



**Minutes of Council Meeting
August 22, 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:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services / Treasurer
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief
Bob Smith, Fire Prevention / Protection
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 257-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the amended agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, August 22, 2022 be adopted, with the addition of Item Number 15(a)(iii) – By-law 7327-22.

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 258-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

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 – July 11, 2022; Special Meeting of Council – August 3, 2022).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Community Risk Assessment – Fire Chief

Resolution Number 259-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receive the 2022 Community Risk Assessment prepared by The Loomex Group for the Town of Arnprior as information.

Resolution Carried

b) Nick Smith Centre Canteen Rental Agreement – Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 260-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement with 2527567 ON. Inc. on behalf of the Town of Arnprior for the Nick Smith Centre canteen with terms as outlined within this report.

Resolution Carried

c) Chats Lake Community Club Lease Agreement – Town Clerk

Resolution Number 261-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement for a portion of Bell Park lands with the Chats Lake Community Boat Club for use as a club house and for docking and related activities, including youth programming with the terms as outlined in the lease agreement.

Resolution Carried

d) Proclamation – Terry Fox Day – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 262-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That proclaim September 18, 2022 as Terry Fox Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

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The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas the Terry Fox Run is inspired by a dream as big as our country, which began in 1980 with Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope. The run is now entirely volunteer driven, and grounded in traditions with events held annually around the world to foster research in the fight against cancer; and

Whereas it has become a tradition in Canada to gather friends and family to participate in a volunteer fundraiser to raise public awareness and financial support for cancer research; and

Whereas we recognize the importance of cancer research as part of the aims and objectives of the Terry Fox Run on behalf of the people of Canada, of the Province of Ontario, and of the Town of Arnprior; and

Whereas Terry once said “Anything is possible if you try.” He was an innovator, attempting to run across Canada on one leg on a humanitarian mission we had never seen before; and

Whereas our local residents have taken the initiative to organize a Terry Fox Run for the past 40 years, since 1982; and

Whereas this year the Terry Fox Run organizers are creating a challenge between the Town of Arnprior and the Township of McNab/Braeside to see which municipality can raise more money to support this cause, with the hope of each municipality raising \$1 per resident; and

Whereas a Flag Raising Ceremony for Terry Fox Day will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022, prior to the event to raise further awareness for the Terry Fox Run being held at Robert Simpson Park on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Walter Stack, Mayor, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2022 as “**Terry Fox Day**” in the Town of Arnprior and call upon all residents to participate in the Terry Fox Run (<https://run.terryfox.ca/3370>) to raise money for cancer research

12. Notice of Motions

None

13. County Councillor’s Report from County Council

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

- Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee – August 8, 2022
 - Land Use Agreement. This agreement was brought forward to the Development and Property Committee for County Council approval.
 - Compensation Requirements - All approved Land Use Applications are subject to a one-time Administration Fee of \$250.00. Annual fees are in addition to the Administration Fee. Annual Fees: Flat rate of \$2.50/square metre, plus HST, or a minimum of \$250 + HST annually with an escalation clause of 1.5%. For clarity, requests to cross the Trail for utilities and for

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non-registered on title access agreements, the fee is \$250 + HST annually with an escalation clause of 1.5%.

- Last Saturday the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Association (OVCATA) hosted an Algonquin Trail Town Relay that finished in Arnprior. Thanks to our Director of Recreation, Graeme Ivory for his assistance in making this Relay a success.
- Operations Committee – August 9, 2022
 - Madawaska Street to Elgin Street road rehabilitation of 0.51 km, was budgeted at \$159,824 but actual cost is \$259,000. This project went over budget by \$99,176. There was also a slight delay due to a construction strike.
 - As a result of a request to have an existing pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard) and Portage Road within the Town of Petawawa be repainted to recognize the LGBTQIA2S+ Community for the 2023 season; the County Staff will develop a policy to create a process for future requests throughout the County.
 - Recommendations were made to County Council that the restructuring plan in the Public Works & Engineering Department include the addition of:
 - a Civil Designer;
 - an Engineering Technician; and
 - an Operations Coordinator be endorsed in principle; and
 - That the appropriate business cases be brought to the 2023 budget deliberations for consideration.
- Development and Property Committee – August 9, 2022
 - Appointment of Director of Development and Property is effective as of September 1, 2022. Mr. Jason Davis will be assuming the role of Director of Development and Property.
 - Taste of the Valley dates and locations of this year's events include:
 - August 26 - Eganville (12pm – 7pm)
 - September 24 - Renfrew (8am – 3pm), Renfrew
 - October 1 - Deep River
 - October 2 – Arnprior (9am – 2pm)
 - October 15 – Cobden (8am – 3pm)
 - Adventure Motorcycle Route Development, in partnership with the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, will be developing adventure riding routes as a secondary offering through the Ride The Highlands motorcycle marketing program. The routes will be developed over late summer/early fall with a market launch in March 2023.
 - The County has a total of four Summer Company participants who have completed the required training and are now operational with their respective summer businesses.
 - Noah Pritchard, Quality Lawn Care by Noah, Arnprior
 - Evelyn Nickerson, Ehvealen (art business), Barry's Bay
 - Calla Chantrell, RivHER (paddle company), Palmer Rapids
 - Jayden Collier, Collier Lawn Care, Calabogie

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- A County employee, Alex Benzie, received this year's Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) President's Award. This award was established to recognize one graduating student from each accredited planning program (undergraduate and graduate) in Canada.
- Staffing Update:
 - Rajat Ali is the successful candidate for the Junior Planner position and started with the County on July 6, 2022.
 - Scott Hamilton has been hired as the new Economic Development Specialist for the County of Renfrew.
- On July 22, 2022, a Bill 109 Planning Act Working Group Kickoff and Brainstorm meeting was held to which our CAO attended.
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference was held last week in Ottawa. The County had two delegations who met with:
 - Minister of Health Sylvia Jones - to discuss the impact service delivery and quality of life in Renfrew County – namely County Road Growth Pressures; and
 - Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Kinga Surma, Amarjot Sandhu - to discuss the ongoing funding for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC).
- Renfrew County Councillor Peter Emon has been elected as a Board member of the Rural Caucus of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
- At the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in Ottawa, Debbie Robinson, Warden, County of Renfrew and Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), was appointed to the AMO Board of Directors, County Caucus for the term 2022–2024.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-August-14

Resolution Number 263-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-August-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following:

- Page 5 – The Ontario Government announced that parents and caregivers of children aged six months to under five years will be able to book appointments for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine.
- Page 5 – The Ontario Government is also ensuring workers do not lose pay if they miss work due to COVID-19 by extending paid sick days to March 31, 2023. Eligible workers will continue to receive up to \$200 a day for up to three days if they need to get tested, vaccinated, or receive a booster.
- Page 7 – Municipalities in Renfrew County will have access to more high speed internet. The Province of Ontario has budgeted \$483.9 million to go to Bell Canada for upgrades to approximately 82,632 residents\businesses.

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- Page 9 –The Ontario government is now offering the option of French language characters on all Ontario government identification
- Page 18 – Nice to see correspondence thanking Council, from a Town Bursary Award recipient, AJ Anas, who is furthering his HVAC training.
- Page 59 – The Ontario Government's First Readings in Parliament are:
 - Support Workers Week Act, 2021 which provides that the minimum pay for every support worker shall include the temporary pandemic pay paid to support workers. The Act also provides that every entity that employs support workers shall provide travel payments per kilometre travelled between work sites.
 - Four-Day Work Week Act, 2021 to develop recommendations on how to implement a pilot project designed to determine the effectiveness of a four-day work week in Ontario.
 - Speaking Out About Work Place Violence and Workplace Harassment Act, 2021 - the Bill amends the Occupational Health and Safety Act to include protections against reprisals of workers who speak out about workplace violence and harassment.
 - Emergency Standards Act to provide for up to 10 paid days of personal emergency leave in the case of a personal illness, injury or medical emergency; the illness, injury or medical emergency of a specified family member or an urgent matter concerning a specified family member.
- Page 63 –Arnprior Brewery Cold Bear Brew has launched their first beer - Two Rivers New England Pale Ale. The beer has notes of melon, peach, and tropical fruit and pours as a hazy golden colour.
- Page 73 – LAS is offering a no obligation quote on Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer noted the Town of Arnprior has taken advantage of this LAS road assessment a couple of years ago, so we are up to date for roads. We also considered the sidewalk assessment, but elected to undertake a similar assessment in-house with our summer student and our internal GIS system. It is ongoing at the moment.

b) Correspondence Package A-22-August-10

Resolution Number 264-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number. A-22-August-10 be received, and that the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 265-22
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association;

Whereas Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association is a registered not-for-profit organization and runs in accordance with ScotDance Canada and the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, the regulatory body around the world; and

Whereas this annual event is in memory of Caitlin Stewart, a former highland dance student of this association, as well as contributes to the Town's economy by bringing out of town competitors and their families, striving to contribute to keeping the Town's Scottish culture alive; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Robert Simpson Park gazebo rental fees, including chairs, tables, sound system, set up and tear down (value of \$443.00) for the Annual Caitlin Stewart Memorial Highland Dancing Competition on Sunday, August 28, 2022; and

Further That Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association 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.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 266-22
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from Terry Fox Foundation.

Whereas the Terry Fox Foundation is a registered charitable organization; and

Whereas the Terry Fox Run is annual event held in Arnprior for the last 40 years, to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, for cancer research; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Robert Simpson Park gazebo rental fees, including chairs, tables, sound system, set up and tear down, as well as use of barricades (value of approximately \$443.00) for the Annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, September 18, 2022; and

Further That the Terry Fox Foundation 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.

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 267-22
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from Arnprior Regional Health.

Whereas Arnprior Regional Health is a not-for profit organization; and

Whereas Arnprior Regional Health is hosting a Physician and Staff Recognition Event for the tremendous support these workers have provided to their community and one another over the past two-years during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas this event is an opportunity to thank and recognize these people's contributions to keeping the Arnprior and surrounding area healthy; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees, including, set up and tear down (value of \$450.00) for the Physician and Staff Recognition Event on Thursday, September 29, 2022; and

Further That Arnprior Regional Health 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.
Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 268-22
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

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

Whereas Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association is a registered charitable organization; and

Whereas the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation is holding a Fundraising Masquerade Gala to raise money for much needed hospital equipment.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees, including, set up and tear down (value of \$450.00) for the Fundraising Masquerade Gala, on Saturday, October 15, 2022; and

Further That Arnprior Regional Health Foundation 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.

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 269-22
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the request email from Cindy Box and Diane and Steph Lapasse; and

Whereas Cindy Box and Diane and Steph Lapasse, are requesting the waiving of rental fees for the ABBA Ball Diamonds to host a fundraising Ball Tournament to raise money for the family of Easton Harris, who is currently battling cancer; and

Whereas the organizers hope to raise money for the Harris Family to assist them with additional costs associated with Easton's treatment, travel, hospital stays, etc.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the ABBA Ball Diamonds rental fees (value of \$334.00) for the Harris Family Fundraising Ball Tournament on Sunday, September 4, 2022; and

Further That Cindy Box and Diane and Steph Lapasse 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.

Resolution Carried

16. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 270-22
Moved by Lynn Grinstead
Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

- i. **By-law Number 7325-22** – Nick Smith Centre Canteen Lease Agreement
- ii. **By-law Number 7326-22** – Chats Lake Lease Agreement
- iii. **By-law Number 7327-22** – Repeal 7322-22 and Designate Certain Lands in Fairgrounds as Being Exempt from Part Lot Control

Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- The Galilee Retreat Centre is hosting an outdoor Country Music Jamboree on Sunday, August 28th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each.
- Thanks to The Arnprior Agricultural Society for hosting the 2022 Valley Agricultural Festival which brought a number of visitors to our Town.
- Congrats to our Town's Programming Team led by Lucas Power in making the Concerts in the Park a huge success.
- Thanks to Arnprior Braeside McNab Seniors At Home for providing the opportunity to release a butterfly in memory of someone at their recent event.
- On August 27, 2022 Tarts and Arts will be at Robert Simpson Park from 09:30 am to 4:00 pm. This event will include a Silent Auction, Face Painting, Little Ray's Reptiles, and Arnprior School of Dance, as well as Butter Tarts. This will be followed by the Town of Arnprior Cultural Night Market from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm which will feature vendors and artisans, as well as live entertainment, art installations, and more!

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- Thanks to the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation, Co-Chairs Ed Reid and Glenn Arthur for hosting this years Heart for the Valley Golf Tournament. Thanks to local businesses and competitors \$75K was raised that will be going towards the purchase of 19 heart monitors (\$7,900 each) for the Arnprior Hospital.

Councillor Lynn Grinstead made the following announcements:

- The Town of Arnprior will be hosting the first ever Cultural Night Market this Saturday from 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy, as it is going to be fabulous. Check out the line up of Artists and Entertainment on the Town's Website and Social Media. A lot of hard work has gone into this event, and I am so excited to see it take place this Saturday, in the Downtown Core. There is a fantastic line up of cultural musicians, and many different vendors, activities and artisans to enjoy.

Councillor Ted Strike made the following announcements:

- The Arnprior Airport received a letter from the 2021 Federal Development Upcoming RATI Grant noting the Arnprior Airport was successful in receiving \$47,500 in a non-payable grant for the investment to sustain critical regional air operations, during COVID-19 and make digital enhancements. Some of the initiatives taken by the Airport included new 24/7 security measures (new camera systems) as well as cards for self fuelling, as there were not staff able to be present at all times. The total project cost \$49,000, and as luck would have it the Airport will be receiving most of that money back through this grant.

Councillor Chris Toner made the following announcement:

- Federal Electoral Commission of 2022 has provided information on the proposed reallocation of boundaries for the Federal Electoral ridings, starting in April 2024. Part of the change being "Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke" is proposed to now be called "Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke". If this goes through it looks like the riding will be loosing Greater Madawaska and gaining part of West Carleton. There will be public hearings and submissions for comment are due by September 25, 2022. For more information go to www.redistribution-2022.ca. MP Cheryl Gallant asked for this information to be passed along.

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- Seniors Active Living Centre hosted a Grandparents Day this past weekend. It was a very nice afternoon and well attended.
- Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail Rally happened on this past Sunday in recognition of active transportation. They stopped at a number of host municipalities, Arnprior being one of them, and I was presented with a gold painted rail spike, from the original CPR railway tracks.
- Mayor Stack provided an update on the Rogers Tower Situation, noting the following:
 - He has had a number of meetings, one of them being with the CRINS representative, as well as a phone conversation with a Rogers representative who is in charge of finding a suitable site for the new proposed tower.
 - The Town is currently waiting on the final report from CRINS, which will likely come to Council in mid-September.

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- An option that may be on the table is the tower in front of the Fire Hall, which is owned by the County of Renfrew, as they own this Tower. If this becomes an option, the Federal legislation notes that if an existing tower is used there is no way for the municipality to object.

18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

Resolution Number 271-22 (7:24 pm)

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council move into Closed Session regarding one (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employee (Compliance Audit Committee).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 272-22 (7:30 pm)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 273-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council direct staff to facilitate an appointing by-law for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election Joint Compliance Audit Committee; and

Further That Donna Anderson be listed as the Town of Arnprior Joint Compliance Audit Committee Member, appointed for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Resolution Carried

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 274-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That By-law No. 7328-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 22, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

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21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 275-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk