



**Minutes of Council Meeting
April 25, 2022 6:30 PM
Town Hall, Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior, ON.**

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

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 137-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, April 25, 2022 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 138-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of Council listed under item number 7 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – April 11, 2022; Special Meeting of Council – April 13, 2022).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Hybrid Meetings – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 139-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council approves the following:

- a. That the Staff Report 22-04-25-01 be received as information; and
- b. That Council approve Appendix B Hybrid Meeting Participation as Attachment 1 to Report 22-04-25-01; and
- c. That Council amend By-law 6922-19, as amended to allow for hybrid meetings; and
- d. That staff be directed to report back to Council in 2023 with a review of the Hybrid Meeting Participation; and
- e. That beginning May 9, 2022, staff be directed to facilitate meetings in a hybrid manner with in-person and electronic participation for Members of Council, staff and the public.

Resolution Carried

b) Commemorative Naming Policy – Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 140-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receives this report as information; and

That Council amend By-law Number 6884-13, Policy AS-CO-14 Commemorative Naming Policy to include further specifications related to minor asset commemorations (benches/trees).

Resolution Carried

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c) Proclamation – Dementia Awareness – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 141-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded Dan Lynch

That Council proclaims May 7-13, 2022 as Dementia Awareness Days in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Dementia is a term used to describe a group of symptoms that occur when brain cells stop functioning properly and affect a person's ability to engage in Day-to-Day activities under the following three domains:

1. Cognition (memory, thinking, language)
2. Behaviour (mood, personality, social skills)
3. Physical Functioning (movement, visual field changes, coordination, balance, etc.); and

Whereas over 24,000 people live with a diagnosis of dementia in Ottawa and Renfrew County; and

Whereas it is important to reduce the stigma around dementia, to make those living with dementia and those caring for them feel safe, understood, while then reducing social isolation and improving overall quality of life for all; and

Whereas The Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County has received a two year grant from the Public Health Agency of Canada to support the implementation of Canada's National Dementia Strategy in our region; and

Whereas this grant will allow The Dementia Society to further its mission to build a more dementia-aware Ottawa and Renfrew County, so that people impacted by dementia feel valued, supported, and included; and

Whereas The Dementia Society will be conducting Dementia-Inclusive Training through their "Stronger Together Project", which will offer insight into the experience of dementia for people diagnosed with it, and for their caregivers, while also offering practical ways that businesses and individuals can help; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior staff will be participating in The Dementia Society Dementia-Inclusive Training; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior will support this initiative by promoting the information on our website, and raising the Dementia Flag at Town Hall from May 7-13, 2022;

Now Therefore, I Walter Stack Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2022 as Dementia Awareness Days in the Town of Arnprior, and encourage all residents, schools, and businesses to learn more about Dementia, and participate in the training initiative that is being hosted in our community.

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d) Proclamation – Emergency Preparedness Week – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 142-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council proclaim May 1-7, 2022 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually since 1996; and

Whereas Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

1. Know the risks
2. Make a Plan
3. Get an Emergency Kit; and

Whereas this awareness initiative is a collaborative event undertaken by the provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and partners; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior Fire Prevention Office has been raising awareness throughout the community in support of Emergency Preparedness Week; and

Now Therefore, I Walter Stack Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2022 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Arnprior, and encourage all residents to learn more about preparing for an emergency (know the risks, make a plan, get an emergency kit) and understand the importance of emergency preparedness.

12. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes – February 22, 2022

Resolution Number 143-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council receive the Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes of February 22, 2022 as information.

Resolution Carried

13. Notice of Motions

None

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14. County Councillor's Report from County Council

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

- Twinning - The Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce (UOVCC) met on Tuesday April 5, 2022 to discuss opportunities as they relate to a Chamber Initiated Business Twinning Mission with Renfrewshire's Chamber of Commerce(s) in late 2022/early 2023. The UOVCC is extremely excited at the prospect of working with likeminded individuals in Renfrewshire, Scotland and the opportunities that exist, and will be forming a small committee of community leaders to shepherd this initiative forward in the coming months. UOVCC are to reach out to other Chambers to see if any businesses are interested. Costing to be provided in the near future.
- The Hwy 417 110 km per hour speed limit ends at 2 km from Campbell Drive exit, when going Westbound on the highway.
- All COVID expenses incurred by the County will not be passed on to County residents via their tax bill. Provincial / Federal funding has covered off these expenses.
- Line Painting costs have gone up \$156,695.00 from last year, which was budgeted at \$526,695.00. This was twice as high as 2019 (note: new environmentally friendly paint now has to be used, which could be contributing to the cost).
- On Tuesday, April 26, 2022 the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) will host a Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) and mini conference from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet virtually with our tourism business leaders and will feature the awarding of the Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards.
- County of Renfrew staff will be scheduling a virtual meeting with local municipalities to review 911/Civic Addressing processes along with an update of the Next Generation 911 requirements.
 - New Street/Road Naming Process
 - How to calculate new PIN addresses
 - Order Forms
 - Next Generation 911 – data requirements
- An announcement from Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) on a new funding stream to be delivered via the Federal Government Tourism Relief Fund via the Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) network in Ontario. RTO 11, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) supports the County of Renfrew, as well as the Counties of Hastings, Lanark, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington, and will have \$3 million in funding to deliver across the region.
- An update on the progress of planning for the Taste of the Valley events for 2022 and the proposal and approval for a Taste of the Valley Christmas Market to take place in the Township of Laurentian Valley at the Shady Nook Community Centre on November 26-27, 2022 was provided to County Council.
- A new Agri-tourism project, "Farms Open", like the old "Rural Rumble", is planned to become an annual event, and will be on Sunday, September 18, 2022. This will involve participating farms opening up their properties for public tours and activities. Event support and Agri-tourism route maps will be developed with the assistance of Renfrew County Economic Development Services.

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- Algonquin Trail Information was provided to County Council, noting:
 - The Cultural Night Market in Arnprior. Where the trail parking will be made available for use for parking for this event. The event will be held on a Saturday night in August (August 27) in the Town of Arnprior's Historic Downtown. From 4:00pm to 11:00pm the streets will be closed so they can house the various food vendors, artisans, art activations and performances.
 - Land Improvement - County staff advised that landscaping of land West of John Street will commence late May early June of this year.
- On April 20, 2022, Watson & Associates (Gary Scanlon) made a presentation on Development Charges. County Departments will now investigate to see if they may be applicable at the County level.
- More internet is coming to the rural parts of the County. Rogers will be erecting a tower on County Lands in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

15. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-APR-08

Resolution Number 144-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-APR-08 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following:

- Page 10 - July 1st, 2022 Ontario will be cutting the gas taxes by 5.7 cents per litre and the fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre for six months. Of note, gas has risen from \$1.63 to \$1.82 in the last week.
- Page 14 – The Ontario government is Modernizing its Emergency Response System by making an investment in 9-1-1. They will be investing \$208 million over three years to enhance the province's 9-1-1 emergency response system. Once fully implemented, the new system will make it easier to provide additional details about emergencies, such as video from the scene of an accident and to text 9-1-1 when requesting immediate help from police, fire or ambulance services.
- Page 16 –The Ontario government will invest \$142 million to launch the new "Learn and Stay" grant. The program will allow for up to 1,500 nurse graduates each year to receive full tuition reimbursement in exchange for committing to practice in an underserved community. Students will be eligible to receive full, upfront funding for tuition, books and other direct educational costs.
- Page 38 –Bears are now wandering into urban areas in search of food, but not every bear sighting is an emergency. The reporting line is 1-866-514-2327.
- Page 39 – A warning to persons who use Crown Lands, is being issued by the government, by holding individuals accountable when they leave their personal property on public lands. An example, an individual left his camper behind and was fined \$7000.00 (second offence).
- Page 40 –The Ontario government is investing over \$40 million in additional nutritional support funding for long-term care homes so residents can receive more individualized food choices, more fresh produce and local foods in season, and additional menu flexibility.

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- Page 61 – On behalf of Council, thanks to our Fire Department in its successful bid to receive training on the Mobile Live Fire Training Unit. Application was made by Deputy Chief Cory Nicholas. It's staff actions such as this that ensures our Town takes advantage of all types of training, grants, etc. Well done.

b) Correspondence Package – A-22-APR-05

Resolution Number 145-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package Number A-22-APR-05 be received and the recommendations be brought forward for Council consideration.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 146-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the application for In-Kind Municipal Grant Support from Arnprior Stray Cat Division Rescue.

Further That Arnprior Stray Cat Division Rescue is hosting a Garage Sale, with all proceeds raised going to their rescue efforts, at the Nick Smith Centre on May 14, 2022; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve of providing in-kind support, through the waiving of fees for the rental of the Arena Slab for the Arnprior Stray Cat Division Rescue First Annual Garage Sale, at the Nick Smith Centre (for 6 hours - \$375.00), as well as providing Town staff support for the setup and tear down of the event.

Further That Arnprior Stray Cat Division Rescue 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 Arnprior Stray Cat Division Rescue be notified that it is mandatory to follow all public health guidelines that are in place at the time of the event.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 147-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the application for In-Kind Municipal Grant Support from the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County.

Further That the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County is hosting Dementia Awareness Days in Arnprior and McNab/Braeside from May 7-13 with the official opening of the event on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; and

Further That the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County is requesting hosting the opening of the event, at the Nick Smith Centre.

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Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve of providing in-kind support, through the waiving of fees for the rental of two Nick Smith Arena Slabs for the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County opening ceremony for "Dementia Awareness Days", at the Nick Smith Centre (\$500.00), as well as providing Town staff support for the setup and tear down of the event.

Further That the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County 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 Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County be notified that it is mandatory to follow all public health guidelines that are in place at the time of the event.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 148-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

Whereas when considering changes to their speed limit by-law, the County of Renfrew seeks the support of the local Municipality for which the request has been made as it would have a direct impact on the residents of the Town.

Whereas the County of Renfrew has requested the support of the Council of the Town of Arnprior, through a passing of a Resolution, to reduce the current posted speed limit on County Road 1 (Madawaska Boulevard) from 80km/hr to 60km/hr between Connifer Lane and approximately 200 metres west of Herrick Drive; and

Whereas with the ongoing construction of the Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision, a 60km/hr zone would be more conducive to the environment of the developed lands and would create a safer road network; and

Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior hereby supports the request from the County of Renfrew to reduce the current posted speed limit on County Road 1 (Madawaska Boulevard) from 80km/hr to 60km/hr between Connifer Lane and approximately 200 metres west of Herrick Drive.

Resolution Carried

16. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 149-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Ted Strike

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

- i. By-law Number 7293-22 – Release of Agreements registered as Instrument No. R283988 and Instrument No. RE59771 (16 Sheffield)
- ii. By-law Number 7294-22 – Council Remuneration 2022-2026 Term of Council
- iii. By-law Number 7295-22 – Repeal & Replace By-law 6494-15 - Meal Allowance
- iv. By-law Number 7296-22 - Amend Council Conferences, Training and Functions Policy TD-HR-02 for Knowledge Sharing

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- v. By-law Number 7297-22 - Amend By-law 6922-19, Hybrid Meeting Participation
 - vi. By-law Number 7598-22 – Amend Commemorative Naming Policy AS-CO-14
- Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- This past Friday morning I, along with the CAO, attended the official ground breaking ceremony for the new French Catholic School on Baskin Drive. Congratulations to those involved for bringing this project to fruition.
- Thank you to the Volunteer Firefighters for hosting a car wash on Saturday. All proceeds from this event went to the Red Cross to support Ukraine.

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Thank you to the Volunteer Firefighters for hosting a car wash this past weekend.
- The Arnprior Regional Health Catch the Ace lottery has been won.

Councillor Lynn Grinstead made the following announcement:

- Arnprior Regional Health is hosting a Jeep Adventure Lottery. More information can be found at www.jeeplottery.com.
- The Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce is hosting their Awards Gala on May 18th, 2022. Online voting for different categories has opened and can be found at www.gacc.ca. They would appreciate a good turnout for the event, as well as voting for the particular categories online.

18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

None

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 150-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7299-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 25, 2022, be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 151-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Walter Stack, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

