



**Minutes of Council Meeting
March 13, 2023 6:30 PM**

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

Council and Staff Attendance

Council Members Present (In-Person):

County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Councillor Tom Burnette (arrived 6:31 p.m.)

Council Members Absent:

Mayor McGee

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Eve, Manager of Finance
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Museum Curator
Jacques Benoit, Chief Building Official
Graeme Ivory, Recreation Director
Oliver Jacob, Client Services Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Lynch 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 Councillor Burnette and Mayor McGee.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Deputy Mayor Dan Lynch 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 083-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, March 13, 2023 be adopted, as amended, with a minor typographical amendment to Item 7a) and 15a) ZBLA2/22.(24 Sheffield Street).

Resolution Carried (as amended)

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

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6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 084-23

Moved by Chris Couper

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

i) Delegations

Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness (GACCPH) representatives, Josie Scott and Oliver Jacob, provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes. Following a question and answer period, Members of Council applauded the GACCPH for tackling this daunting task.

ii) Presentations

Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief, provided an overview of the annual report highlighting in 2022 the Arnprior Fire Department was called for service on 185 occasions, an increase over previous years and new all-time high. Calls for response in 2022 included: fire calls, carbon monoxide, rescue, assisting EMS/OPP, public hazards, public assistance, and mutual aid. The Fire Chief noted the department is currently operating with 33 volunteer members and 3 full time staff. The Fire Chief reported on fire prevention/public education, training, firefighter certification, completion of the Community Risk Assessment (CRA), fire safety and the Town is entering the midway point of its 2018-2028 Fire Master Plan.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

- i. Councillor Couper advised he is providing a notice of motion in support of a resolution passed by the City of Pembroke recommending that funding for RCVTAC be continued.
- ii. Deputy Mayor Lynch advised he is bringing forward a notice of motion direct staff to send a letter to the County of Renfrew Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee to request that the name "Arnprior Station" be designated to identify the newly seeded Algonquin Trail land located on John Street South at Meehan Street.

12. Staff Reports

a) Zoning By-law Amendment Number 2/22 (24 Sheffield Street)

Resolution Number 085-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council consider all written and oral submissions received on application ZBLA-2/22 the effect of which will help Council make an informed decision; and

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That Council adopt a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 6875-18, for the lands known municipally as 24 Sheffield Street, to amend the zoning from “Residential Two Holding symbol H1 (R2(H1))” to “Residential Two Exception 44 with holding symbol H1 (R2*44 (H1))”, to increase the permitted encroachment of balconies into the front yard to 1.7 m and to increase maximum height to 17 m with an added provision requiring any height above 13.5 m to be stepped back an additional 2.7 m from the edge of building roof.

Resolution Carried

b) Private Swimming Pool By-law

Resolution Number 086-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopt a by-law to repeal and replace By-law Number 4551-97, being the Regulation of Private Swimming Pools By-law, with a new proposed Regulation of Private Swimming Pools By-law.

Resolution Carried

c) 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council and Local Boards

Resolution Number 087-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receives as information the attached 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council and Local Boards

Resolution Carried

d) Renfrew Aquatic Services – Billing Agreement

Resolution Number 088-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Aquatic Services – Billing Agreement with the Town of Renfrew to allow for a portion of the out-of-town user fee charge to be paid by the user and the remaining portion to be paid by the Town of Renfrew.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report - None

b) County Councillors Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from Renfrew County Council:

- A Selling Food Forum has launched for the Selling Food Forum series. The two-part series includes an in-person workshop on March 1 in Eganville, followed by a virtual webinar on March 27. The cost to register is \$25 per person plus HST and includes locally inspired refreshments and lunch.
- Ottawa Valley Tourism Award Nominations are now open. Three new categories have been added bringing the total to six awards, including:
 - Tourism Champion (individual)

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- Business/Organization of the Year
- Event of the Year
- Tourism Marketing (new)
- Sustainability Champion (new)
- New Tourism Product (new)
- The Ottawa Valley has launched a new adventure motorcycle route in the Ottawa Valley. The Pick-Axe Loop, is approximately 350km and winds its way over scenic gravel and logging roads and through mixed forests. A short-documentary video highlighting the making of the route is currently being promoted in advance of the 2023 riding season and is available for viewing at the [Pick-Axe Loop](#).
- At the end of February the Residential Market Activity Report noted sale activity in the Town of Arnprior - 10 down from 15 in 2022, with an average price of \$395,000 in 2022 down from \$612,098 in 2023.
- Interesting information from the Algonquin Forest Local Citizens Advisory Committee is that the Pitcher Plant located in Algonquin Park eats salamanders.
- The Renfrew County and District Health Unit will be moving from Renfrew Place, Renfrew to the Town of Renfrew Town Hall at the end of June, 2023.
- Municipal Supply Tender was offered to municipalities with seven local municipalities taking up the offer including; the Town of Arnprior, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Greater Madawaska, Horton, Laurentian Valley, Madawaska Valley and McNab/Braeside.
- The Operations Committee recommended to County Council that the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineering Limited for a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) for the County of Renfrew, the Town of Arnprior and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Horton, Laurentian Valley, Madawaska Valley, and Whitewater Region be approved.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

Councillor Billy Denault noted his attendance at the March 9th Airport Commission meeting, highlighting the following:

- Preparation for next winter season for in-house winter maintenance.
- A business proposal involving the airport, in its infancy stage, was discussed with further reporting to come forward.
- Agricultural Society presented on the potential for the 2023 Valley Festival to be held on Airport lands.
- Management is updating accounts and making investments in assets, and preparing for the audit as a condition of the Town's grant contribution.
- On June 17th the Commission is planning an "Aviation Day", for aviation enthusiasts and the whole family.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-Mar-05

Resolution Number 089-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number I-23-Mar-05 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

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County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 17 - The Ontario government is establishing a Paramedic Services Committee under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA). Examples of risks paramedics face while transporting and caring for patients includes violence, exposure to harmful chemicals and traumatic events. Paramedics are on the frontlines and sometimes respond to calls in place of firefighters or police.
- Page 24 - The Ontario government is investing more than \$159 billion over the next decade to support infrastructure, including transit, highways, schools, hospitals, and long-term care projects. Of the 38 major infrastructure projects none are in Arnprior.
- Page 32 - The Ontario government is expanding cancer coverage for firefighters. These changes will make it faster and easier for these heroes and their families to access the compensation and supports they deserve for thyroid and pancreatic cancers from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).
- Page 52 - Council members are reminded that this year's AMO Conference is hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20 - 23, 2023.
- Page 53 -LAS is hosting a series of three webinars focused on EV technology available through Canoe. Register today: Day 1 - March 22 (Fleet & Charging), Day 2 - March 29 (Equipment & Recreation), Day 3 - April 5 (Emergency Vehicles & Refuse Collection).
 - On question of County Councillor Lynch, the CAO advised staff from various departments will be attending the webinars.

b) Correspondence Package – A-23-Mar-04

Resolution Number 090-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package Number A-23-Mar-04 be received and that the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

By-laws

Resolution Number 091-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded Billy Denault

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

- By-law Number 7366-23 – Adopt ZBLA 2/22 (24 Sheffield Street)
- By-law Number 7367-23 – Regulation of Private Swimming Pools
- By-law Number 7368-23 – Adopt Development Charges Background Study
- By-law Number 7369-23 – Adopt Development Charges By-law

Resolution Carried

Resolutions

In-kind Support 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games VID-19 Restrictions and Barriers

Resolution Number 092-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

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That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games; and

Whereas the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy; and

Whereas the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games will be held during the month of May 2023 and provides local seniors with an opportunity to increase their social interaction, support improved physical and mental well-being through participation in recreational activities, and to promote active living among local seniors over the age of 55 across Renfrew County; and

Whereas the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games will host two events in the Town of Arnprior:

1. Carpet Bowling (May 17th, 2023);
2. Pickle Ball (May 23rd and 24th, 2023);

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games by providing in-kind support through waiving the Nick Smith Centre Glenn Arthur Arena rental fees (value of approximately \$1,500.00) for their planned programming; and

Further That the 2023 Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the events.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

Deputy Mayor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

- The Men's Shed Spring Craft Show is scheduled for May 13 at Robert Simpson Park with a rain location of the Nick Smith Centre.
- Arnprior & District Hospital Catch the Ace is now \$37,000.00.
- Congrats to the organizers of the Arts & Crafts Show held at the Nick Smith Centre last Saturday. It was amazing to see the crafts that were created.
- In Junior Hockey Playoffs, the Arnprior Packers lead the Smiths Falls Bears 3-1 with the next game taking place this evening at 8:30 p.m. at the Nick Smith Centre.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 093-23 (8:01 p.m.)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council meeting in closed session to discuss three (3) personal matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (2023 Volunteer of the Year, Commemorative Naming Request, Striking Committee); and

One (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Land Acquisition).

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 094-23 (8:26 p.m.)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council resume to Open Session

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 095-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded Billy Denault

That Council authorize staff to facilitate the awarding of the Volunteer of the Year Award to Glenn Arthur.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 096-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council authorize staff to facilitate a commemorative naming for Ted Strike.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 097-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded Billy Denault

That Council authorize staff to facilitate the appointment of Murray Chown, Bradley Samuel, Koren Lam and Ted Strike to the 2022-2026 Committee of Adjustment / Property Standards Committee.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 098-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorize the CAO to negotiate the acquisition of land for the Daniel Street intersection project.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 099-23

Moved Chris Toner

Seconded by Chris Couper

That By-law No. 7370-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 13, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

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20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 100-23

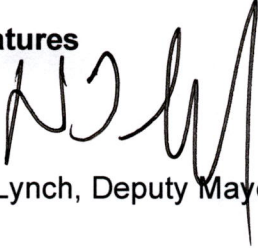
Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Dan Lynch, Deputy Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk





GACCPH 2022 Annual Report

Presentation to Local Councils
March 2023



Land Acknowledgement

- We acknowledge that the land on which we live, work and play is situated is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg peoples.
- “Seven Sacred Teachings”:
 - Bravery
 - Respect
 - Honesty
 - Wisdom
 - Truth
 - Humility
 - Love

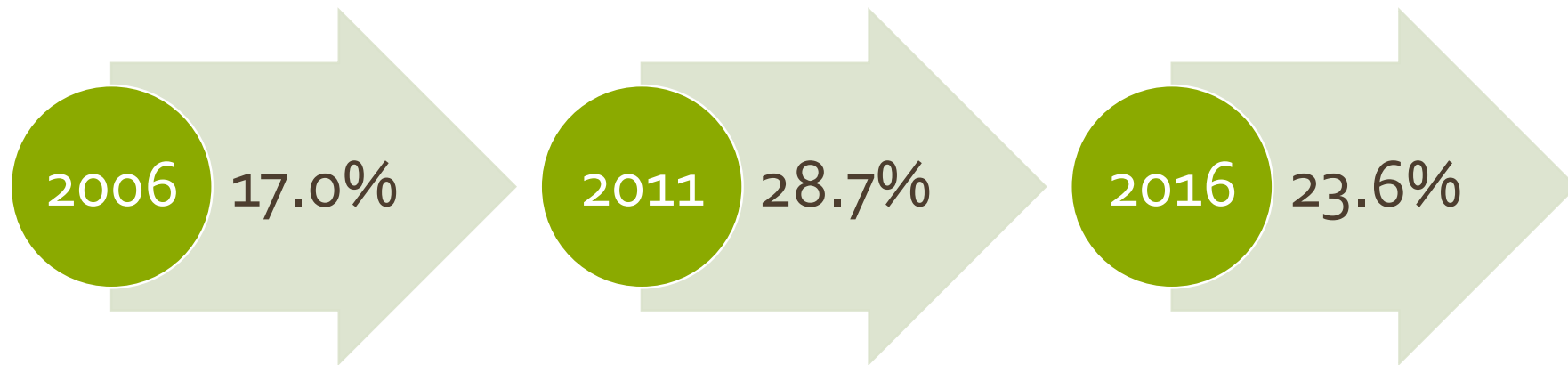


Our History



From Concerned Citizens to Community Action


In late 2018, concerned citizens and community organizations approached the Town of Arnprior regarding child poverty rates within the community. The Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and Homelessness was created out of this community concern.




Bringing People Together

Led by the Town of Arnprior under the leadership of then-Mayor David Reid and Council, the Ad Hoc Committee brought people together from various sectors and lived experiences to investigate the intertwined issues of poverty and homelessness in the community.

- Delegations and Presentations
- Community Consultations
- Public Survey



**The Path Forward –
Community Consultations on
Poverty and Homelessness**



Join the discussion and be a part of the solution!

The Town of Arnprior invites you to discuss our collective path forward to eliminate poverty and homelessness in our community.

Sessions include:

- Engaging Discussions
- Light Meal for All Attendees
- Child Care and Children's Activities with the Glad Tidings volunteers

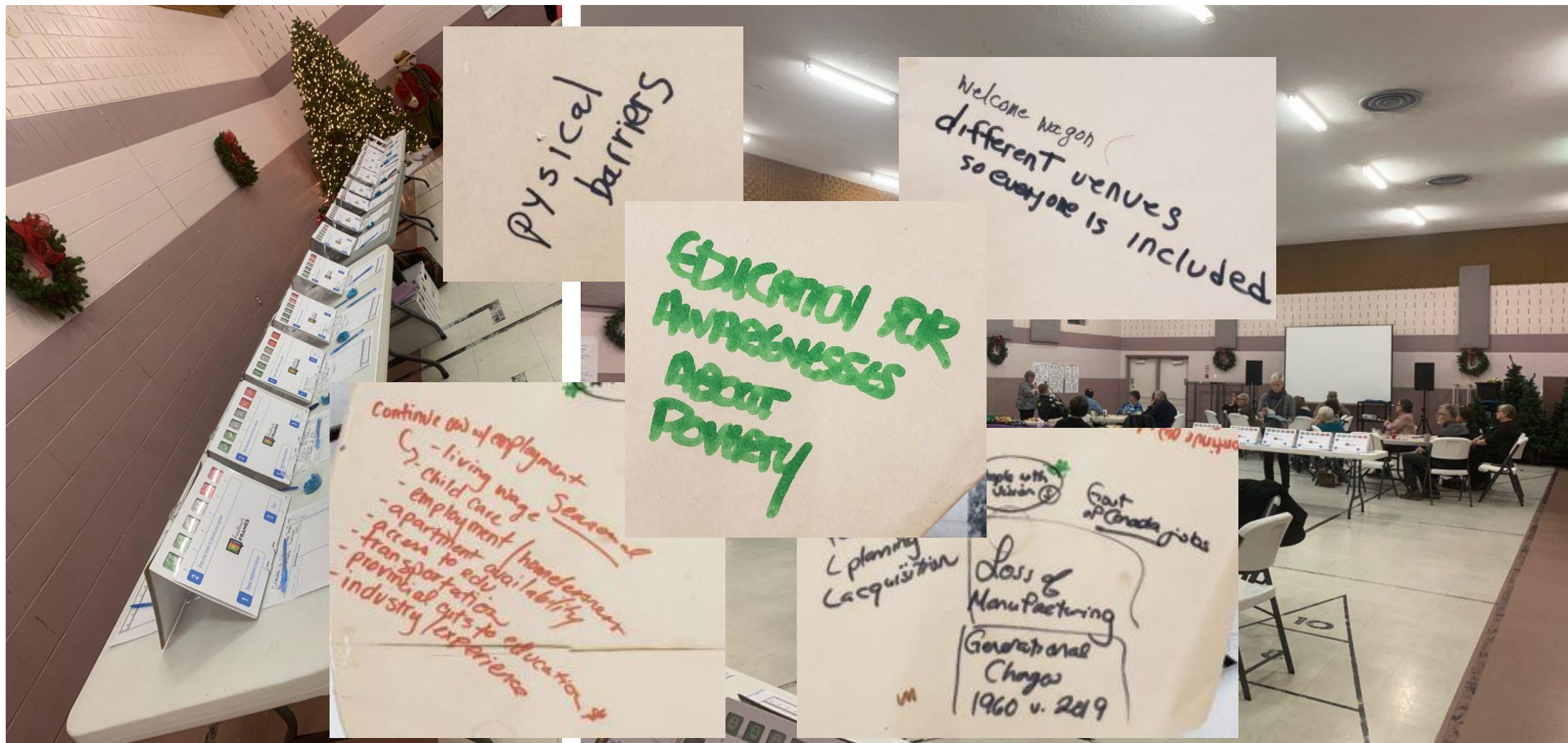
For more information, visit the Town of Arnprior website at www.arnprior.ca/town/events-calendar

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church (116 Baskin Drive West)

Thursday, November 28th
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
(doors open at 4:30 PM)

Friday, November 29th
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(doors open at 10:30 AM)

Community Consultations

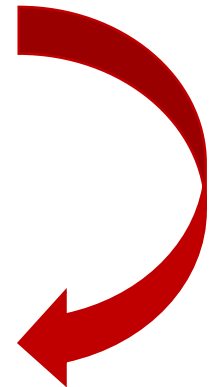


Learning The Stats

- Average 2019 cost of a one (1) bedroom apartment: \$786.00 per month, exclusive of utilities (i.e. heat, hydro, and internet).

- “It is important to note that there are low vacancy rates in the Greater Arnprior community and recent listings have varied at higher rates than these averages (between \$800 and \$1750 for one-bedroom bachelor apartments)”

- As of 2023, listings regularly range from \$1250 to \$3500 per month (exclusive of utilities).



Housing Stock

- Historic Growth limited to Single-Detached, Semi-Detached and Row Houses.
- Since 2019, significant uptake in apartment style developments with 178 new units in 2021 alone.

Figure 12: Housing Stock (% change between 2016 and 2019)

Type of Dwelling	Description	2016 Stock	2019 Stock ²⁴	Percentage Change
Single-Detached Home	A single dwelling not attached to any other dwelling or structure (except its own garage or shed). A single-detached house has open space on all sides, and has no dwellings either above it or below it.	2,060	2,164	+5.0%
Semi-Detached House	One of two dwellings attached side by side (or back to back) to each other, but not to any other dwelling or structure (except its own garage or shed). A semi-detached dwelling has no dwellings either above it or below it and the two units together has open space on all sides.	405	465	+14.8%
Row House	One of three or more dwellings joined side by side (or occasionally side to back), such as a town house or garden home, but not having any other dwellings either above or below.	415	538	+29.6%
Duplex Apartments	One of two dwellings located one above the other.	80	80	---
Small Apartment Buildings	A dwelling unit attached to other dwelling units, commercial units, or other non-residential space in a building that has fewer than five storeys.	885	938	+6.0%
Large Apartment Building	A dwelling unit in a high-rise apartment building which has five or more storeys.	55	55	---
Other type of dwelling	Moveable dwelling (includes mobile homes and other movable dwellings such as houseboats, recreational vehicles and railroad cars)	20	20	---
Totals		3,920	4,260	+8.7%

²⁴ Approximation based on 2016 Canadian Census and Annual Building Activity Reports (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) from the Town of Arnprior.

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Vision and Values

connections sustainable inclusive robust cooperation compassionate
economy belonging income affordable supports committed
engaged universal social safe community mental safety
housing diverse supportive optimism stability dignity
strong health welcoming open self-sustaining loving accepting
prosperous

Guiding Report

<https://gaccph.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/the-path-forward-on-poverty-and-homelessness-in-the-greater-arnprior-area-final-report.pdf>



The Path Forward

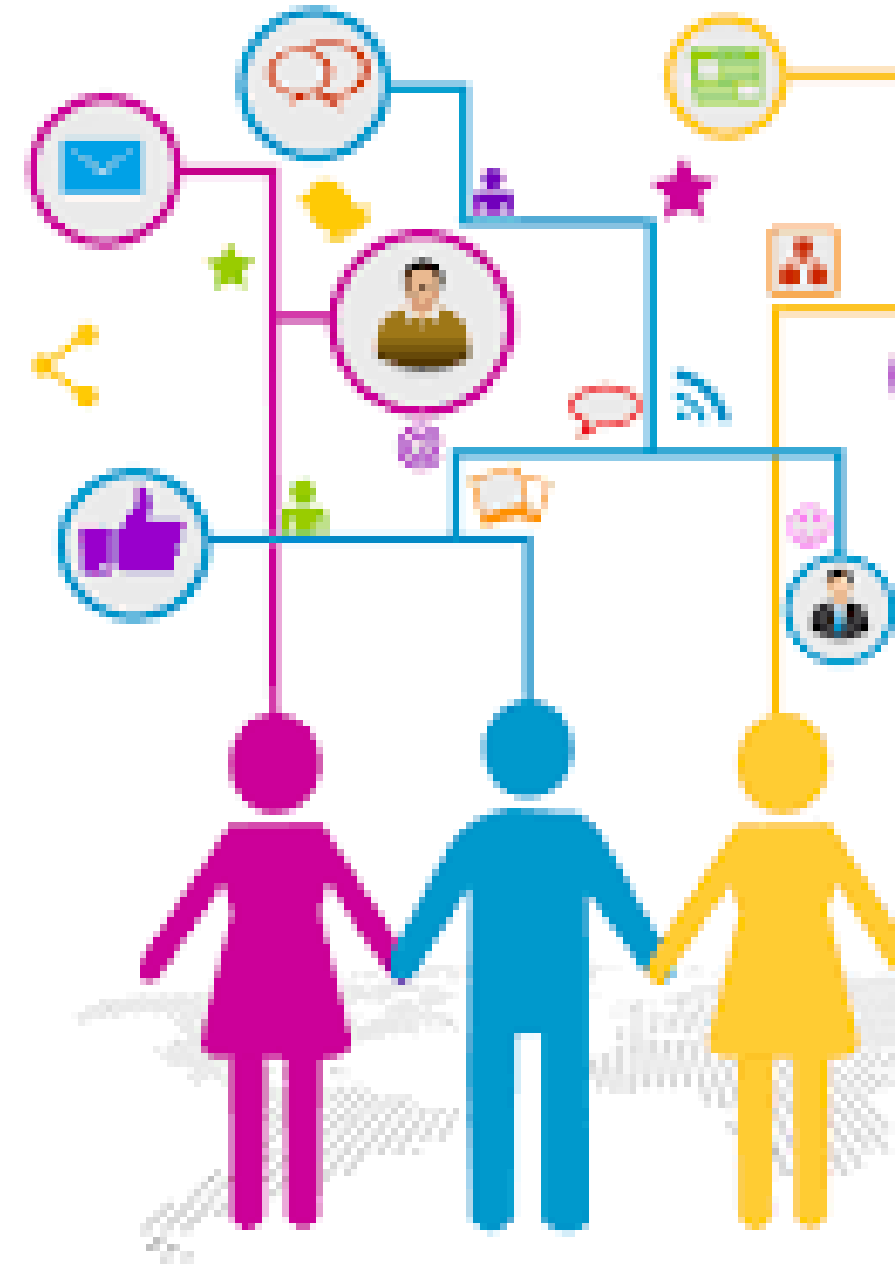
on Poverty and Homelessness
in the Greater Arnprior Area

November 2020

Final Report from the Town of Arnprior's
Ad Hoc Committee on Poverty and
Homelessness

Implementation

- Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness
- Independent body of committed stakeholders
- Ability to harness the individual strengths of partner organizations and individuals to facilitate the ongoing development, implementation and monitoring of the Guiding Report.



Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness

- The Community Council would:
 - Review this Plan;
 - Set annual work plans and work towards the completion of the Plan's recommendations.
- The ultimate success of the initiatives in this plan will be dependent on the broad and sustained engagement of the Town, its stakeholders, community groups and persons with lived experience.

Recommendations

- Suggested fifty-two (52) recommendations to address the issue of poverty and homelessness in our community.
- Developed through the Community Consultation Sessions and Tested through the Public Survey.
- Categorized into nine (9) key areas for ease of presentation.

Completed and Scheduled Projects

- Several projects have already been completed and/or scheduled:
 - Include Poverty and Homelessness in Town's Strategic Plan (Completed)
 - County of Renfrew to allow homeless residents to apply without a fixed address (Completed)
 - Conduct a Transit Needs Study (Completed)
 - Conduct a Housing Needs Study (Ongoing)



Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
1	Lobby the County of Renfrew to increase supply of affordable housing and develop a housing program to allow housing to be affordable for all.	Ongoing
2	Conducting a Housing Needs Assessment to identify where gaps exist and how the Town and/or stakeholders can fill those gaps.	Progressing Well <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance provided to the Town• Town to complete study over the next year• Active Involvement as Stakeholder

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
3	Build a “tiny home” friendly community by changing the zoning by-law to enable "tiny homes" to be added to existing residential properties	Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current zoning policies allow for tiny homes• HWG hosted a webinar discussion on tiny homes and other alternative housing solutions.
4	Start a program to place homeless with homeowners who have space and are willing to accept a renter. This matching program could allow homeowners to make use of under-utilized space in their homes and to earn rental income to support their lives.	Some Action Taken <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HWG hosted a webinar panel and being landlord and the implications of doing so.

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
7	Advocate for increased funding for mental health services.	<p>Progressing Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased investments and program offerings (AccessMHA, CounsellingConnect, E-Walkin Clinic, etc.)
9	Advocate for the development of subsidies to assist with the cost of extended health care services (prescription medication, dental care, vision care, physiotherapy, etc.), particularly for those living in poverty and/or homelessness.	<p>Progressing Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recent announcements at the federal level suggest that such programs are forthcoming

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
11	Advocate to the provincial government for the implementation of a living wage	<p>Progressing Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPAN organized an information session for local businesses on living wages
12	Call on the County of Renfrew to continue subsidies after employment made to ensure that they do not cut off support until the individual is back on their feet.	Review Which Level of Government is responsible (potential for advocacy)

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
13	Promote existing programs that support individuals who lack work-appropriate (or interview-appropriate) attire to obtain such items within their budgets.	Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On Trac has a program• Riverstone Church has a biweekly, by appointment clothing “shop” where clients are invited to a private appointment for unused clothing donated by retailers
17	Advocate to the County of Renfrew for a shift to a "Housing First" model where housing someone would be the first priority and then other supports would be made available to support that individual/family.	Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County is moving forward with a housing first lens as it works on the Built For Zero project.

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
18	Investigate the potential creation of a homeless shelter and/or emergency housing using vacant building(s) as temporary shelters	Some Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater Understanding of County's emergency services model for homelessness• Potential to review for long-term opportunities.
24	Conduct a Transit Needs Study to identify what transit services would benefit Town residents	Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented to Town Council in April 2022

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
26	Create a delivery program for individuals who cannot physically access the local food bank using volunteers.	<p>Progressing Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery program implemented during the pandemic• Potential for review and continuation
36	Utilize 211 as a source for up-to-date information on community groups and service providers for those in need.	<p>Progressing Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link tied into the GACCPH website and social media

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
39	Identify organizations that can be used as a temporary address for programs and services.	<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The County has altered its requirements so that clients can apply for services at Community Services offices without a fixed address.
40	Include Poverty and Homelessness in the Town's Strategic Plan	<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Included in the 2020-2023 Town Strategic Plan• As Council starts strategic planning for new term, consider including poverty, homelessness and other related issues (housing, community services, etc.).

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
42	Gather information and current statistics around poverty and homelessness in our community. Use this information to educate and communicate with the public to inform them on the importance of the issue and how to get help / offer help	Progressing Well <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common definitions work completed by Working Group• 2021 Census data and local statistics to be analyzed and used for social media campaigns
44	Coordinate a speakers' bureau that would provide lectures and workshops on key issues in our community (i.e. poverty and homelessness, lack of affordable housing, opioid crisis, etc.)	Progressing Well <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HWG panel discussions• Recordings

Review of Recommendations



#	Description	Actions Taken
45	Form a community-led committee on poverty and homelessness to represent all demographics, including those with lived experience (similar to the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council).	Completed
51	Create an independent Community Council website for information about community services and how public can help or access those services and ensure that these webpages are easily accessible and up-to-date.	Completed

2022/2023 Priorities

1. Food Security
2. Affordable Housing
3. Public Education

As new Councils get to work, we are excited to work alongside local Councils and municipal staff to implement our Guiding Report and help to alleviate poverty and homelessness across the region.



Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness

2022/2023 Strategic Priorities

Vision

The Greater Arnprior area is a prosperous and affordable community filled with optimistic and engaged residents and complemented by a robust and inclusive economy.

Mission

Working in a solution-focused and transparent manner to build a strong, equitable and inclusive community where all residents are able to achieve well-being and be engaged as community members.

Values

Transparency, Inclusion, Equity, Solution-Focused

Priority No. 1

Food Security through Getting Food to People and Teaching Food Skills

Action Items

Garden to Plate – Curating education materials (print and social media) on existing service offerings and at home food options

Teaching Food Skills through hosting cooking classes or similar activities (working with ADFHT Budget Bites)

Work with Arnprior and District Food Bank on delivery and getting them what they actually need for clients

Investigate the feasibility of backpack programs in consultation with the relevant community partners (similar to a Renfrew area program)

Priority No. 2

Prepare Preliminary Plan for Affordable Housing Development

Action Items

Monitor and Advise on the Housing Needs Assessment process underway by the Town of Arnprior

Investigate what is practically needed to build affordable housing (data, statistics, studies, funding, etc.)

Provide in-kind advice and support to existing groups exploring potential affordable housing projects (i.e. Churches, Builders, Housing Programs)

Explore existing rent subsidies and their eligibility requirements (including potential advocacy and engagement with the County of Renfrew and the Province of Ontario)

Priority No. 3

Educate stakeholders and the community-at-large on key issues related to Poverty and Homelessness

Action Items

Hold regular bi-monthly community meetings to increase awareness on key issues related to Poverty and Homelessness in our community (i.e. Housing Working Group webinars)

Prepare an education campaign (physical and social media) for the general public on what homelessness, poverty and income inequity look like

Engage in the 2022 Municipal Election by hosting an All Candidates Meeting on Poverty and Homelessness and educating candidates on the path forward

2022 All Candidates Meeting

In September 2022, the GACCPH hosted an all candidates meeting for Arnprior candidates.

- Around 60-80 local residents attended
- Candidates collectively had over two (2) hours to answer questions from the audience and online.
- Livestreamed event
- Moderated by Amy Scholten of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic



The Longer Table

Community-led campaign aimed at facilitating community connections and assisting local organizations to:

- ✓ Educate
- ✓ Raise Awareness
- ✓ Take Action

on food security in the Greater Arnprior community.



Social Media Campaign | April-May 2023

Public Launch | June 2023

The Longer Table



- 1 Convener
- 2 Facilitator
- 3 Educator

SO, YOU'RE A
FOODIE
NOW WHAT?

LET US PRESENT:

WANT TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY
IN ARNPRIOR AND AREA?

LET US PRESENT:

**HEY GOOD
LOOKING**
WHATCHA GOT COOKING?

HOW'S ABOUT COOKING
SOMETHING UP FOR:

Next Steps

- As a community stakeholder, assist the Town of Arnprior and its consultant in developing their Housing Needs Assessment
- Tamarack's Summit for Strength: Communities Ending Poverty Virtual National Gathering (April 27th, 2023)
- Launch social media channels for The Longer Table
 - Share local statistics and helpful tips for ensuring food security
 - Connect people to discuss and coordinate volunteer interests
- Launch The Longer Table at a public event
 - Tentatively scheduled for June 2023
 - Investigating opportunities to coordinate at Town events (Priorpalooza and/or Arnprior Sunday Market)
- Organize public workshops on preparing affordable, nutritious meals



Thank You

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