



**Minutes of Council Meeting
March 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 Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Councillor Tom Burnette

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner
Graeme Ivory, Recreation Director
Lucas Power, Program and Events Coordinator
Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Museum Curator
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. Mayor McGee noted as a result of a friendly wager with Mayor Meadows of Gananoque and the outcome of the Gananoque Islanders and Arnprior Rivermen playoff series, she was sporting the Gananoque Islanders Jersey this evening.

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 101-23
Moved by Lynn Grinstead
Seconded by Billy Denault

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

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5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 102-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

Stacy Howard, Stacey Mullins-Campbell and Katie Cox, representatives from the Arnprior Agricultural Society provided an overview presentation on their organization's work, the Valley Agricultural Festival, and the importance of farming in the local community. Howard noted the Agricultural Society wishes to work with the Town on their next mission "The Farm Comes to Town". The free event, ideally at the Nick Smith Centre, will introduce students to where their food comes from, showcase how farming benefits the community, and the environment, supports local farmers, and will include games, entertainment, farm animals and machinery. Following a question and answer period the Agricultural Society was advised to further consult with the Recreation Director and submit a grant application for consideration of Council.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

i. Resolution Number 103-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council 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.

Resolution Carried

ii. Resolution Number 104-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Whereas the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) has been operating since March 2020 providing residents of the County of Renfrew with an invaluable medical response option for our residents, many of whom are without a regular primary care physician; and

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Whereas RCVTAC has provided over 73,000 family physician virtual assessments, over 69,000 paramedic onsite assessments and over 55,000 paramedic home visits since its inception; and

Whereas every month, RCVTAC currently handles 5,000 calls, 3,000 assessments and 1,000 avoidable emergency department visits; and

Whereas RCVTAC provides an effective and efficient medical care option that helps to relieve stress on our local emergency departments; and

Whereas 86% of RCVTAC users have reported that their health care concern was dealt with at their first virtual encounter and 93% of RCVTAC users have reported being happy or very happy with the service; and

Whereas funding from the Government of Ontario for RCVTAC is scheduled to conclude in March 2023;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior resolves as follows:

1. That the Town of Arnprior fully and strongly supports the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) as a valuable, innovative proven model for the delivery of certain non-emergent health care needs as one part of our overall health care system;
2. That the Town of Arnprior strongly calls upon the Government of Ontario to continue funding the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) at current funding levels, as a permanent health care option for residents across the County of Renfrew; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and Peter Emon, Warden of the County of Renfrew.

Resolution Carried

12. Staff Reports

- a) Recreation Joint Use Agreement
Resolution Number 105-23
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch
That Council receive report number 23-03-27-01 as information.

Resolution Carried

- b) Budget Matters – Expenses: Ontario Regulation 284/09
Resolution Number 106-23
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Chris Toner
That Council adopt this report by Resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

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c) Sign By-law Review – Public Engagement Strategy

Resolution Number 107-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council provide direction to staff to proceed with Public Engagement Phase 1, and, after drafting a revised Sign By-law, with Public Engagement Phase 2, as outlined within this report.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Meeting with Lions Club Members regarding an exciting fundraiser project they will propose at a future meeting of Council. Of interest post, COVID Lions Club Membership swelled to 32.
- Presented at the Mayor's Breakfast on March 9th. Great to hear from Mayor Mackenzie from McNab/Braeside and Leah Levesque from Arnprior Regional Health. Thanks to the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce for organizing the annual event and the Legion for hosting breakfast.
- March 17th Council and staff spent a full day in a facilitated discussion on strategic planning.
- Attended three information sessions with Ontario Power Generation, the Madawaska River, and the Upper and Lower Ottawa River, followed by two tours including Chenaux Dam and the Arnprior Generating Station. These were great learning opportunities, especially in advance of the spring freshet.
- On March 19, the Disco Bus came to Town, a collaboration between private and small businesses.
- Attended a recent meeting with Darrel O'Shaughnessy and discussed his latest energy and efforts with the Men's Shed, SALC, and Affordable Housing.
- Attended a meeting with Dana at the SALC to discuss programming and space challenges. The timing was perfect, as a class was in session with regards to computer training, an initiative of the Arnprior Public Library.
- Recent get-to-know one another dinner with McNab/Braeside Deputy Mayor Hoddinott.
- Attended a meeting with Eastern Ontario Bell Executives to discuss plans for the rural high-speed roll out.

b) County Councillors Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from Renfrew County Council:

- On March 24 at the Renfrew Paramedic Base, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski announced an investment of \$3.2 million in 2023-34 from the provincial government for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) to ensure residents have access to healthcare services close to home.
- Resolutions to tabled at the March 28, County Council Meeting include:
 - Reeve Glenn Doncaster as the Renfrew County Representative at Federation of Canadian Municipalities better known as FCM.

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- As discussed at the Eastern Ontario Warden Caucus meeting a motion to endorse the “7 in 7” Regional Housing Plan was carried. This plan will deliver 7,000 new affordable community rental units over 7 years, in addition to incentivizing an additional 21,000 attainable market rate units from the private and non-profit sectors for a total of 28,000 housing units. At present Renfrew County has needs for 1,369 units.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

- Councillor Couper noted the following from the Arnprior Public Library Board Meetings in February and March:
 - Josie Scott was elected Chair and Shane Kramer was elected Vice Chair of the Library Board.
 - The Board received an expansion update on the new library programming space currently under construction.
 - The Library will be hosting 150 people at the Little Branches Rural Roots Library Conference May 4, 5, 6 at the Arnprior Public Library. Kudos to the Chief Librarian and staff for organizing.
 - The Board was informed that their grant was approved by the Town of Arnprior, and expressed their thanks to Council.
 - The Library ran successful March break programming, fully funded by the generous contribution of the Scharf Family Charitable Trust.
 - At future strategic planning sessions there may be opportunities to talk about types of programming being offered, including more family-oriented programs.
 - As previously mentioned the Library partnered with SALC to offer computer training for seniors. The Library purchased eight chrome books and eight Wi-Fi hot spots through grant funding. The equipment will be hosted at the Library and available for loan.
 - CEO investigated guidelines on the community fridge project, the only drawback being there was only funding available for the fridge. The grant opportunity was not pursued at this time.
 - Library bridge club is making a weekly donation in support of youth in need at the high school, and has collected over \$1000 to date.
 - The Library continues to offer a full range of programming, including chess club, Lego lounge, mah-jong, knitting, English as a second language book club. The photography of Tracy Jeror is currently displayed in the art corridor.
 - The CEO is gathering quotes for strategic plan process that will set the goals of the library for the next couple of years. Costs are anticipated to be paid thanks to the support of the Neuman bequest. The Library Board will be establishing a public input process into the strategic plan process.
 - Chair Josie Scott floated the idea of a volunteer portal through the library website. Opportunities where an organization looking for volunteers to go when needing assistance at specific events.
 - Galilee Centre is holding a family games night to support the library, a pasta dinner and scrabble tournament in support of the Library.

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- Councillor Toner noted his attendance at the Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives Meeting on March 23rd highlighting:
 - His privilege to participate in his first AMBA board meeting, meet the dedicated group who make up the AMBA Board and acknowledge the commitment and contributions of his predecessor, Ted Strike.
 - Highlights of the evening included: the need for IT support, preferably a volunteer, who can assist the AMBA when needed, opportunities to get involved in more community outreach activities through in-person events and social media, the planning going into the AGM and Archives in Your Attic, an event to celebrate the AMBA 30th anniversary in 2023.
 - The AGM and the Archives in Your Attic are scheduled for April 15th at the Arnprior Public Library.
 - 2023 is also the start of the 200th Anniversary of McNab Township
- Councillor Toner noted his attendance at the Arnprior and District Museum Meeting of March 14th, highlighting:
 - Many exciting changes and initiatives, including new programming for adults with disabilities, newly developed sensory kits, are now complete and outreach to organizations for museum tours has begun.
 - There are scheduled Saturday theatre workshops for young people, starting after Easter, with Ottawa Valley Theatre Kids.
 - An after-school Learn to Sew program is underway and registration has begun, special thank you to the Opportunity Shop and their volunteers for helping with this programming initiative.
 - The Osborne Store exhibit is being revamped and the museum meeting room is getting a make over to create a more user/rental friendly space.
 - Staffing requirements are nearly complete for the three Digitization Project positions as well as the three summer student positions for the full day summer camps under the title: Museum Experimentation Station.
- County Councillor Lynch noted the Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee met on March 9, 2023 to consider three minor variances dealing with the property known as 375 Daniel Street South (Canadian Tire). The adjustments included the following:
 - To permit a drive-through stacking lane within 0.5 m of the side lot line where the zoning does not permit a drive-through stacking lane within the minimum required 3 m side yard setback;
 - To permit a drive-through stacking lane within 1.61 m of the front lot line where the zoning does not permit a drive-through stacking lane within the minimum required 6 m front yard setback;
 - To permit a reduction in the minimum distance between a front lot line and a drive-through service facility component, including wall openings and order boxes, from 10.0 m to 7.25 m which were all approved.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-Mar-06

Resolution Number 108-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

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Seconded by Chris Toner

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

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 3 –For students entering Grade 9 in September 2024 the Ontario government is implementing a new high school graduation requirement where students will now be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Page 11 -Good news for the communities of Arnprior, Braeside, Burnstown, Carp, Constance Bay, Dunrobin, Fitzroy Harbour, Glasgow Station, Kinburn, Marathon Village and White Lake, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth and Member of Parliament for Kanata–Carleton, Jenna Sudds, announced that over \$13 million in federal and provincial funding for Bell Canada to bring high-speed internet access to more than 6,400 homes in our communities.
- Page 21- The Ontario government announced the members of the new Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team including: Chair Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor, Vice Chair Cheryl Fort, the Mayor of Hornepayne, Marlene Coffey, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association, Simone Swail, Senior Manager, Government Relations, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, Adam Brown, Founding Partner, Sherman Brown, Jim Harnum, Founder Municipal VU Consulting Inc. Tony Irwin, President and CEO, Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario Richard Lyall President, Residential Construction Council of Ontario Paula Tenuta, Senior Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Building Industry and Land Development Association.
- Page 54- The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) offering its 2023 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in the first year of an engineering program at the University level for the upcoming 2023/2024 academic year.

Councillor Denault noted the following Item:

- Page 42 – Housing Accelerator webinar scheduled for April 6, 2023.
 - On question of Councillor Denault the CAO advised a staff member will be attending the webinar.

b) Correspondence Package – A-23-Mar-05

Resolution Number 109-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number A-23-Mar-05 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 110-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded Billy Denault

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

- By-law Number 7371-23 – Renfrew Aquatic Services – Billing Agreement
- By-law Number 7372-23 – Appoint Members to the Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee

Resolution Carried

Resolutions

Municipal Grant Application H2H Inc. o/a Heart to Heart Arnprior (a ministry of First Baptist Church)

Resolution Number 111-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from H2H Inc. o/a Heart to Heart Arnprior (a ministry of First Baptist Church); and

Whereas the H2H Inc. o/a Heart to Heart Arnprior (a Ministry of First Baptist Church) is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the H2H Inc. o/a Heart to Heart Arnprior (a ministry of First Baptist Church) request by providing in-kind support through waiving the Arnprior & District Museum Meeting Room rental fees (value of approximately \$2,100.00) for a non-faith-based, community grief support program, which will include fourteen (14) group meetings over 2023 (broken into Spring and Fall Sessions);

Further That the H2H Inc. o/a Heart to Heart Arnprior (a Ministry of First Baptist Church) 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

Municipal Grant Application – Arnprior Lions Club (Walk for Dog Guides)

Resolution Number 112-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Arnprior Lions Club; and

Whereas the Arnprior Lions Club is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the Arnprior Lions Club request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (value of approximately \$443.00) for the 2023 Walk for Dog Guides to be held on May 28th, 2023;

Further That the Arnprior Lions Club 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

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Request for Support – AMO Ending Homelessness in the 2023 Provincial Budget

Resolution Number 113-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

Whereas the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

Whereas the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

Whereas homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

Whereas homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

Whereas municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge;

Whereas leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b) Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c) Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partner

Further That a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all local municipalities within the County of Renfrew.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

- Willis Business College has closed its doors in Arnprior.
- Paul's Properties Real Estate Team is opening in a new location Friday March 31, located at 131 John Street North.
- Pharmasave Pharmacy is open, directly across from the Town Hall. Weather permitting an open house bbq will be held at the end of April.
- The Arnprior Regional Health's Catch the Ace was won with a prize value of \$43,588.000
- Along with Councillor Grinstead attended the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation update on the CT Scanner. The scanner is scheduled to be up and working by February 2025 with an estimated 6000 scans a year. Total cost including installation is estimated at 1.6 million.
- Island View is holding Stuff the Bus Food Drive for the Arnprior Food Bank, March 30th between 10 and 4 at Giant Tiger.
- Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives is holding an event Archives in Your Attic scheduled for April 15th between 2 and 4.

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- Congratulations to MetaLigna on making CTV News and identifying Arnprior as their production facility.

Councillor Couper made the following announcement(s):

- Reminder that the Library has a number of passes available for loan to various museums in the City of Ottawa, as well as three day park passes, on a first come first served basis.
- Galilee Centre is having a family games night, pasta dinner, scrabble meet up to benefit the Library on April 13. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.
- A warm welcome to Arnprior Pharmasave, located across from the Town Hall, at 104 Elgin Street West. Decisions to open businesses are not made lightly, and a great deal of market research goes into doing so. Choosing to bring this business is a vote of confidence for Arnprior and worth celebrating.
- On Saturday April 1, 2023 the grand opening takes place of Union 108 Yoga, Pilates and Wellness Studio.
- On April 1st beginning at 10 am White Pine Books is celebrating 30 years in business. There will be free activities for the whole family, musicians, a children's magician, a scone bar, and an author signing.
- Dementia Society of Canada hosts a Peer Support Group the last Tuesday of each month at the Kenwood Centre between 10:30 and Noon.
- Congratulations to Karen Simpson, from the Arnprior District Family Health Team who has announced her upcoming retirement in July 2023.
- Pleasure this year of being introduced to Ringette, thank you to all the volunteers who make Arnprior McNab Ringette possible.

Mayor McGee made the following announcement:

- The Arnprior Junior B Packers put up a good fight in their recent playoff berth against the Perth Blue wings, unfortunately they were not successful, therefore will be sporting a Blue Wings Jersey at a future Council meeting.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 114-23 (8:05 p.m.)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council meet in closed session pursuant to Section 239(2)(b)(k) to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees; a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Striking Committee, Joint Use Agreement)

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 115-23 (8:58 p.m.)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council resume to Open Session

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 116-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council appoint Mayor McGee, Councillor Grinstead, and alternate Councillor Couper to meet on at least one occasion prior to May 31st to verify the 2023 population adjustment as per section 7.6 of the current joint use agreement.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 117-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council authorize the Mayor and Staff to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 118-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That By-law No. 7373-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 27, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 119-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

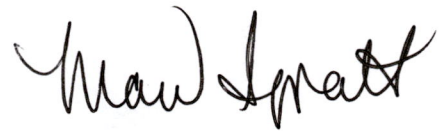
That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

