



**Minutes of Council Meeting
February 27, 2023 6:30 PM**

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

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present (In-Person):

Mayor Lisa McGee
County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

None

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Tom Burnette
Councillor Lynn Grinstead

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,
Client Services / Treasurer
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Scott Matthews, Waterworks Supervisor
Deanna Nicholson, Environmental
Engineering Officer
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services/Planner
Lindsay Wilson, MEDO
Oliver Jacob, Client Services Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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 Councillors Burnette and Grinstead.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

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 068-23
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 27, 2023 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

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5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 069-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted.

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

- a) Ontrac Employment Resource Services, Ashley Cavanagh and Cheslie Gordon provided an overview of the free, confidential services Ontrac provides to individuals in the Arnprior area at becoming employed and self-sufficient; including but not limited to job matching, placement and incentives, workshops and certifications; and other employment. On question of Council, Ontrac representatives explained they are actively speaking and working creatively with employers to see what the barriers exist for candidates and/or if employers can be more flexible.

9. Public Meetings

- a) ZBLA-2/22 (Sheffield Street).

Resolution Number 070-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council, move into a public meeting pursuant to the requirements of Sections 17(15) and 34(12) of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13, as amended regarding of proposed Zoning By-law for the vacant property along Sheffield Street legally described as McNab Concession C, Part of Lot 3, beings parts 7 to 9 on registered plan 49R16063. (ZBL2/22)

Resolution Carried

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Alix Jolicoeur, Planner noted the requirements for oral or written submissions prior to the adoption of the amending by-law for the purposes of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal requirements.

The Town Planner explained the purpose of the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is to amend the zoning of the subject property from Residential Two with Holding Symbol H1 (R2(H1)) to Residential Two exception 43 with Holding Symbol H1 (R2*43(H1)). The amendment would increase the maximum height from 10.5 m to 17 m and increase the balcony encroachment into the front yard setback from 1.5 m to 1.7 m in order to permit construction of a four-storey, 37-unit condominium development with balconies and a rooftop terrace as proposed The purpose of the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is to amend the zoning of the subject property from Residential Two with Holding Symbol H1 (R2(H1)) to Residential Two exception 43 with Holding Symbol H1 (R2*43(H1)).

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The amendment would increase the maximum height from 10.5 m to 17 m and increase the balcony encroachment into the front yard setback from 1.5 m to 1.7 m in order to permit construction of a four-storey, 37-unit condominium development with balconies and a rooftop terrace as proposed.

The floor was opened to the public with the following individuals providing comment:

- Ken Ahronson – 2 Melville Road, Arnprior
- Leigh Hann – 70 Short Road, Arnprior
- Pat Washington – 10 Melville Road, Arnprior
- Michael Sullivan – Land Pro Plan (planner for the developer)

The comments from the public remained relatively consistent, with the following being a summary of the comments/concerns noted:

- Increase in height of the building will create shadowing impacts to neighbouring properties.
- Noise and littering issues due to the rooftop terrace.
- Height of the building is not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.
- Increased traffic on Short Road, Melville Road and Jack Crescent and at the intersection of Sheffield St and Madawaska Blvd.
- Speeding Issues.
- Reduced privacy due to encroaching balconies.
- Lack of park space.

In response to the public comments, Mike Sullivan, Planner for the applicant advised:

- The municipality's by-law permits up to a six storey building.
- Height would be required whether or not there is a rooftop terrace, as the additional height is for mechanical use only.
- While the proposed multi-residential unit is one story higher than its immediate neighbours, the newly constructed units at the bridge are the same, and the building is tastefully designed for the area
- The Planning Act provides for cash in lieu of parkland, the applicant will comply with the municipality's requirements.
- There is a traffic study underway and will be provided to the Town and County.
- Shadow studies are generally done on higher buildings, however, if the municipality asks for one the applicant will comply.

Resolution Number 071-23 (7:11 p.m.)

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

i) **Communications Plan** (deferred from September 26, 2022)

The CAO advised that the previous Council deferred Resolution Number 291-22, which recommended the following:

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“That Council adopt the Communications Plan prepared by Redbrick Communications for use as a long-range planning tool to guide and information efforts over the next three years.”

The Planner further advised that staff is returning as directed by Council, with an updated report including an additional recommendation.

Following discussion on the Communications Plan Report, the following amendment was entertained:

Resolution Number 072-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council directs staff to bring annual Communications Plan progress update reports to Council for consideration and further direction.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 073-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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Resolution Carried (as amended)

11. Staff Reports

a) 2022 DWQMS Audits and Management Review Results

Resolution Number 074-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council receive Report Number 23-02-27-02 authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Operations on behalf of Top Management, and the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to endorse the QMS Commitment and Endorsement Policy, to meet the requirements of the Town of Arnprior Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan.

At the request of County Councillor Lynch a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Couper	Yes
Councillor Denault	Yes
County Councillor Lynch	Yes
Councillor Toner	Yes
Mayor McGee	Yes

Resolution Carried

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b) 2022 Annual Report – Arnprior Water Pollution Control Centre and Arnprior Drinking Water System

Resolution Number 075-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive this report for information and receive the following additional reports:

1. Arnprior Water Pollution Control Centre Summary Report 2022, prepared by Scott Matthews
2. Town of Arnprior Waterworks, Annual Report 2022, prepared by Scott Matthews
3. Arnprior Water Filtration Plant Summary Report 2022, prepared by Scott Matthews

Further that a copy of the above noted reports be made available to the public for review in hard copy format at the Town Hall and in electronic format on the Town's website; and

Further that an advertisement be placed in a local newspaper notifying the public of the availability of the above noted reports for review.

At the request of County Councillor Lynch a recorded vote was taken:

Councillor Couper	Yes
Councillor Denault	Yes
County Councillor Lynch	Yes
Councillor Toner	Yes
Mayor McGee	Yes

Resolution Carried

c) 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Status Report

Resolution Number 076-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receives the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Status Report, report number 23-02-27-04 regarding the Town's Strategic Plan as information.

Resolution Carried

12. Notice of Motions

Resolution Number 077-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council support the humanitarian efforts in with a \$1000.00 donation to the Canadian Red Cross Earthquake in Türkiye & Syria Appeal to be funded from the Municipal Grants account (1-5-7600-6999).

Resolution Carried

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13. County Councillor's Report from County Council

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from Renfrew County Council:

- After two days of Budget deliberations, the 2023 County Levy has been set at 2.5%. Of note the realignment of Daniel\Edey\Galvin Streets was not recognized as a 2023 budget pressure, however, was included as a new item. Thanks to our General Manager of Operations, John Steckly, who gave an excellent presentation to the Operations Committee on the project. The County brought forward a Business Plan for this expense of 700K as a safety issue and recommended the deferral of two other Capitol Projects in order to fund the project. Namely, a culvert in White Water Region (\$570K) and a bridge in Madawaska Valley (\$130K). There were no objections from Mayor Neil Nicholson (culvert) and Mayor Mark Willmer (bridge).
- The 2023 Summer Company program is now open and accepting applications. Students aged 15-29 interested in pursuing self-employment throughout the summer are encouraged to apply. The Summer Company program provides training and support for individuals to open and run their own business during the summer months. Successful applicants can also receive up to \$3,000 in grant funding to support operations.
- Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) has received a grant to provide French language business services for Francophone entrepreneurs in the County of Renfrew and City of Pembroke. This grant will provide free virtual marketing workshops, a Francophone Entrepreneur Award, networking event, business consultations and resources in French language. Programming includes a series of virtual marketing workshops on March 21 and 29.
- County Councillor Lynch attended three Canadian Nuclear Laboratories meetings and intends on attending the Communications Conference being held in May in North Bay.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-Feb-04

Resolution Number 078-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Correspondence Package Number I-23-Feb-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 7 - Canada Revenue Agency advises that for the 2023 tax-filing season, Canadians must file their returns before May 1st.
- Page 33 – There is a new program that connects children and youth in the child welfare system with additional services and supports they need to prepare for and succeed after leaving care. The Ready, Set, Go program, launching on April 1, 2023, will provide youth transitioning out of care with life skills and supports to pursue post secondary education, skilled trades training and employment opportunities. Monthly financial support will also increase to provide youth better quality of life and safer housing opportunities so they can focus on their studies or working. Funding is increasing from \$850 per month to: Age 18 \$1,800; Age 19 - \$1,500 Age 20 - \$1,000 and 21 - \$500.00. Youth will also be able to work up to 40 hours per week at Ontario's minimum wage without affecting their financial supports.

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16. By-laws & Resolutions

By-laws

Resolution Number 079-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded Billy Denault

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

- By-law Number 7361-23 – TPA Amending Agreement – Telecom Modernization
- By-law Number 7362-23 – Appoint County Councillor Lynch 2023 Council Appointee Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee
- By-law Number 7363-23 – Appoint Council representatives to the Arnprior Airport Commission and Arnprior McNab/Braeside Archives Board
- By-law Number 7364-23 – Procedure By-law

Resolution Carried

Resolutions

COVID-19 Restrictions and Barriers

Resolution Number 080-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

Whereas in 2022 the Province of Ontario shifted their pandemic response including removal of masking and other regulatory requirements in most businesses; and

Whereas while Council passed a by-law on March 28, 2022 repealing the Town's mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for current staff, restrictions still remain in place regarding mandatory vaccination for new staff and physical barriers of acrylic panels in Council Chambers; and

Whereas as health guidance from the Province of Ontario reflects a balanced response to live with and manage COVID-19 for the long-term, it is apt to remove the remaining COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior authorize remaining COVID-19 restrictions be rescinded including full vaccination requirements for new staff and the removal of acrylic panels in Council Chambers.

Resolution Carried

17. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

- Canada Rural & Remote Broadband Community Eastern Conference and Trade Show Registration is now open. Conference is being held in North Bay May 9,10 2023.
- Kudo's to Scott Burnie for taking the Special Olympic Fund Raising "Polar Plunge" into White Lake. Scott raised \$2465 for his dip.
- Arnprior Special Olympics are hosting a fundraising basketball tournament at ADHS on Saturday, 4 March.
- Arnprior Regional Health's Catch the Ace is now \$31,728.

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Councillor Couper made the following announcement(s):

- Arnprior Lions Club is hosting an online auction to raise money for Guide Dogs beginning on March 18th. The Lions Club is looking for donations to help provide service dogs to those in need. Additional information can be found at [Arnprior Dog Guide Walk](#).
- Arnprior McNab Braeside United Soccer Club registration is now open for early bird registration for youth and adults. For more information please visit [ambusc.ca](#)
- March 1st, spring and summer registration for Town of Arnprior Recreation programming opens on March 1st.

Councillor Denault made the following announcement(s):

- Thank you to the Town of Arnprior recreation staff and sponsors for hosting a well done event - FamFest on Family Day. An amazing, well attended day with many events.

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Attendance over the past few weeks at several events, celebrations and one-on-one meetings including:
 - Along with Councillors Lynch, Toner, Couper and Denault, the Lions Club and the Fire Department the unveiling of the Zamboni, showing off its new wrap and lights – resembling a fire truck. Funded in part by the Lions Club.
 - Along with MPP Yakabuski, and a representative from MP Gallant's office attended the Seniors Active Living Centre and brought greetings on behalf of Council. This event was well attended and had many different groups and organizations with information in support of seniors.
 - Congratulations to Town staff and volunteers for FamFest on Family Day.
 - On February 26, attended the Lionettes Dinner, a celebratory, friendship dinner with members getting together for the first time since COVID. The Lionettes are an important part of our complement of volunteers in Arnprior.
 - Preliminary discussions with a member of our community who specializes in economic development, who explained the many ways to approach a economic development strategy. The lens he provided was certainly appreciated and valued.
 - Hockey abounds with the Packers approaching the playoff season, holding strong, and hoping for great crowds. Along with other members of Council attended the hockey game, in support of prom, between West Carleton and Arnprior. And, the Rivermen are in the playoffs with a five game playoff structure, with the threat of being down two games, the Mayor of Gananoque is asking the losing team's Mayor to wear the team jersey for the day. Good Luck to the Rivermen!
 - The plan moving forward is to have a regular open house on the first Saturday of each month between nine a.m. and twelve noon, and will be available in the office for scheduled meetings on Mondays and Thursdays.
 - Attended three online meetings hosted by OPG, each one dealt with a different area of operations, Madawaska and upper and lower Ottawa Rivers, very informative, eye opening, control measures.
 - On March 9, the GACC is hosting the Mayor's Breakfast at the Arnprior Legion. Tickets are available at info@gacc.ca.

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18. Media Questions

None

19. Closed Session

None

20. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 081-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That By-law No. 7365-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 27, 2023 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 082-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

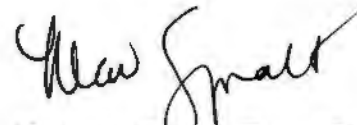
That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Dan Lynch, Deputy Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

