



**Minutes of Council Meeting  
August 23, 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

**Council Members Absent:**

**Town Staff Present:**

Robin Paquette, CAO  
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk  
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk  
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,  
Client Services/ Treasurer  
John Steckly, General Manager,  
Operations  
Ryan Francis, Environmental Engineering  
Officer

**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 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:

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 291-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, August 23, 2021, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**6. Question Period**

None

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### 7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 292-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of Council listed under item number 6 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – July 12, 2021; Special Meeting of Council – August 5, 2021).

Resolution Carried

### 8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

### 9. Public Meeting

None

### 10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

### 11. Staff Reports

#### a) Official Plan Amendment, Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment – 640 White Lake Road (Tartan Homes Corporation) - CAO

Resolution Number 293-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council receive applications for an amendment to the official plan, zoning by-law and application for plan of subdivision for 640 White Lake Road, Arnprior as submitted by Tartan Homes Corporation;

**And That** pursuant to the Planning Act, Council hold a public meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021, regarding the proposed amendments and subdivision application, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

#### b) Site Plan Control Application – 240 Baskin Drive Conseil des ecoles catholiques du Centre-est (CECCE) (SPC2/17) – CAO

Resolution Number 294-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council adopt a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement for the construction of the French Catholic School at 240 Baskin Drive with the final form and content of the agreement being to the satisfaction of the CAO, in consultation with the Town Solicitor and the County of Renfrew.

Resolution Deferred

Resolution Number 295-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council defer Resolution Number 294-21 until traffic and parking concerns have been addressed.

Resolution Carried

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### **c) TOPPS Environmental Solutions – Year 6 Garbage Collection Contract Extension – Acting Environmental Engineering Officer**

Resolution Number 296-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council authorize a one-year extension (Year 6) to Topps Environmental Solutions for the provision of waste collection services within the Town of Arnprior, pursuant to the RFT released in January 2017, for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Resolution Carried

### **d) Licensing Backyard Hens - CAO**

Resolution Number 297-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council receive report number 21-08-23-04 Licensing Backyard Hens;

**And That** Council direct staff to provide notice in accordance with the Public Notice Policy of Council's intent to consider a licensing bylaw and the enactment of fees and charges for the licensing of backyard hens at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 298-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council direct staff to increase the following set fines, in the Backyard Hens Licensing Bylaw to \$500.00:

- 22 – Permit Slaughtering of chickens;
- 23 – Fail to maintain sanitary conditions; and
- 24 – Fail to provide food/ water/ shelter/ ventilation.

Resolution Lost

Councillor Toner moved the following motion. The motion was not seconded.

That Council amend the draft proposed Backyard Hens Licencing By-law to include a provision to allow for 5 backyard hens.

### **e) Execution of Agreements of Purchase and Sale – Didak Drive/ Decosta Street and Ida Street S. - CAO**

Resolution Number 299-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council receive report number 21-08-23-05 Execution of Agreements of Purchase and Sale – Didak Drive/Decosta Street and Ida Street S;

**And That** Council adopt a by-law to authorize the disposition and direct the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements of purchase and sale, in consultation with the Town solicitor and CAO;

**And That** Council direct staff to initiate the request for tender (RFT) process for the disposal of Didak/Decosta parcel without the need to return to Council unless the highest offer price is less than the appraised value;

**And That** Council adopt a by-law to stop up and close the unopened road allowance between Didak Drive and Decosta Street.

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Resolution Carried

## **f) Extension of Audit Services – General Manager, Client Services/ Treasurer**

Resolution Number 300-21

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council extend the appointment of Allan and Partners as the Town's municipal auditor for the 2021 and 2022 term as per the option to extend under the 2018 RFP for audit services.

Resolution Carried

## **g) Municipal Modernization – Online Initiatives – General Manager, Client Services/ Treasurer**

Resolution Number 301-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council authorize the use of Municipal Modernization funds of \$31,375 (plus applicable taxes) to implement strategic plan online initiatives including an online citizen self-service module and payroll data management solution.

Resolution Carried

## **h) Council and Committee Meetings – Town Clerk**

Resolution Number 302-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

**That** Council and Committee meetings plan to resume to in-person on November 1, 2021 following the required technological and physical distancing measures upgrades; and

**Further That** based on public health guidelines; any changes that would affect the ability to resume to in-person meetings, or timing, would be communicated to Council and the public.

Resolution Amended

Resolution Number 303-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council Amend Resolution Number 302-21 by:

- replacing the word “on” with the word “in” and change the date of “November 1, 2021” with “January 2022” in paragraph one (1); and
- adding the word “and” to the end of paragraph two (2) and
- adding a paragraph three (3) which reads:

“Further That Council direct staff to bring back an update report in December of 2021.”

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 304-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council and Committee meetings plan to resume to in-person in January, 2022 following the required technological and physical distancing measures upgrades; and

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**Further That** based on public health guidelines; any changes that would affect the ability to resume to in-person meetings, or timing, would be communicated to Council and the public and;

**Further That** Council direct staff to bring back an update report in December of 2021.

Resolution Carried As Amended

### i) Proclamation – Terry Fox – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 305-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** Council proclaim September 19, 2021 as Terry Fox Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

**Whereas** the Terry Fox Run is inspired by a dream as big as our country, which began in 1980 with Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope. The run is now entirely volunteer driven, and grounded in traditions with events held annually around the world to foster research in the fight against cancer; and

**Whereas** it has become a tradition in Canada to gather friends and family to participate in a volunteer fundraiser to raise public awareness and financial support for cancer research; and

**Whereas** we recognize the importance of cancer research as part of the aims and objectives of the Terry Fox Run on behalf of the people of Canada, of the Province of Ontario, and of the Town of Arnprior; and

**Whereas** Terry once said “Anything is possible if you try.” He was an innovator, attempting to run across Canada on one leg on a humanitarian mission we had never seen before; and

**Whereas** our local residents have taken the initiative to organize a Terry Fox Run for the past 41 years on the second Sunday following Labour Day.

**Therefore, be it resolved that**, I, Walter Stack, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2021 as “**Terry Fox Day**” in the Town of Arnprior and call upon all residents to participate in the virtual Terry Fox Run (<http://terryfox.org/run/>) to raise money for cancer research.

## 12. Committee Reports and Minutes

None

## 13. Notice of Motions

None

## 14. County Councillor’s Report from County Council

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

- The Township of McNab/Braeside has been authorized to utilize a photo radar machine on County roads within their municipality.
- The County now has a policy dealing with the Renaming of Streets. The first step is a resolution from the local Municipality requesting renaming of the road.
- Rehabilitation of Elgin Street West, Madawaska Street, and Osborne Street is to be completed by the end of September 2021.
- The Petawawa Air Quality Monitoring Station is now closed.

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- The Virtual Taste of the Valley is now live and active. This event will foster increased awareness and sales of locally grown and produced foods. The map and directory of over 130 producers will help residents and tourists find fresh, healthy and unique truly local foods and products for daily use, gifts and for special occasions.
- Shop the Valley, has been maintained by, Jackie Stott, Economic Development Coordinator, who was in Arnprior a week ago last Thursday visiting Arnprior's new businesses.
- Alex Benzie will be joining the County of Renfrew's Planning Division as a Junior Planner effective early 2022. Alex has been with the County from the beginning of May as a Planning Intern.
- The County of Renfrew Official Plan (OP) 31, Public Meeting was held on August 19, 2021, with five public submissions. This OP should be "Carried" at the next Council meeting
- If you are planning on building a house or cottage within the County, the County is offering a Renfrew County Wildland Fire Hazard Guideline\Checklist. As well, this will be provided to all development applicants when they submit a General Inquiry or application to the County.
- The Association for Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) announced that this year's prestigious PJ Marshall Award for Municipal Innovation was being presented to the County of Renfrew and Partners for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC). Kudo's to Mike Nolan and Doctor Fitzsimmons for their hard work in making this a reality.  
Of note the Province has recognized this program, and at the end of August, the Province will be funding the County directly. Previously this program was being funded by the Province through Arnprior Regional Health, and then to the County. Special thanks to Eric Hanna and Doctor Fitzsimmons for ensuring this program was sustained during these trying times.
- On August 25, 2021, the County Council meeting will be in person which will be followed by the "Opening of Renovated County Headquarters".
- Thanks to the Rotary Club, two bicycle repair stations have been installed in Arnprior. These repair stations are located on the Algonquin Trail and beside the Library.
- Reminder about our submission for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 dealing with Development Funding.

On question of Mayor Stack, County Councillor Lynch noted he would be bringing the issues resulting from the median installation on Daniel Street at the entrance to the Fairgrounds Subdivision under New Business at the next County Council meeting.

### 14. Correspondence & Petitions

#### a) Correspondence Package – I-21-AUG-14

Resolution Number 306-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

**That** the Correspondence Package Number I-21-AUG-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

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County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 6 – The Federal and Provincial Governments are investing \$364 million into providing high-speed internet to 90,124 residents of Eastern Ontario, and by 2025 to all residents of Ontario.
- Page 8 – The Federal and Provincial Governments are investing \$2.1 Million into Active Transportation Infrastructure.
- Page 12 - The Federal and Provincial Governments are investing over \$2 million to Improve Community, Culture and Recreational Infrastructure. Of note McNab/Braeside ball diamonds will have a new support building with washrooms and more storage space.

In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted the Town of Arnprior did make a submission for this grant around growing outdoor play, and we were successful. An announcement will be imminent.

- Page 17 - Ontario supports the Manufacturing Sector in McNab\Braeside, which will help create 600 jobs in the area. The site for this employment sector is Highway 17 and Campbell Drive
  - Mayor Walter Stack congratulated Mayor Peckett and his team on this new business.
- Page 19 - Service Ontario is making it easier to renew your documents, Drivers Licence, Stickers, etc. by means of email, text or voicemail.
- Page 40 - The Victim of Crimes is hosting a Fundraising Golf Tournament on 24 September at the Oaks of Cobden.
- Page 45 – Virtual Terry Fox Run is scheduled for September 19, 2021.
- Page 48 – Thank you to student David Chen, who received a Town of Arnprior Secondary School Bursary this year for his card of thanks.
- Page 67 - AMCTO has submitted a document with 11 recommendations dealing with the Strengthening of Municipal Codes of Conduct.
- Page 85 - Renfrew County District Health Unit is considering going door to door to unvaccinated homes to encourage vaccination.
- Page 86 – Our local MPP, John Yakabuski's new position in Parliament is Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier.
- Page 87 – A new policy dealing with the taxes associated with the sale of business to a family member, could be in place for January 1, 2022.

### **b) Correspondence Package – A-21-AUG-09**

Resolution Number 307-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the Correspondence Package Number A-21-AUG-09 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 308-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**Whereas** Municipalities in Ontario have been made responsible for abandoned cemeteries within their boundaries, and are required by the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 “to ensure that the cemetery grounds, including all lots, structures, and markers, are maintained to ensure the safety of the public and to preserve the dignity of the cemetery; and

**Whereas** cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, preserving the memory of families, prominent citizens, and local history; some cemeteries are landmarks in themselves and hold great historical value worldwide; and

**Whereas** preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly, requiring the specialized services of stonemasons and archeologists; and

**Whereas** the care and maintenance funds of abandoned cemeteries are generally non-existent or so small as to produce insufficient annual interest to cover even the cost of lawn care at the site.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior hereby urges the Government of Ontario to immediately provide funding sources for municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries in their care; and

**Further That** this resolution be forwarded to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), the Minister of Government and Consumer Affairs, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPP, John Yakabuski, and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 309-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the request from the Arnprior Public Library, dated July 29, 2021; and

**That** Council approve providing \$3,500.00 of Development Charge funding to the Arnprior Public Library, to pay for the purchase and installation of additional shelving units.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 310-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**Whereas** primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

**Whereas** currently secondary and additional non—primary properties are subject to capital gains, and



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**Whereas** the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada; and

**Whereas** smaller communities including the Town of Arnprior are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

**Whereas** many hard—working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non—primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

**Whereas** a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation, which could lead to depleted savings, inter—generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups, such as seniors, who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership, thereby a further, higher need for rentals; and

**Whereas** the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Town of Arnprior request the Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences; and

**Further That** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MP, Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, and the municipality of Fort Erie.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 311-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**Whereas** Bill C-6 an Act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada (Conversion Therapy) would prohibit certain activities that relate to “conversion therapy”, which is defined as practices, treatment or services designed to change an individual’s sexual orientation to heterosexual or gender identity to cisgender or to reduce non-heterosexual sexual attraction or sexual behavior; and

**Whereas** Bill C-6 would enact new offences to prohibit:

- Causing an individual to undergo conversion therapy against their will;
- Causing a child to undergo conversion therapy;
- Removing a child from Canada to undergo conversion therapy abroad;
- Receiving a financial or other material benefit from the provision of
- conversion therapy; and
- Advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy; and

**Whereas** Bill C-6 would also authorize courts to order the seizure and forfeiture of advertisements for conversion therapy or order their removal from computer systems; and

**Whereas** overall Bill C-6 would promote the human dignity and equality of all Canadians, including those members of the LGBTQ2 community; and

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**Whereas** Bill C-6 would discourage and denounce practices and treatments that cause psychological harm to LGBTQ2 people.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports Bill C-6 an Act to amend the Criminal Code, regarding Conversion Therapy; and

**Further That** this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew, MP, Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, and the Town of Cobourg.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 312-21

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Arnprior Family Preschool Resource Centre (AFPRC) – EarlyON Arnprior; and

**Whereas** the Arnprior Family Preschool Resource Centre (AFPRC) – EarlyON Arnprior is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the Arnprior Family Preschool Resource Centre (AFPRC) – EarlyON Arnprior, by providing in-kind support of waiving the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo rental (value of approximately \$93.50), for the date of Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; and

**Further That** the Arnprior Family Preschool Resource Centre (AFPRC) – EarlyON Arnprior be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the event; and

**Further That** the Arnprior Family Preschool Resource Centre (AFPRC) – EarlyON Arnprior be advised that it is mandatory to follow all COVID-19 public health guidelines, including but not limited to social distancing and masking where distancing is not possible.

Resolution Carried

## 15. By-laws/Resolutions

### a) By-laws

Resolution Number 313-21

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Ted Strike

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

- i. By-law Number 7201-21 – Part Lot Control Marshalls Bay Meadows
- ii. By-law Number 7202-21 – Part Lot Control Fairgrounds
- iii. By-law Number 7203-21 – Part Lot Control Chats Crescent
- v. By-law Number 7205-21 – Close Portion of Highways known as the Didak Drive and Decosta Street Road Allowances
- vi. By-law Number 7206-21 – Disposal of Surplus Lands Didak Street and Ida Street South

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Resolution Number 314-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

**vii.** By-law Number 7207-21 – Appoint Fire Chief

At the request of the Chair a recorded vote was taken:

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

Resolution Carried

Members of Council congratulated Rick Desarmia on being appointed as Fire Chief for the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Number 315-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the following by-law be deferred:

**iv.** By-law Number 7204-21 – Site Plan Control 2/17 Part Lot Control 240 Baskin Drive  
Conseil des ecoles catholiques du Centre-est

Resolution Carried

### 16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcements:

- This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arnprior Lions Club. They will be celebrating this milestone on October 16, 2021 at the Nick Smith Centre.
- There are two (2) Catch the Ace Fundraisers active in Arnprior. One being through Arnprior Regional Health, and the other being through the Lions Club.
- Arnprior Regional Health Foundation is hosting two (2) golf tournaments, on September 18, 2021 at Madawaska Golf Course and September 25, 2021 at Mountain Creek Golf Course. There is a donation challenge that if they raise \$25,000 Ed Reid and Glenn Arthur will colour their hair, if \$40,000 is raised they will both get buzz cuts, and if \$50,000 is raised they will both shave their heads.
- A number of calls were received commending Town staff for their efforts in the cemeteries, for Decoration Day. Thank you to staff for their efforts in keeping the cemeteries in terrific condition.

Mayor Walter Stack announced that staff will be opening an Emergency Cooling Centre at the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall, for members of the public requiring a place to get some relief from the extreme heat. The Cooling Centre will be open daily Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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## **17. Media Questions**

None

## **18. Closed Session**

None

## **19. Confirmatory By-Law**

Resolution Number 316-21

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** By-law No. 7208-21 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 23, 2021 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

## **20. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 317-21

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Resolution Carried

## **Signatures**

Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk