



Minutes of Council Meeting

May 24, 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
Councilor 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
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer –
Facilities and Assets
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Lucas Power, Recreation Program
Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

Mayor Stack noted the significant weather event that took place this past weekend and asked the General Manager, Operations to provide a brief update on the status of certain areas in the Town of Arnprior.

The General Manager, Operations provided a brief status update on the Town after the significant weather event, noting overall the Town fared a lot better than many of our neighbours. He noted a number of trees require clean up on roads and in parks, and there was a sewage by-pass also experienced, which resulted in a beach closure. The General Manager, Operations thanked all staff who came in to assist over the weekend. He further noted the Town has also reached out to our neighbours in Greater Madawaska, to offer our assistance, as they have declared a state of emergency.

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.

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4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number 174-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

Be It Resolved That the amended agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, May 24, 2022 be adopted, with the addition of item numbers 11 (vii) and 16 (a)(v) – Staff Report and By-law – Robert Simpson Park Canteen Rental Agreement, as well as the removal of one closed session matter under item number 19 (Commemorative Naming).

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Lynn Grinstead declared the following pecuniary interest:

"I Councillor Lynn Grinstead have a pecuniary interest in Item Number 19 – Closed Session (Awards), as I have been nominated."

Councillor Lisa McGee declared the following pecuniary interest:

"I Councillor Lisa McGee has a pecuniary interest in Item Number 8 - Delegations (a) – Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC), due to the proximity of the proposed project to my home."

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 175-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the minutes of the Regular & Special Meetings of Council listed under item number 7 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – May 9, 2022; Special Meeting of Council – May 17, 2022).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Presentations

a) 2021 Financial Statements, Serena Deschamps KPMG

Serena Deschamps of KPMG provided an overview of the 2021 Financial Statements, and responded to questions.

b) Recreation Passport, Recreation Program Coordinator

The Recreation Program Coordinator provided an overview of the Recreation Passport presentation included in the Agenda Package, and responded to questions.

Delegation

Councillor Lisa McGee vacated her seat at the Council table.

a) Darrel O'Shaughnessy – Greater Arnprior Seniors Council

Darrel O'Shaughnessy, Chair of the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) provided a verbal presentation, outlining the documents included in the Agenda Package.

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Mr. O'Shaughnessy noted the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council is looking to find a new home for the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) and Men's Shed Programs. The GASC is looking at the Christian Education Centre (CEC) in Arnprior as a potential opportunity to house these programs in the future. In order to move forward with this project, a preliminary site assessment and hazard substance report are required. The GASC noted this will cost \$35,000. Expressions of interest from Grace St. Andrews United Church, Arnprior Regional Health, Sullivan & Son Construction, Township of McNab/Braeside, and Town of Arnprior have been received.

The GASC is asking the Town of Arnprior to contribute \$7,000, to share the cost of the initial assessment and hazard substance report.

Following a question and answer period Mayor Stack requested a Municipal Grant application be submitted for Council consideration.

Councillor Lisa McGee resumed her seat at the Council table.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Library Expansion Tender PW-2022-06 – Engineering Officer – Facilities & Assets

Resolution Number 176-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council not proceed with the current tender award for an extension to the Arnprior Public Library building (PW 2022-06).

That Council direct staff to form a joint committee between Library and Town staff to consider alternative options to obtain additional usable space for the Arnprior Public Library including consideration of an increased Arnprior Public Library building expansion footprint to meet future growth requirements.

Resolution Lost

Resolution Number 177-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council award PW-2022-06 – Extension to the Arnprior Public Library project to Renokrew in the amount of at \$1,117,264.80 after net HST, with the shortfall of \$430,122.80 being funded from the Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund.

Councillor Lisa McGee requested a recorded vote:

Lisa McGee	Yes
Chris Toner	No
Tom Burnette	No
Lynn Grinstead	Yes
Ted Strike	Yes

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Dan Lynch Yes
Walter Stack Yes

Resolution Carried

b) **Request to Purchase Town-Owned Lands & Sale and Declaration of Surplus Municipal Lands – Norma Street South - CAO**

Resolution Number 178-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council receive report number 22-05-24-02 Sale and Declaration of Surplus Municipal Lands – Norma Street South; and

That Council declare lands identified as Part 1 and the remainder of Part 2 on Registered Plan 49R-12945, as surplus lands to the Town of Arnprior; and

That Council, in its sole discretion, identify the following methods for the disposal of surplus lands:

- Disposal of non-viable land by direct sale/negotiation with set value of \$1/ft²;

And That Council direct staff to provide notice of Council's intention of the sale and disposal of lands in accordance with Section 6.6 of Policy AS-CP-14 Sale and Disposition of Land.

Resolution Carried

c) **Disconnecting from Work Policy – General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer**

Resolution Number 179-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded Dan Lynch

That Council authorize a by-law adopting a Disconnecting from Work Policy HR-ES-08 and that the policy be issued to all staff in accordance with the requirements under the Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA); and

That Council authorize a by-law amending the Hours of Work Policy HR-ES-06 to include an updated Appendix A: Full-Time Administration Positions Chart.

Resolution Carried

d) **Proclamation – Seniors Month – Deputy Clerk**

Resolution Number 180-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council proclaim June 2022 as Seniors Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the following proclamation:

Whereas Seniors' Month is an annual nation-wide celebration; and

Whereas Seniors have contributed and continue to contribute to the life and vibrancy of this community; and

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Whereas Seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of this community; and

Whereas June is Seniors Month in Ontario, and it is a time when we recognize our amazing older adults and the many contributions they have made in our communities; and

Whereas the 2022 theme for Seniors Month in Ontario is Stay Active, Connected and Safe; and

Whereas the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) will be working with the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) to provide increased programming for Seniors in our community, throughout the month of June.

Therefore be it resolved that I, Walter Stack, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as "Seniors' Month" in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

e) Proclamation – Parks and Recreation Month – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number – 181-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council proclaim June 2022 as Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Arnprior.
Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the following proclamation:

Whereas, in the Town of Arnprior, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

Whereas, recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

Whereas, parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and

Whereas, recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated anti-social behavior; and

Whereas, the benefits provided by recreation programs, services and parks, and open space, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

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Whereas the Town of Arnprior is participating in the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge, a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community; and

Whereas organizations, schools, sports groups, recreation centres and workplaces can participate in the challenge by tracking the group activities they organize on the Community Better Challenge website from June 1st-30th; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior's Recreation Department has also created a campaign called 'Recreation Passport', available at the Nick Smith Centre, that includes 12 barrier free activities that the community can engage in to stay active.

Therefore be it resolved that I, Walter Stack, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as "Recreation and Parks Month" in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize the benefits and values of Recreation and Parks in Arnprior and participate in the many activities taking place this month and throughout the year.

f) Proclamation – Pride Week – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 182-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council proclaim June 20-26, 2022 as Pride Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the following proclamation:

Whereas the Town of Arnprior strives to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for all; and

Whereas the Pride rainbow flag is an important symbol of hope and acceptance for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and adults who continue to face stigma, discrimination, isolation and bullying in their home, workplaces and community spaces, simply for being who they are; and

Whereas this puts 2SLGBTQ+ individuals at elevated risk of mental-health issues, substance abuse, homelessness and suicide; and

Whereas the Pride Flag sends a message that Renfrew County and the Town of Arnprior is a safe and welcoming place for all; and

Whereas flying the rainbow flag at Town Hall during Pride Week symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Therefore be it resolved that I, Walter Stack, Mayor proclaim the week of June 20 – 26, 2022 "Pride Week" in the Town of Arnprior. I encourage all citizens to take note of this special week and consider what steps we can take to make our community a safe and inclusive place for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

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g) Robert Simpson Park Canteen Rental Agreement – Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 183-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement with Michelle Brennan, Alicia Ott and Matthew Ott on behalf of the Town of Arnprior for the Robert Simpson Park canteen with the terms as outlined within this report.

Resolution Carried

12. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Operations Advisory Committee Minutes – March 21, 2022

Resolution Number 184-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council receive the Operations Advisory Committee Minutes of March 21, 2022 as information.

Resolution Carried

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 the Speed Limit By-Law be updated to change the posted speed limit along County Road 1 (Madawaska Boulevard) between Connifer Lane (Renfrew County Boundary) and 600 metres north of the Renfrew County Boundary to 60km/hr. Director Perkins advised the committee that the Town of Arnprior, Director of Operations, John Steckly was an integral part of this updated speed limit.
- Economic Development Officer Alistair Baird (resident of Arnprior) is retiring June 30, 2022.
- "Connecting the East: A Draft Transportation Plan for Eastern Ontario" - The Province of Ontario has released its plan to build a better transportation system in eastern Ontario.
 - Two points of interest:
 - To Establish a task force of local mayors and Indigenous leaders to make recommendations to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) on additional actions to improve rail, bus and local transit services across eastern Ontario; and
 - To support the sustainability of local airports in the region. MTO recently conducted an airport survey to update data on the role of Ontario's local airports in supporting economic development and public service delivery. Our Airport was part of this survey.

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- Arnprior Housing Statistics:
 - 2021 sold = 32 with an average sale price of \$515,666; and
 - 2022 sold = 28 with an average sale price of \$639,329 - an increase of \$123,663.
- Taste of the Valley date and location information:
 - 19 August - Barry's Bay - Royal Canadian Legion
 - 26 August – Eganville - Royal Canadian Legion Field
 - 24 September - Renfrew - Low Square – Town Hall
 - 01 October - Deep River - Town Hall Parking Lot
 - 02 October - Arnprior - John Street
 - 15 October – Cobden - Cobden Fairgrounds
- White Lake Road Official Plan Amendment – Appeal - The Town of Arnprior adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 3 (OPA No. 3) to the Town's Official Plan. The re-designation would facilitate the development of a future plan of subdivision on the property which is located off of White Lake Road and abuts the Arnprior airport and the Antrim Truck Stop. The County received an appeal to the amendment from a private resident. The Ontario Land Tribunal has scheduled a case management conference for May 30.
- The "Spongy Moth" (formerly known as Gypsy Moth) will be infesting our community this year. There is no remedial action being taken.

15. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-MAY-10

Resolution Number 185-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-MAY-10 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following: see notes

- Page 2 - A reminder to residents that June 2nd is the Provincial Election.
- Page 8 - If you're thinking of visiting CFB Petawawa expect delays trying to cross the Petawawa Bridge as it is under construction until sometime in November.
- Page 11 - A reminder that the Silver Chain Challenge has commenced and has the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew competing for the bragging rights for which County had the most "active" residents.
- Page 18 - The Federal Government is forgiving \$50 million in unpaid student loans from the Federal Department of Employment.

b) Correspondence Package A-22-MAY-06

Resolution Number 186-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That the Correspondence Package Number. A-22-May-06 be received, and that the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

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Resolution Number 187-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior approves the request from the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation, to include a letter from the Foundation in the July Town of Arnprior water bill mailing, at no cost to the foundation.

Resolution Carried

16. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 188-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Lisa McGee

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

- i. By-law Number 7305-22 – Adopt the 2021 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements
- ii. By-law Number 7306-22 – Adopt 2021 Surplus (Shortfall) Funds
- iii. By-law Number 7307-22 - Adopt Policy HR-ES-08 Disconnecting from Work Policy
- iv. By-law Number 7308-22 - Amend Policy HR-ES-06 Hours of Work Policy
Appendix A Full-Time Administration Positions
- v. By-law Number 7309-22 – Robert Simpson Park Canteen Rental Agreement

Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

Councillor Ted Strike made the following announcement:

- Thanks to the County Trail committee for allowing stop signs erected on the pedestrian crosswalk on Thomas Street, as this has made a positive impact.

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcement:

- The Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala took place on May 18th, where the Town of Arnprior awarded the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award to Arnold McIntyre and a 2022 Special Volunteer Recognition Award (COVID-19) to Maggie Harbert. Council will be attending the home of Arnold McIntyre to present him with his award later this week, as he was not able to be in attendance.

The following other awards were presented at the Gala:

- New business award – Valley Girls Plus
- Skilled Trades Award – Saylor Plumbing
- Not-For-Profit Award – Men's Shed
- Best Storefront Award – White Pine Books and Children Boutique
- Business of the Year Award – Bee Savvy
- President's Award – Gilks Signs and Trophies

18. Media Questions

None

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19. Closed Session

Resolution Number 189-22 (8:34 pm)

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council move into Closed Session regarding:

- One (1) matter pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239(2)(b) to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Awards)

Resolution Carried

Councillor Lynn Grinstead vacated her seat at the Council table at 8:34 pm.

Resolution Number 190-22 (8:50 pm)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 191-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

The Council direct staff to facilitate awarding the 2022 Senior of the Year Award to Josie Scott and the Town Award to Lynn Grinstead.

Resolution Carried

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 192-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7310-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 24, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 193-22

Moved by Lisa McGee

Seconded by Tom Burnette

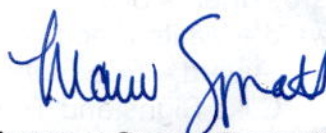
That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Walter Stack, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

