

# Minutes of Council Meeting February 14, 2022 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 Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Lisa McGee

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Lynn Grinstead

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services/Treasurer
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Janet Carlile, Museum Curator

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, except Councillor Lynn Grinstead.

### 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 040-22
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Lisa McGee
Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday,
February 14, 2022 be adopted.

### 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Strike declared the following:

"I Ted Strike declare a pecuniary Interest in Item Number 11 (a), Staff Report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment 4/21, due to the proximity of my property to the Thomas Street Site."

#### 6. Question Period

None

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

Resolution Number 041-22 Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the minutes of the Regular & Special Meetings of Council listed under item number 7 (a) - (c) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – January 24, 2021; Special Meetings of Council – January 31, 2022 & February 7, 2022)

Resolution Carried

### 8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

## a) Presentations

### i) Recommendations for 2022-2026 Council Remuneration

Chair Chris Couper, Ad Hoc Committee Council Remuneration provided an overview of the committee's presentation. Chair Couper outlined the council compensation review and subsequent remuneration recommendations for consideration of Council to take effect in the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Resolution Number 042-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council defer the matter on Council Remuneration until the next Regular Council meeting (February 28, 2022).

Resolution Carried

### 9. Public Meetings

None

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

None

#### 11. Staff Reports

## a) Zoning By-law Amendment 4/21 - Robin Paquette, CAO

Councillor Ted Strike vacated his seat in the electronic meeting at 7:17 pm.

Resolution Number 043-22 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopt a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 6875-18 to redesignate the lands fronting on Thomas Street from Future Development (FD) to Residential Four (Exception 43)(Holding 15) [R4\*43(H15)] to allow for the development of apartment buildings with restrictions and requirements as outlined in this report.

And That Council consider all written and oral submissions received on this application, the effect of which is to help Council make an informed decision.

Resolution Deferred

Resolution Number 044-22 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Tom Burnette That Council defer Resolution Number 043-22 regarding Zoning By-law Amendment 4/21 until, February 28, 2022.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Ted Strike resumed his seat in the electronic meeting at 7:59 pm

### b) 2022 Municipal Election – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 045-22 Moved by Lisa McGee Seconded by Chris Toner That Council receive this report as information.

Resolution Carried

# c) Election Sign By-law – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 046-22 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive report number 22-02-14-03 Election Sign By-law; and

That Council direct staff to bring forward an Election Sign By-law for consideration of Council

Resolution Carried

# d) Proclamation - Rare Disease Day - February 28, 2022, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 047-22 Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim February 28, 2022 as Rare Disease Day in the Town of Amprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Rare Disease Day was established in 2008 and is coordinated by EURORDIS and 65+ national alliance patient organization partners; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day is the globally coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day has played a critical part in building an international rare disease community that is multi-disease, global, and diverse, but united in purpose; and

**Whereas** there are more than 6,000 known rare diseases, including over 200 rare cancer types; and

**Whereas** up to 5.9% of the population has a rare disease with 79% of these diseases being classified as genetic disorders; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day takes place on the last day of February each year and is recognized globally; and

**Whereas** the colours of Rare Disease Day are blue, green, pink, and purple. Various monuments around the world are lit up in these colours, on the last day of February each year, to show support for individuals living with rare diseases.

**Now Therefore**, I Walter Stack Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2022 as Rare Disease Day in the Town of Arnprior, Ontario. I further note the Town of Arnprior Clock Tower will be lit up with the colours blue, green, pink and purple on February 28<sup>th</sup> to show our support.

### e) Proclamation - 2022 Black History Month, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 048-22 Moved by Lisa McGee Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council proclaim February 2022 as Black History Month in the Town of Amprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas the Government of Canada is celebrating Black History Month in February, with this year's theme being "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day;" and

Whereas the Province of Ontario also recognizes Black History Month and its significance in February; and

**Whereas** the Town of Arnprior understands the importance of recognizing individuals in Arnprior, both past and present, who are members of the Black community; and

Whereas during Black History Month, we commemorate and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians, who throughout our history have shaped our country's heritage and identity; and

Whereas through the month of February the Town of Arnprior has, and will continue to share information and resources pertaining to Black History Month via social media and the Town's website, including but not limited to:

Week of February 1, 2022 – "28 Moments of Black Canadian History" a series
presented by Ottawa based @unilateral asking when it comes to Black Canadian
History, what do you know?;

- Week of February 7, 2022 "Black Health and Wellness" films and online activities
  to honour and celebrate the contributions of Black Canadians, presented by the
  National Film Board of Canada;
- Week of February 14, 2022 "Black History Month Virtual Celebration Event on <u>February 17<sup>th</sup></u>" hosted by the Government of Canada – Canadian Heritage, highlighting this year's theme, and featuring performances, tributes, and interviews;
- Week of February 21, 2022 "Slavery to Freedom" online information presented by Ontario Heritage Trust as well as "5 Canadian Settlements at the end of the Underground Railroad" online information presented by CBC Kids.

**Therefore** I, Walter Stack, Mayor of the Town of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as Black History Month in the Town of Arnprior. I encourage all residents, staff, and Members of Council to take the time to participate and utilize these shared resources, and others, to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape the story of Canada.

### 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:

- MIS Municipal Insurance Services advised the County that the annual insurance premium for the County of Renfrew for 2022 is \$703,467, which is an increase of 11% or \$70,908 more than 2021. Also, the County Cyber Insurance premium increased significantly over the past year due to the increase in the number and size of claims. The County's premium is 45% higher than last year, equalling \$12,800 more than 2021.
- AMO is asking municipal councils to lend their support to the seven recommendations contained within the AMO submission for October 2019 entitled "Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs."
- The County Warden is sending a formal letter of support for the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport, to use when the Airports are applying for grants.
- A Service Agreement between Arnprior Regional Health and the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service has been signed.
- A resolution was passed to direct staff to facilitate a delegation of a consultant to attend the March meeting of County Council to provide an overview on development charges for the County of Renfrew
- The Minister of Health has confirmed funding commitment for Renfrew County VTAC until March 2023.
- A letter has been sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, requesting more funds be added to critical infrastructure improvements in the Towns of Arnprior and Petawawa. The Town of Arnprior was mentioned as being one of the 10 fastest growing communities in Ontario, and this was mentioned to the Minister.

- The "Staycation" tax credit allows Ontarians to stay in Hotels, Motels, Campgrounds, Bed and Breakfasts in Ontario and claim the HST portion of their stay on their 2023 income tax to a maximum of \$300.
- 2022 Ottawa Valley Road Map will be arriving at residences in a short period of time.
   It will be a larger document due to the overwhelming amount of advertising demand.
- Staffing Kim Fraser from Enterprise Renfrew County has submitted notice of retirement after 17 years of service with the County of Renfrew.
- County request through the Vehicle Infrastructure Program for the installation of 2 charging stations was unsuccessful.
- There are two Sub Water Shed planning information sessions on February 16 and 24, 2022. I will be attending on the 24<sup>th</sup> and this session will discuss drainage off of Campbell Drive.
- A new Tariff of Fees By-law has been created for the County, and this document will be coming forward to County Council for consideration at the end of the month. This document has been forwarded to our planning and CAO for review as there are a number of huge increases being proposed.
- County of Renfrew Committee meetings will remain via Zoom and the County Council meetings will be in person beginning the end of March.

Mayor Walter Stack asked County Councillor Lynch about the discussion surrounding cleaning up the County Trail property at the corner of Hugh, John and William Streets. County Councillor Lynch noted the request has been made and will be brought back to Committee.

### 15. Correspondence & Petitions

# a) Correspondence Package - I-22-FEB-03

Resolution Number 049-22 Moved by Lisa McGee Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the Correspondence Package Number I-22-FEB-03 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 10 Effective February 21, 2022, general visitors five years and older who have had at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be able to resume visits to long-term care residents. The number of visitors at a time, per resident will also increase from two to three, including caregivers.
- Page 12 The Ontario government is investing almost \$1 million to prepare over 600 people across the province for rewarding careers in food and beverage processing.
- Page 63 –To further protects students and children, Ontario is becoming the first Canadian jurisdiction to publicly disclose and make parents and guardians aware of educators that have been involved in sexual abuse and other serious criminal proceedings.
- Page 66 Ontario is extending free rides to vaccination sites for people with mobility issues until March 31, 2022.
- Page 120 The Town of Arnprior is hosting FAMFEST, Monday, February 21, 2022
   at the Nick Smith Centre. Join us for a day full of family activities which kicks off with a
   free breakfast, sponsored by the Lions Club, from 9 am to 12 pm and Optimist Club
   sponsored free skates and swims throughout the day.

- Page 133 Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Inclusive Community Grants
  Program. Funding is available for local projects that will help older residents and
  people with disabilities participate in community life. The deadline to apply is March 3,
  2022. Information and how to apply is found on the government website.
  - The CAO noted staff have a couple of ideas that might meet the criteria of this grant, and are reviewing to determine the best fit.
- Page 133 Eye on Events AMO and LAS are excited to host a virtual Municipal Energy Symposium March 31 – April 1, 2022. This leading edge event takes a critical look at the intersection of climate change, land use planning and energy post-COP26. Explore examples of how municipalities are planning for the future and what this means to daily operations.
  - o The CAO noted staff are considering attendance at this Symposium.
- Page 135 On February 16, 2022 at 11:00 am, join eScribe, AMO's preferred partner for electronic meeting management, for a webinar to learn how you can prepare for a seamless election season.
  - The CAO noted the Town Clerk is planning to attend.

### b) Correspondence Package A-22-FEB-01

Resolution Number 050-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the Correspondence Package Number A-22-FEB-01 be received and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried.

Resolution Number 051-22 Moved by Tom Burnette Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Arnprior Regional Health Auxiliary; and

Whereas the Arnprior Regional Health Auxiliary is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the Arnprior Regional Health Auxiliary, by providing in-kind support of waiving the fees for 5 hours of Nick Smith Centre Community Hall Rental (value of approximately \$200.00), for the date of Monday, June 20, 2022 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, for an Annual General Meeting/Luncheon.

**Further That** the Arnprior Regional Health Auxiliary 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 Amprior Regional Health Auxiliary be advised that the Nick Smith Centre will determine event capacity based on the public health regulations at the time; and

**Further That** it is mandatory to follow all COVID-19 public health guidelines, including but not limited to proof of vaccination being required for all participants 12 years of age and older, social distancing, and masking where distancing is not possible.

## 16. By-laws & Resolutions

### a) By-laws

Resolution Number 052-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the following by-laws be and are hereby enacted and passed:

- i. By-law Number 7259-22 Part Lot Control By-law (Amprior Fairgrounds)
- ii. By-law Number 7260-22 Appointment to Committee of Adjustment / Property Standards Committee
- iii. By-law Number 7261-22 Adopt 2022 Operating and Capital Budget
- iv. By-law Number 7262-22 Adopt Works In Progress (WIP)
- v. By-law Number 7263-22 Adopt User Fees and Charges By-law
- vi. By-law Number 7264-22 Adopt Alternative Voting Method (Internet / Telephone) 2022 Municipal and School Board Election
- vii. By-law Number 7265-22 Adopt Transfer Payment Agreement Integrated Waste Management Program
- viii. By-law Number 7266-22 Adopt Transfer Payment Agreement Telecom Modernization

Resolution Carried

### b) Resolutions

### i. Long Range Capital Forecast

Resolution Number 053-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council approve the 2023-2042 Long Range Capital Forecast as presented to Council on January 10, 2022 and discussed on February 7, 2022, as a financial planning tool; and

**That** the 2023-2042 Long Range Capital Forecast be used to inform the annual budget process, as well as, other financial planning processes and documents; and

**That** staff continue to update the Long Range Capital Forecast as part of the annual budget process.

Resolution Carried

# ii. In-Kind Support – SALC Resolution Number 054-22 Moved by Ted Strike Seconded by Lisa McGee

Whereas Council of the Town of Amprior, at their budget meeting of December 8, 2021 received a request for \$5,000 of in-kind support from the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC).

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior authorize \$5,000 of in-kind support for services including staff and facility use of the Nick Smith Centre.

Resolution Carried

# iii. Development Charges Funding – Arnprior Public Library

Resolution Number 055-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

Whereas the Amprior Library Board at their budget presentation meeting on December 8, 2021 requested access to an additional \$1,000 of development charge monies for collection development.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior authorize the transfer of \$1,000 of development charge monies from the Development Charges Reserve Fund to the Arnprior Public Library for collection development.

Resolution Carried

### 17. Announcements

Mayor Walter Stack offered congratulations to the owners of Capital Asphalt in Arnprior who won the Mattaway Housing, Best Asphalt and Interlock Award for the year 2021 in Ottawa.

### 18. Media Questions

None

### 19. Closed Session

Resolution Number 056-22 (8:33 pm)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council move into closed session regarding:

 One (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Property Acquisition).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 057-22 (8:45 pm) Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Chris Toner That Council resume to open session.

**Resolution Carried** 

Resolution Number 058-22 Moved by Tom Burnette Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorize the Mayor to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

**Resolution Carried** 

## 20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 059-22 Moved by Dan Lynch Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** By-law No. 7267-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 14, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

**Resolution Carried** 

# 21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 060-22 Moved by Lisa McGee Seconded by Ted Strike **That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Resolution Carried

**Signatures** 

Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk