, she spent over 30 years at the Town Hall. Brenda has been the first point of contact with the municipality by telephone and in person at both the Nick Smith Centre and the Town Hall for 37 years. Her duties were always handled in a welcoming and professional manner, and she is going to be missed very much by her colleagues and Council. On behalf of Members of Council, I would like to take this time to thank Brenda for her 37 years of service to the Town of Arnprior and wish her well in her retirement.

Mayor Walter Stack and Members of Council congratulated Brenda Murdoch on her retirement.

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Brenda thanked Council, and noted that it has been her honour and privilege serving the Town of Arnprior for the past 37 years. Brenda noted that she is going to enjoy not having to work, and being able to spend more time with her family and friends, but will miss the people she has worked with, as they have become like part of her family. Brenda thanked Council and staff for the support throughout the years she has worked with the Town of Arnprior.

9. Public Meeting

a) Zoning By-law Amendment 237 Albert Street

Resolution Number 241-21(6:50 pm)

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council move into a Public Meeting regarding a request for Zoning By-law Amendment for the property known as 237 Albert Street.

Resolution Carried

Mayor Stack called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM, welcomed those present and the Town Planner noted requirements for oral or written submissions prior to adoption of the amending by-law for the purposes of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal requirements.

Megan Rueckwald, Town Planner, explained that the public meeting was being held to seek comments from the public on a proposal to rezone 237 Albert Street from Residential One to Residential Two to permit a triplex. Site specific zoning is proposed to recognize the front and exterior side yard setbacks as well as to require screening between the parking area and neighbouring property. Rueckwald also provided an overview of the comments that had been received to date from members of the public and advised that a detailed response would be brought forward to Council addressing all concerns raised.

Andrew Cleghorn, 241 Albert Street, voiced concerns with the addition proposed to the north of the existing dwelling. Mr. Cleghorn had concerns with accessing his house for maintenance, the separation distances between eaves, concerns with drainage, and venting for his furnace. Councillor Grinstead advised that she had spoken with Cheryl Grenier, a resident who provided comments in advance of the meeting and noted that many of the concerns raised were related to building, not planning. Councillor Grinstead noted that the concerns with respect to drainage and snowmelt are planning related and will need to be addressed.

Councillor Ted Strike vacated his seat in the virtual Council Meeting at 6:55 pm, and resumed his seat at 7:02 pm.

Resolution Number 242-21(7:02 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) Update - CAO

Resolution Number 243-21

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Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council receive Staff Report 21-06-28-01 as information, and

That Council continue as a stakeholder participating in the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council and its activities within the community.

Resolution Carried

The CAO provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

b) DA Gillies Building – Application for Federal Designation as a National Historic Site – Museum Curator

Resolution Number 244-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council support and approve the application to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to designate the DA Gillies Building as a National Historic Site.

Resolution Carried

The Museum Curator provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

c) 2021 Arnprior Drinking Water System Inspection – Waterworks Supervisor & General Manager, Operations

Resolution Number 245-21

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council receive the following reports:

1. Arnprior Drinking Water System 2020-2021 MECP Inspection prepared by Jean-Francois Durocher MECP, Provincial Officer.

2. MECP Response – Water Main Flushing prepared by Scott Matthews, Waterworks Supervisor.

At the request of Mayor Walter Stack a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Lisa McGee	Yes
Councillor Chris Toner	Yes
Councillor Tom Burnette	Yes
Councillor Lynn Grinstead	Yes
Councillor Ted Strike	Yes
County Councillor Dan Lynch	Yes
Mayor Walter Stack	Yes

Resolution Carried

The General Manager, Operations provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

d) Operational Safety Changes to Robert Simpson Park – General Manager, Operations and Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 246-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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That Council receive Report 2021-06-28-04 for information.

Resolution Carried

The Director of Recreation provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Resolution Number 247-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council direct staff to

- remove the gates as soon as possible or make them able to open and allow for two way vehicular traffic
- Install clear parking signage on the north side with 2 accessible parking spaces
- Clear signage on the south side indicating no parking and tow away zone
- Ramp up enforcement of parking infractions; and

Further That Council direct staff to bring this topic back as a report to Council, for review at the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

At the request of Mayor Walter Stack, a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Lisa McGee	Yes
Councillor Chris Toner	No
Councillor Tom Burnette	Yes
Councillor Lynn Grinstead	No
Councillor Ted Strike	Yes
County Councillor Dan Lynch	No
Mayor Walter Stack	No

Resolution Lost

Councillor Lisa McGee vacated the Council meeting at 8:22 pm.

Resolution Number 248-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council direct staff to bring back a report in July, as soon as possible, which addresses both Council and resident discussion points and suggestions.

At the request of County Councillor Dan Lynch, a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Chris Toner	Yes
Councillor Tom Burnette	Yes
Councillor Lynn Grinstead	Yes
Councillor Ted Strike	Yes
County Councillor Dan Lynch	Yes
Mayor Walter Stack	Yes

Resolution Carried

12. Committee Reports and Minutes

Resolution Number 249-21

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council accept the following bi-annual Advisory Committee reports as information, as noted on item 12 (a) – (d) on the agenda:

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- (a) Corporate Services Advisory Committee Bi-annual Report (Councillor Strike)
- (b) Community Development Advisory Committee Bi-annual Report (Councillor Grinstead)
- (c) Operations Advisory Committee Bi-annual Report (County Councillor Lynch)
- (d) Library Joint Use Committee (Mayor Stack)

Resolution Carried

Chair Ted Strike provided a Bi-annual report on the items discussed at the Corporate Services Advisory Committee in 2021.

Chair Lynn Grinstead provided a Bi-annual report on the items discussed at the Community Development Advisory Committee in 2021.

Chair Dan Lynch provided a Bi-annual report on the items discussed at the Operations Advisory Committee in 2021.

Mayor Walter Stack provided an update on the items discussed at the Library Joint Use Committee which met in June. All parties felt it was important to maintain the current agreement and to utilize a consultant, similar to the original development of the agreement, to develop go forward numbers for the agreement.

13. Notice of Motions

Resolution Number 250-21

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council amend the current Off Road Vehicle By-law No. 6647-16 to prohibit Off Road Vehicles on Town streets with modified exhaust systems.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Strike provided some background information on the reasoning for his motion, noting that there is now an ongoing problem with modified exhaust systems of Off Road Vehicles going to and from the trail, as well as driving on Town streets. These exhaust systems cause nuisance noise at high decibel levels.

Discussion ensued among Members of Council resulting in the approval of the above noted motion.

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14. County Councillor's Report from County Council

County Councillor Lynch noted the following information from the County of Renfrew:

- As of June 24, 2021 the Algonquin Trail will be open for use from Renfrew to Cobden, with an additional 21 km being stone dusted and packed. This allows the trail to be useable from Smith Falls to Cobden.
- The County Operations Committee met last Tuesday, and staff presented a report on growth related policies, providing four (4) options. This report came forward as a result of the request from the Town of Arnprior for financial assistance with the Daniel and Edey Street Intersection. The report also details the bigger picture of how development will allow municipalities to qualify for financial assistance, in certain cases, from the County of Renfrew. I have provided this report to both staff at the Town of Arnprior and Members of Council for feedback. The County is requesting all feedback be submitted by September 1, 2021.
 - Mayor Walter Stack noted that Council should take a good review of the County's report and provide feedback to the CAO, as she has been tasked with formulating a letter of response to the County with the Town's position on this policy.
- The Federal Government is providing funding in the amount of \$2.3 million for high speed internet in the County of Renfrew, specifically Eganville and area.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-21-JUN-12

Resolution Number 251-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Correspondence Package Number I-21-JUN-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 4 - Ontario has now delivered 12.3 million rapid antigen test kits for COVID-19 to over 2,600 work sites across the province.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted that these test kits are being distributed through our local chamber of commerce. Employers with 150 employees or more are encouraged to reach out to our local Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce for more information.
- Page 22 – On June 15th the Ontario government is partnering with community organizations to better support Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex (2SLGBTQI+) students and their families. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, made the announcement as part of the province's ongoing efforts to promote an education system that upholds and champions human rights and equity for all students. Partnerships include:
 - \$50,000 for White Ribbon to create a highly engaging, interactive social media campaign that speaks directly to Indigenous youth, Black youth, racialized youth, children and youth in care and 2SLGBTQI youth.

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- \$50,000 for Egale to foster affirming, equitable and mental health supportive environments for 2SLGBTQI youth by providing collaborative, community-based resources such as webinars and discussions for parents, caregivers and adults in the whole school community.
- \$20,000 for the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity to create resources for students who identify as 2SLGBTQI and may be facing increased mental health issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The resources will support youth in affirming their identities, building resiliency skills and providing coping strategies to maintain their mental health and well-being.

- Page 35 - The Ontario government is investing \$8.4 million over three years in a new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crisis Call Diversion Program. The Crisis Call Diversion Program consists of a professional mental health and addictions crisis worker who will be embedded into each of the OPP Provincial Communications Centres.
- Page 56 - The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking support of their resolution regarding 988 a National three digit suicide and crisis hotline the following resolution at their June 1, 2021 Council Meeting
 - At the request of County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted this resolution can be placed in the Action package for consideration at the July 12, 2021 Council meeting.
- Page 71 - Lanark County is phasing out the sale of bottled water at municipal facilities throughout Lanark County. The program aligns with the Blue Communities Project, which encourages municipalities to support the idea of a water commons framework by passing resolutions that recognize water and sanitation as human rights.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted the Town of Arnprior is looking into the Blue Communities Project framework, including banning the sale of bottled water at municipal facilities, and what it would entail for the Town.
- Page 73 - Students graduating to Grade 9 will be facing a new Grade 9 math course that is part of the province's four-year mathematics strategy to ensure students have the skills they need for the future. Grade 9 math was last updated in 2005. The strategy will include relevant real-life examples that help connect math to everyday life such as new learning, coding, data and financial literacy, and mathematical modelling.
- Page 73 - The Ontario government is investing \$5 million to help people in the Ottawa-Renfrew and Peterborough-Haliburton regions to prepare for successful careers in Ontario's forestry sector. Algonquin College is leading an innovative skills training project.
- Page 73 - If you're a Francophone, you are invited to take part in a province- wide online consultation that will help improve access to services in French in the province. This consultation seeks input from the general public on how to improve access to French language services and will close on July 5, 2021. Feedback can be submitted at www.ontario.ca/page/consultations-directory
- Page 76 - On September 9, AMO is offering training to members to better face the issues of human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion. AMO has developed training to help members better understand these important and complex issues along with their roles and obligations.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO provided a brief overview of the "Human Rights and Equity – The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders" half day training session being offered through AMO.

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The CAO noted that the Human Resources Officer has contacted AMO for further information and will send it to County Councillor Lynch as soon as possible. The CAO also noted that if there was anyone else interested, once she received more information, the Human Resources Officer can also reach out to them as well.

- Page 77 – The Annual Energy reports are due to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on July 1, 2021.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted the required information has been sent in to the Ministry from the Town of Arnprior, and confirmation of receipt has been received.

15. By-laws/Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 252-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the following by-law be and is hereby enacted and passed:

- i. By-law Number 7188-21 – Part Lot Control – Marshalls Bay Meadows

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the graduates at the various schools in the Town of Arnprior.

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Thank you to Islandview Suites for hosting a free barbeque for seniors in Arnprior.
- Congratulations to the graduates at the various schools in the Town of Arnprior.
- The Nick Smith Centre has run out of the popular Canada Day kits.
- On behalf of Council, I would like to wish the new business at 22 Elgin Street West, all the best.
- Have a safe and Happy Canada Day.

Councillor Chris Toner made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the graduates at the various schools in the Town of Arnprior. I wish all of the students a safe and happy summer vacation.
- A message for the youth in the Town of Arnprior, please reach out to Members of Council and staff with any ideas or concerns you may have, as your voice is important, and we want to hear from you.

The CAO made the following announcement:

- This will be Estelle Moynes last Council meeting this evening. Her last day with the Town of Arnprior will be July 6, 2021. We wish Estelle all of the best in her future endeavours, and recognize her contributions to the Town of Arnprior.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

None

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19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 253-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7189-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 28, 2021 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 254-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Ted Strike

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

Tom Burnette, Deputy Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk