



**Minutes of Council Meeting
September 12, 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

Town Staff Present:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services/ Treasurer
Jennifer Eve, Manager of Finance

Council Members Absent:

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 276-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, September 12, 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 277-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under item number 7 (a) the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – August 22, 2022).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Oliver Jacob and Josie Scott, representatives of the Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness, proceeded to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021-2022 Annual Report, attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes. The representatives provided background information on the establishment of the committee's Guiding Report "A Path Forward" and updated the status of specific recommendations within the report.

The representatives advised Council that they will continue to work with the recommendations contained in the report; specifically, food security, affordable housing options and public education, as detailed in the 2022/2023 Strategic Priorities document. The presentation concluded with the representatives offering their thanks for the continued support and encouragement of Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Council, community partners and the public at large.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Staff Reports

a) Growth Management Strategy – CAO

Resolution Number 278-22

Moved by Ted Strike

Seconded by Lisa McGee

That Council receive the Growth Management Study prepared by Watson and Associates for use as a long-range planning tool to guide and inform future decisions concerning the Town's growth and servicing needs.

Resolution Carried

b) Water and Wastewater Billing Policy – Manager of Finance

Resolution Number 279-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council receives this report as information; and

That Council amend by-law Number 6187-13, as amended by By-law 6524-15 Policy FS-BR-06 Water and Wastewater Billing and Collection Policy to include further specifications related to the Water and Wastewater Billing and Collection process.

Resolution Carried

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c) **Digital Access to Heritage – Museum Assistance Program Contribution Agreement**

Resolution Number 280-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Canadian Heritage and funding from the Digital Access to Heritage – Museum Assistance Program for the proposed Digitization of the Arnprior and District Museum Collection Project in the amount of \$187,958.; and

Further That the Town contributes \$68,687 for in-kind services and \$51,689 for the expense being funded from the Museum Reserve Fund.

Resolution Carried

d) **Joint Compliance Audit Committee – 2022-2026 Term of Council**

Resolution Number 281-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council direct staff to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee of five (5) members, with one representative from each of the following municipalities;

- Town of Arnprior
- Township of McNab/Braeside
- Township of Greater Madawaska
- Township of Admaston/Bromley; and
- Horton Township; and

Further That Council authorize Donna Anderson to be the Town of Arnprior representative on the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022-2026 term of Council, at a per diem rate of \$175/meeting and mileage (as per the CRA mileage rate) for travel to and from any required meetings.

Resolution Carried

e) **Application to Municipal Grants Policy – Arnprior Community Choir**

Resolution Number 282-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council receive the Municipal Grant Application from the Arnprior Community Choir; and

Further that due to ineligibility under the Support Funding stream, the request for \$3,000 for the Arnprior Community Choir 30th Anniversary Project to Commission a Four-Part Choral Composition be declined.

f) **Proclamation – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)**

Resolution Number 283-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council proclaim September 30, 2022 as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) in the Town of Arnprior.

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Whereas the Federal Government announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

Whereas each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas this day builds on Orange Shirt Day, an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations; and

Whereas to publically commemorate this history and legacy of residential schools and the resilience of residential school survivors, a bench located at the Town Hall will be painted orange to honour lost indigenous children and provide a space for healing and reflection, and provide a permanent commemoration being a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

Whereas a Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, to raise awareness for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2022; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Walter Stack, Mayor of the Town of Arnprior hereby recognize September 30th, 2022, as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all Members of Council, staff and residents wear orange as a sign of respect and to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

Resolution Carried

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:

- On the 31 August the County of Renfrew Warden, Debbie Robinson officially opened the County of Renfrew’s Reconciliation Garden, appropriately named Noojimokamig (new-jih-mah Gah-mig) Garden (A Place For Healing). This garden is made of a rock circle that displays seven grandfather stones. Aimee Bailey conveyed the meaning of these grandfathers as:
 - To cherish knowledge is to know **Wisdom**.
 - To know **Love** is to know peace.
 - To honour all of the Creation is to have **Respect**.
 - **Bravery** is to face the foe with integrity.
 - **Honesty** in facing a situation is to be brave.

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- **Humility** is to know yourself as a sacred part of the creation.
- **Truth** is to know all these things.

Should you wish to visit the Garden there is a protocol in place. You must enter via the entrance, move clockwise to visit each grandfather and then leave by the entrance.

- On 31 August a Retirement Celebration for the County CAO Paul Moreau was held. Mayor Stack and CAO Paquette attended and brought best wishes from Arnprior.
- County Council “Carried” the restructuring plan in the Public Works & Engineering Department that includes the addition of i) Civil Designer; ii) an Engineering Technician, and iii) an Operations Coordinator that will be part of the 2023 budget. Of note the Civil Engineer will be available to municipalities that will in turn save on consultant fees.
- On 01 September the County CAO, Craig Kelly and Director of Development and Property, Jason Davis assumed their respective offices.
- Staffing Update: Margo Smith is the new Manager of Child Care and Early Years.
- County Housing – There are currently 1,250 ongoing tenants that are receiving monthly allowances and there are 1,226 applications for the second quarter of 2022.
- The inaugural meeting for the new County Council is on 23 November 2022.
- The recommendation for the 2023 County Levy is 3%.
- A reminder that the Taste of the Valley Dates and locations of this year’s events include:

24 September	Renfrew (8am – 3pm),
01 October	Deep River 10 am – 3 pm
02 October	Arnprior (9am – 2pm)
15 October	Cobden (8am – 3pm)

The first two Taste of the Valley events were successful. In Barry’s Bay, 44 vendors and 2500 visitors, and in Eganville 14 vendors with 1,000 visitors. Eganville’s shortfall was blamed on poor weather and 5 vendors cancelling that morning.

- Farms Open (like the old Rural Ramble), a new agri-tourism event taking place on September 18, has nine locations participating including:
 - Forest Cove Alpacas (Chalk River) – Alpacas
 - Shulist Family Farm (Combermere)- beef, pork, chicken and lamb
 - Sernoskie’s Tree Farm (Golden Lake) - Christmas tree farm
 - Alder Creek Farm (Golden Lake) - producing quality lamb
 - Mapleside Sugar Bush (Rankin) - producing maple syrup
 - Cardaleacres (Dacre) - showcasing Caspian horses
 - Ottawa Valley Farm to Fork (Dacre) - Scottish Highland cattle, chickens, goats, turkeys
 - Pinnacle Haven Farm (Renfrew) - flock of Dorset sheep
 - Calabogie Rustic Farm (Calabogie)- organic fruit and vegetables
- Starter Company Plus spring session has two Arnprior participants who were successful in receiving a \$4,000.00 grant award:
 - Redneck Recipes Owner: Jennifer McGuire Preserves & Food Education
 - Kelly’s Salon Services Unbound Inc. Owner: Kelly Sperry Salons in Long-Term Care Location.
- Ontario East Municipal Conference 14-16 Sep is being held in Cornwall. Warden Robinson, CAO, Craig Kelly, David Wybou, Business Development Officer and Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development will be attending.
- Thursday, November 3, 2022 has been set for “Renfrew County Day” at Queen’s Park.

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- At the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, Mr. Amarjot Sandhu (Brampton West), advised the County delegation that his government would continue to double the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) financing model for Ontario Municipalities for the next five years.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-22-September-15

Resolution Number 283-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Correspondence Package Number I-22-September-15 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Dan Lynch noted the following:

- Page 14 - Residents of Ontario who have or need Accessible Parking Permits can now go on online to apply or renew. Simply go to Ontario.ca/Renew.
- Page 41 - Applications to the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program. Applications are due on September 16th. To the CAO as the municipality has experienced flooding on the North East side of the Madawaska River near Lena Street and Bell Park will the municipality be seeking grant funding?
 - The CAO responded that the program is a grant funding opportunity to have mapping prepared. Staff have met with their counterparts in the County and are looking into a joint application for funding.
- Page 41 Municipal Asset Management Program Training. To the CAO are there any staff that can take advantage of the training?
 - The CAO responded staff will look into this opportunity.

b) Correspondence Package A-22-September-11

Resolution Number 284-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Correspondence Package Number. A-22-September-11 be received, and that the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

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Resolution Number 285-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the request from Mike Delorme;

Whereas Mike Delorme is a member of the Richmond Ramblers Band and local res who is looking to host a tribute concert, free of charge, at the Nick Smith Centre in celebration of Marc Reid's musical contributions on October 8, 2022; and

Whereas Marc Reid, a long time-time local musician, who passed away last month, contributed significantly to the Arts in the Town of Arnprior for many years; and

Whereas, the free tribute concert is slated to feature area musicians including, but not limited to Gail Gavin, Maria Hawkins, Richmond Ramblers band, Kevin Lentz band, and Mick Armitage, and

Whereas all musicians are giving of their time and talent to pay homage to Marc's contributions to the local music scene.

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 tribute concert in celebration of Marc Reid's musical contributions in Arnprior on Saturday, October 8, 2022; and

Further That Mike Delorme 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 286-22

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

- i. **By-law Number 7329-22** – Appoint Joint Compliance Audit Committee and Adopt Terms of Reference
- ii. **By-law Number 7330-22** – Amend Water and Wastewater Billing & Collection
- iii. **By-law Number 7331-22** – Enter into a Contribution Agreement- Museum Assistance Program

Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

Mayor Walter Stack made the following announcements:

- Condolences to Dr. John Findley's family on his recent passing. Dr. Findley passed away days before his 98th birthday. Dr. Findley was born in Arnprior and raced under the name Madawaska Farms. Dr. Findley spent decades as a breeder trainer/driver and veterinarian. He had over 1300 victories winning over \$2 million dollars.
- There is a Book of Condolence at the Arnprior Public Library and Boyce Funeral Home, for those who wish to send condolences on the recent passing of the Queen.
- Thank you to volunteers, performers, etc. for the fundraiser for Easton Harris that took place on Saturday in the Giant Tiger Parking Lot.
- Thank you to the Lions Club for matching funds from their barbecue.

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- The Arnprior Legion Open House Family Fun Day took place on Saturday, September 10th.
- Two Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) appeals with respect to properties in Arnprior have been heard.
- Arnprior Regional Health will be hosting a Masquerade fundraising even on Saturday, October 15th at the Nick Smith Centre.

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Thanks to the Rotary Club for hosting the Tarts n' Arts Festival at Robert Simpson Park. It was a huge success. Butters tarts were sold out by 12:00 Noon. The winner of the Men Shed Love Seat was Ms. Krista Campbell.
- Victims of Crime Golf Tournament is being held this Friday (September 16) at the Oaks of Cobden.
- Thank you to our Recreation Staff, Graeme Ivory and Lucas Power, for organizing a family-oriented day trip that took us to watch the Ottawa Redblack's football game last Saturday.
- Congratulations to Councillor Grinstead's Inclusivity and Diversity Committee (IDAC), MEDO Erin Coyle, and the numerous volunteers for an outstanding Cultural Night Market. Thank you to the merchants and museum for staying open and receiving the hundreds of visitors to our revitalized downtown.
- Thanks to the waiving of the fee for the ABBA Ball Diamonds the organizers of the Ball Tournament raised over \$6,700 for the Harris family.

Councillor Grinstead made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Erin, Chloe and the team on executing a very successful Night Market. The event was very well attended with anywhere from 800-1000 individuals in attendance from beginning to end.

Councillor Strike made the following announcements:

- Numerous complaints in the area of Thomas, Havey, James regarding the misuse of ATV's (speed, dust control, modified exhausts etc.)
 - Mayor Stack advised that with the growth in the community there may be a need for increased hours of by-law enforcement services.

18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

None

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 287-22

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Ted Strike

That By-law No. 7332-22 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 12, 2022 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

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21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 288-22

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures

Walter Stack, Mayor

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk