



**Minutes of Council Meeting
July 11, 2022 6:30 PM**

Town Hall, Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior, ON.

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present:

Deputy Mayor Lisa McGee
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Ted Strike
Councillor Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Walter Stack

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services/ Treasurer
John Steckly, General Manager,
Operations
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief
Jennifer Eve, Manager of Finance

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Lisa McGee 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 Mayor Walter Stack.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Deputy Mayor Lisa McGee 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 233-22

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, July 11, 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 234-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under item number 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – June 27, 2022).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Vacation for Full and Part-Time Employees – Manager of Finance

Resolution Number 235-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council authorize a by-law to repeal By-Law 6116-12 and replace with Policy No. HR-WV-06, a revised Vacation Policy for Full-Time and Part-time Employees.

Resolution Carried

b) Policy Revision – HR-ES-05: Recruitment, Selection & Hiring Management Officers for the Fire Department – Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution Number 236-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council approve the proposed amendments to Policy HR-ES-05 thereby allowing the policy to align with the Council approved Fire Department organizational chart; and

Further That Council enacts a By-Law to adopt the amended policy as approved by Council.

Resolution Carried

c) ICIP Green Stream Grant Intake II – Clearwell #1 Replacement WFP – General Manager, Operations

Resolution Number 237-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council adopt a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario for an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Green Stream Project, for the replacement of Clearwell No. 1 at the Arnprior Water Filtration Plant.

Resolution Carried

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d) Amend Off-Road Vehicle By-law 6647-16 – Town Clerk/ Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 238-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Chris Toner

That council amends Off-Road Vehicle By-law Number 6647-16, as follows:

1. Delete Section 3.3 "Off-road vehicles do not travel between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise; and

Replace with a new section 3.3 "Off-road vehicles do not travel between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m."

2. Add a new Section 3.6 "No person shall operate an off-road vehicle on highways within the Town of Arnprior with an exhaust system that has been changed or altered from the installed factory stock exhaust system. Modifications are not permitted."

Resolution Carried

12. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Inclusivity & Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes – June 2, 2022

Resolution Number 239-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council receive the Inclusivity and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from June 2, 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:

- Craig Kelley will be the new Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk effective September 1, 2022. Mr. Kelley replaces Paul Moreau.
- The following retirements will be taking place at the County of Renfrew in the near future:
 - Andy Cowan -Information Technology will retire July 29, 2022;
 - Paul Moreau – CAO will retire August 31, 2022
 - Debbie Nash – Payroll will retire September 30, 2022
- County of Renfrew Paramedics Services Commendation Awards were presented to Karen Simpson, of Arnprior Regional Health, whose support and involvement in RCVTAC is well known. Also receiving this award was one of our local Doctor's, Dr. Jonathan Fitzsimon.
- At the last County Council meeting the delegations included:
 - Bonnie Schryer, family peer support with Parents Lifeline of Eastern Ontario (PLEO) highlighted the services available to families throughout Renfrew County through the organization which was created for parents by parents. For more information about the services available, visit www.pleo.on.ca. This information is included in the information package.'

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- Steve Boland, Co-Chair of the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre, provided an update on the activities at the Centre, which is located on County Road 9 (Bulger Road) in North Algona Wilberforce Township. This centre maintains undisturbed forest areas as living examples of old growth forests available for study and appreciation of their unique cultural and scientific values. Open 365 days a year and well worth the visit. Has the only alligator canoe in Ontario.
- Karen Black, CPA, Partner, Scott Rosien Black and Locke, Chartered Accountants presented the 2021 Auditor's Report for the County of Renfrew. Of note that after 40 years of providing this service, due to staff shortages they will not be the our auditors for 2022.
- County Council approved emergency structural repairs of roof balconies at 63 Russell St., Arnprior in the amount of \$210,300.
- Our Madawaska Bridge still owes \$4,472,961 with the final payment being on June 15, 2031.
- County WSIB payments increased by \$6 million due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- The County's Ontario Winter Games Committee will issue tax receipts for any donations to the games.
 - County has requested municipalities to forward their "Volunteer Policy" to the Winter Games Committee.
- The Town continues to grow. From Jan – May 2022 County approved 37 new lots.
- County property between John Street and Meehan Street will be landscaped beside the Algonquin Trail for a new park.

15. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-JULY-13

Resolution Number 240-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-JULY-13 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following:

- Page 3 -. Ontario's rent increase guideline for 2023 is 2.5 per cent, which is below the current rates of inflation.
- Page 6 - The cost of gas was down at the pumps. Ontario government has cut the gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and the fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre. This is only until December 2022.
- Page 9 - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has amended the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Regulation to increase the financial assistance from the current maximum of \$500-per-month to \$550-per-month.
- Page 11 - To create a greater housing supply across the province, the Ontario government is amending Ontario's Building Code to allow for municipalities to design and administer their own building inspector internship programs at a time when the profession is facing labour supply shortages.

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- In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted at this time we are handling our staffing in house but will keep this in mind for the future.
- Page 12 - The Ministry of the Solicitor General is updating standards of care that will add protections for dogs that are kept outdoors. These standards set out more comprehensive care requirements related to access to shelter and shade, food and water, grooming and nail care, health and welfare maintenance, and the use of tethering.
- Page 12 - As discussed at last Council meeting The Ontario government has introduced a firefighter certification regulation under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act that establishes mandatory minimum certification standards for firefighters according to the fire protection service they perform. This will help ensure that firefighters across the province have a more consistent level of training.
- Page 32 - Federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos has stated that Canadians will be required to get a COVID shot every nine months for the foreseeable future, because there is no possibility to be fully vaccinated.
- Page 40 - Gender-responsive Public Budgeting Online Course - This course provides the basics on gender responsive budgeting, including identifying gaps and inequalities between men and women in the provision of services and considering measures to promote equality. The course is available in English and French.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted that we are looking into this opportunity.

b) Correspondence Package A-22-JULY-09

Resolution Number 241-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Correspondence Package Number. A-22-JULY-09 be received, and that the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 242-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the resolution from the Municipality of Brighton regarding a request for a change to the Amber Alerting System to include a new "Draven Alert".

Whereas the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

And Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

And Whereas people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

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And Whereas an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

And Whereas an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

And Whereas it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

And Whereas the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And Whereas at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

And Whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Arnprior and its Council supports the Municipality of Brighton by endorsing the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities in Renfrew County, MPP John Yakabuski, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, Premier Doug Ford, and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Resolution Carried

16. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 243-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- i. **By-law Number 7318-22** – Repeal By-law 6116-12 to replace revised Policy HR-WV-06 Vacation for Non-Union Full-Time and Part-Time Employees
- ii. **By-law Number 7319-22** – Adopt Policy Revision HR-ES-05 Recruitment, Selection & Hiring Management Officers for the Fire Department
- iii. **By-law Number 7320-22** – Authorize Transfer Payment Agreement ICIP Green Stream Grant Intake II – Clearwell#1 Replacement WFP
- iv. **By-law Number 7321-22** – Amend ORV By-law 6647-16
- v. **By-law Number 7322-22** – Part Lot Control – Fairgrounds Block 81

Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- The Arnprior Dragon Boat Festival has been cancelled for this year.
- Thank you to the Director of Recreation and his staff for a great Canada Day celebration, and thank you to the Library for bringing out Curby to the event.
- The Arnprior Agricultural Society is hosting the first annual Valley Agricultural Festival at the Arnprior Airport from July 29-31, 2022.
- Ed Levesque, a resident of Arnprior, will turn 102 tomorrow. I want to wish him a very special happy birthday.

18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

None

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 244-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7323-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 11, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 245-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Deputy Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk