



**Minutes of Council Meeting
March 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 Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner (6:32 pm)
Councillor Lisa McGee

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services/ Treasurer
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Jennifer Eve, Manager of Finance
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief
Erin Coyle, A/Marketing & Economic
Development 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 072-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, March 14, 2022 be adopted.

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5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 073-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under item number 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council –February 28, 2022)

Resolution Carried

Councilor Chris Toner joined the meeting at 6:32 pm.

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

a) Presentations – Retirement – Rick Gwalchmai

Mayor Walter Stack welcomed Rick Gwalchmai, Youth Program Coordinator, noting that he has retired from the Town of Arnprior after 32 years of service. Mayor Stack then noted:

“Rick dedicated 32 years of services to the Town of Arnprior in its Recreation Department. He started with the Town as an aquatic instructor in 1989 helping support and deliver the ever-important life skill of swimming, the benefits of aquatic fitness and swimming supporting one’s health and of course the fun that can be had in the water. There are countless members of this community that can say that Rick taught them how to swim and helped them keep fit and have fun in the pool!

After 24 years in the pool, Rick accepted a role as the Recreation Program Coordinator where he continued his dedication to enhancing the physical, social and mental well-being of this community by developing and running a variety of camps, programs and events for youth, adults, seniors and families. In addition to the community benefitting from the programming that Rick established, many staff also profited from Rick’s guidance, leadership and passion.

For 33 years, people felt welcome at the Nick Smith Centre because of Rick. He had a strong rapport with both staff and patrons which was seen in that chats he shared with them or the laughter you could often hear. Many lifelong friendships have come from these connections at the Nick Smith Centre.

The Town of Arnprior, its residents and visitors are grateful for the passion and energy that Rick brought to the job every day over his 32 years.”

Mayor Stack and Members of Council congratulated Rick Gwalchmai on his retirement and thanked him for his many years of service.

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Rick thanked Council and many staff members at the Town of Arnprior, whom he had worked with over the years, for making his journey as a staff member over 32 years so memorable. Rick also thanked his family for their continued support over the years. He noted that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and has been enjoying retirement thus far.

Councillor Tom Burnette vacated his seat at the Council table virtually at 6:34 pm and re-joined the virtual meeting at 6:39 pm noting technology issues. Councillor Burnette advised he would be continuing to participate in the meeting via audio.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) **Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision Phase 3, 4a, and 4b – Preliminary Earthworks, Rock Blasting, and Construction of Access Road, General Manager Operations**

Resolution Number 074-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council approve a request from Marshall's Bay Regional Inc. to allow for earthworks, rock blasting and construction of access road on the lands subject to Subdivision Application 47-T-14002, Marshall's Bay Meadows Phase 3, 4a and 4b, subject to the requirements outlined in this report.

Resolution Carried

b) **Emergency Management Program Committee Restructure, Deputy Fire Chief**

Resolution Number 075-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council amend Appendix C of By-law 6190-13 as amended to remove Item Goal Number 5 appointing the Operations Advisory Committee to act as the Town's Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC); and

Further That Council enacts a By-Law to appoint the following personnel as the Town's Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC), as prescribed within Ontario Regulation 380/04 and the Council-approved Emergency Plan:

- Community Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair) – Deputy Fire Chief
- Head of Council
- EOC Commander - Chief Administrative Officer
- Operations Section Chief - Fire Chief
- Planning Section Chief - Town Clerk
- Logistics Section Chief - General Manager of Operations
- Finance Section Chief - General Manager of Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Carried

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c) Community Improvement Project Area and Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Adoption of By-laws, CAO

Resolution Number 076-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopts a by-law to designate a Community Improvement Project Area;

And further that Council adopts a by-law to adopt the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) prepared by WSP;

And further that Council appoints the Community Services Branch as the "Administrator" and as the "Review Panel" for the administration and monitoring of the CIP and its Financial Incentive Programs.

And further that Council directs the Review Panel, in consultation with the Community Development Advisory Committee, to bring forward recommendations to Council with respect to Financial Incentives Programs, marketing and promotion of the CIP and annual review and monitoring of the programs.

Resolution Carried

d) 2021 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Council and Local Boards

Resolution Number 077-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council receives as information the attached 2021 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council and Local Boards.

Resolution Carried

12. Committee Reports and Minutes

Resolution Number 078-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council receive the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 18, 2021 as information.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 079-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive the Corporate Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 1, 2021 as information.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 080-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council receive the Inclusivity and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 2, 2022 and February 3, 2022 as information.

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Councillor Chris Toner noted he would like to congratulate staff and the members of the Inclusivity and Diversity Advisory Committee for the work they have done so far, as the idea of a cultural event, like the Night Market looks very interesting and he looks forward to seeing their ideas come to fruition.

Councillor Lynn Grinstead, Chair of the Inclusivity and Diversity Advisory Committee (IDAC) noted IDAC would like to hear from the community on ways we can improve our programs, services and communications in relation to inclusivity and diversity. The deadline to submit a survey is April 3, 2022.

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:

- Operations Committee is recommending to County Council that a Master Traffic Plan be created for the County; and further that recommendations within the report be budgeted for.
- The Province On-Site and Excess Soil Management regulation under O.Reg 406/19 (webcast held on February 22nd, 2022) has raised concerns in the County. As a result, the Province's Co-ordinator will be hosting a special Zoom meeting with the County Public Works who have in turn invited municipalities to join.
- Housing in the County of Renfrew Statistics:
 - Sold in 2021 = 19
 - Sold in 2022 = 46
 - Average Sale Price in 2021 = \$479,018
 - Average Sale Price in 2022 = \$575, 308
- Another retirement, effective March 31, 2022, Colleen Sadler, a Business Consultant, Renfrew County Enterprise, will retire after 20 years of service.
- The Gypsy Moth, now called the Spongy Moth, will be back this year and there is no spraying planned.
- The Ontario government has provided a web site identified as "511 Ontario" that has traffic camera's throughout the province that will give you a snapshot of the weather/road conditions.
- The curve on Baskin Drive West near Division Street now has solar powered warning lights installed on the beacons to warn drivers of the curve in the road.
- There is a new company in the Town of Arnprior, 'Metaligna', located in the old Sandvik building, and they are now in operation.
 - Mayor Stack provided some background information on the new company 'Metaligna', as well as showed some examples of the products they will be manufacturing in Arnprior.
- Pending County Council approval, the province has agreed to the dates in February 2023 for the Ontario Winter Games in Renfrew County. Councillor Peter Emon is chairing this Committee.

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15. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-MAR-05

Resolution Number 081-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-MAR-05 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following:

- Page 5 - The Ontario government will introduce the Working for Workers Act, 2022. If passed this act will establish foundational rights and protections for digital platform workers who provide ride-share, delivery, or courier services. This would guarantee them a minimum wage, protection of their tips, the resolution of disputes in Ontario, and protection from reprisals.
- Page 16 - The Ontario government is investing \$6 Million in the Seniors Community Grant Program in 2022-23 for seniors-based projects that help Ontario's seniors stay safe, healthy, active and connected to families and friends in their communities. Applications are open now until April 28, 2022, at [Ontario.ca/getfunding](https://ontario.ca/getfunding).
- Page 20 –The Ontario government is making it more affordable to monitor your blood glucose levels by providing coverage for real-time continuous glucose monitors, the latest technology in diabetes care, through the province's Assistive Devices Program.
- Page 23 - April 1, 2022 is the date the Homelessness Prevention Program is being launched which combines three programs: Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home for Good, and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program. Access to this funding will be based on having in place a By-Name List that meets the provincial requirements and contains detailed, up-to-date information from individuals experiencing homelessness to help connect them to local supports.
- Page 71 - Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force - One result of this task force is that more growth is pushing past urban boundaries and turning farmland into housing. Undeveloped land inside and outside existing municipal boundaries must be part of the solution, particularly in northern and rural communities, but isn't nearly enough on its own. Most of the solution must come from densification. Existing vacant Provincial lands could be used to assist affordable housing.
 - The CAO noted that she is not aware of any Provincial property in Town that could be developed for affordable housing.
- Page 105 - The Summer Company Applications are open. Students aged 15 to 29 who are looking to start a summer business can apply for the Summer Company funding. The program provides up to \$3,000 in funding plus advice and mentorship from local businesses. The program is open until May 31, 2022 through a Small Business Enterprise Centre.
- Page 106 - Effective April 1, 2022, the Federal Government minimum wage will rise to \$15.80 per hour. Approximately 26,000 federal employees work for minimum wage.

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- Page 112 - 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. We had a presentation on Climate Change a couple of weeks ago. Good to hear that we have Town engineering staff attending.
- Page 112 - As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On March 23, 2022 from 9 am - 10 am ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can greatly reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer.
 - The CAO noted this is a product demonstration and staff will consider it, however electronic document signing hasn't been a concern for us.
- Page 113 - The Kraft Hockeyville grand prize community winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL preseason game and receive \$250,000 for arena upgrades. This year's winner and each of the 3 runner-up communities will receive \$10,000 to purchase new hockey equipment for their minor hockey programs.
 - The CAO noted that the Recreation staff will work with Arnprior Minor Hockey to discuss a story for submission to the Kraft Hockeyville contest.
- Page 116 - LAS is excited to once again offer custom energy training workshops in person. From climate resiliency and net zero emissions to recommissioning and wastewater treatment plants, we've got a workshop for every need.
 - The CAO noted staff are reviewing the available workshops to determine if there are any that can be attended.

b) Correspondence Package – A-22-MAR-02

Resolution Number 082-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number A-22-MAR-02 be received and the recommendations be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 083-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding the Northern Ontario School of Medicine; and

Further That Council supports the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

Further That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Municipality of Shuniah.

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Resolution Number 084-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the resolution from the Town of Bracebridge regarding Joint and Several Liability Reform;

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of “joint and several liability”, which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of “joint and several liability”; and

Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

Whereas the Provincial Review was conducted in 2019 with AMO and municipalities fully participating; and

Whereas the results of the Provincial Review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in their document “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards; and

Whereas The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written to the Attorney General in support of the abovementioned recommendations provided by AMO;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior Resolves as follows:

1. That the Town of Arnprior calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address “joint and several liability” before the end of the government’s current term.
2. That the Town of Arnprior supports the seven (7) recommendations contained in the AMO submission “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to re-establish the priority for provincial action on this issue.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark; AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, AMCTO President, Sandra MacDonald; and the Municipality of Bracebridge.

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16. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 085-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

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

- i. By-law Number 7272-22 – Restructure Emergency Management Planning Committee
- ii. By-law Number 7273-22 – Contribution Agreement for funding under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund
- iii. By-law Number 7274-22 – Designate a Community Improvement Project Area
- iv. By-law Number 7275-22 – Adopt Community Improvement Plan

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

Resolution Number 086-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports our Federal, Provincial and local municipalities in condemning the aggression and violent acts that Russia is taking upon Ukraine; and

Whereas on March 2, 2022 Mayor Stack issued a press release voicing the Town's support of "the Ukrainian people, who are fighting bravely against the invading Russian forces" and asked that everyone in Arnprior keep "these brave souls in our hearts and minds, and hope for a swift end to this conflict," and

Whereas the clock at the D.A. Gillies (Museum) will stay lit in blue and yellow until the attacks cease.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. That Council support the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine with a \$1000.00 donation to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.
2. That the Mayor send a letter to the Ukrainian Embassy in Ottawa in support and solidarity of those in Ukraine, their friends and families across the globe and those of Ukrainian heritage within our community.

Resolution Carried

Mayor Walter Stack and Members of Council requested the letter and resolution be sent to all municipalities in Ontario as information.

17. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- On behalf of Town Council, the business community and residents we convey our thanks to Ruth and George Brown and all your volunteers for bringing the 44th Annual Broomball Championships back to Arnprior. There were 42 teams altogether from across Ontario. The furthest team East was Vankleek Hill and as far West as Windsor.

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The winners were:

- Elite Men: Lacombe from Maxville;
- Elite Women: Rebels from Russell\Finch Maxville;
- Intermediate Men's: Cyclones from Seaforth;
- Intermediate Ladies: Rampage from Blythe;
- Men's Masters: EOQ Legends from Maxville;
- Master Ladies: Wicked Ice from Innisfil\Barrie; and
- Co-Ed Division: Rough Edge from Grafton.

I received an email from Ruth to which I'd like to read.

"Please convey to the Town of Arnprior for their generous donation, their welcoming to our participants and their families, the very generous support from your Business Community, Hotels and Restaurants, Senior Association Volunteers, our Refs, Nick Smith Center Staff and especially our own Broomball Committee Group and Juvenile Program and Glenn Arthur's Gang of Timekeepers & Runners- we couldn't have pulled off this enormous success without all of them. People were just so happy to be out seeing friends again, watching good Broomball and sharing stories- it was a wonderful weekend! As well great support from the Renfrew County Paramedics & Broomball Nursing & Firemen fans that assisted in two calls. The Parking restrictions for the size of the crowd is an issue requiring a solution for alternate parking arrangements. Thanks again & will certainly accept your offer to volunteer for another one in the future."

- Downtown Arnprior is changing; Elgin Street especially. I'd like to wish the new or relocated businesses on Elgin Street all the best. They include Arnprior Gallery, Kurly's (hairdressing); Ottawa Valley Coffee (which hosts Craft Beer and Local Market), and the four business's in the Heritage Mall: Valley Vino; Zesty Shawarma; Lincoln Mae Interior; and Chicken Palace.
- Arnprior Hospital Catch the Ace lottery is supposed to be up and running tomorrow, and the bad news is the Lions Club Catch the Ace worth \$13,065.50 was won by a local resident, Colleen Piasetzki. The profits from this draw are going to Seniors at Home and Neighbourhood Link Fountain.
- From my mom, Doris Lynch, thanks to Council for their sincere wishes on her 100th birthday.

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- I attended the Broomball Event this weekend and am happy that this event was able to move forward, as this event was cancelled due to the beginning of the pandemic a couple years ago.
- I attended and participated in the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce Mayors Breakfast. It was nice to start meeting again in person.
- Good news for the Town that there are currently 90 storefronts downtown, with only one vacancy currently.
- I have attended two Zoom meetings on the Spring Freshet, and it currently looks like we should not experience any flooding. However, this can change depending on the spring rainfall. The water at the moment is low.

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Councillor Chris Toner made the following announcements:

- Wonderful things are happening at the Arnprior and District Museum, including the Museum Speaker Series. On March 18, 2022 Dennis Mills will be the speaker on "Uncovering the Value of the 19th Century Hand Woven Textile Industry". These series are fantastic and worth while looking into. Check out the Arnprior & District Museum Facebook page for further information.

18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

None

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 087-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7276-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 14, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 088-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Resolution Carried

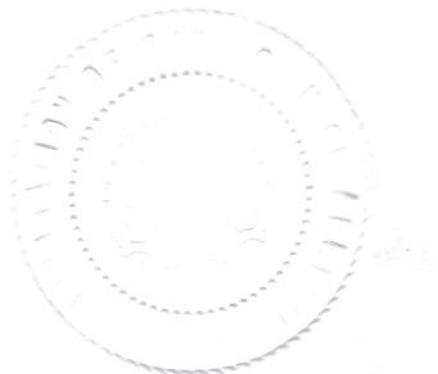
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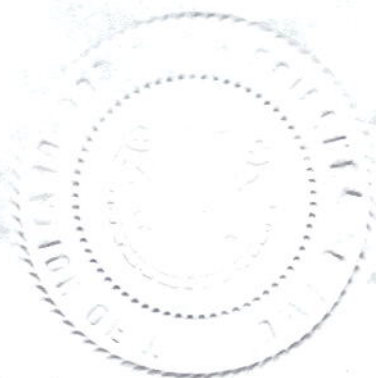


Chris Toner, Deputy Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk





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