



**Minutes of Council Meeting
April 17, 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 Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Councillor Chris Toner

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Lynn Grinstead

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer,
Facilities and Assets
Lindsay Wilson, MEDO
Lucas Power, Program and Events
Coordinator
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 Councillor 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 120-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, April 17, 2023 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

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6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 121-23

Moved by Billy Denault

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

Presentations

- i. Earth Day, 2023, the Program and Events Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation on Earth Day Activities taking place between April 17-22, 2023, including Pitch-In Week, Earth Day Bike Bingo in partnership with the Township of McNab/Braeside and the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance, and the Rotary Club – Great Lakes Watershed Clean Up. The Program and Events Coordinator noted these events are made possible through contributions from Pitch-In Canada, Arnprior Home Hardware, and Ottawa Valley Coffee.
- ii. Park Updates and Public Engagement, the CAO provided a PowerPoint presentation on Park Updates and Public Engagement the Town has been undertaking, including enhancing the play experience at Caruso Park, a new and accessible play experience at Legion Park, and pathway improvements along the west side of the Madawaska from Madawaska Boulevard to the stairs at Robert Simpson Park. The CAO explained there is an opportunity for public feedback on the play spaces and pathway improvements until April 21st, with anticipated project work taking place between June and October, 2023.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

- a) Proposed Telecommunications Tower (Rogers Communication Inc.)

Resolution Number 122-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council receive Staff Report 2023-04-11-01, entitled "Request for Municipal Concurrence - Proposed Telecommunications Tower (Rogers Communications Inc.)" for the lands municipally known as 158B McGonigal Street West.

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And That Council provide a statement of non-concurrence regarding the installation of the proposed mono-pole telecommunication tower facility for the reasons outlined in this report and the Land Use Authority Recommendation Report prepared by CRINS-SINRC# 2112-0310-0508 dated October 7, 2022.

Resolution Carried

b) Vehicle and Equipment Tenders

Resolution Number 123-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council enact by-laws to:

- Award the Tandem Plow Truck Purchase Tender No. PW-2023-01 to Freightliner North Bay, for a total of \$298,971.00 (plus HST); and
- Award the Three-Quarter Ton Truck Purchase Tender No. PW-2023-02 to Donnelly Automotive Group, for a total of \$73,932.00 (plus HST); and
- Award the Purchase of One Skid Steer Loader Tender No. PW-2023-04 to J.R. Brisson Limited, for a total of \$128,300.00 (plus HST); and
- Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements and related documents with Freightliner North Bay, Donnelly Automotive Group, and J.R. Brisson Limited respectively, to supply and deliver the vehicles and equipment.

And Further that cost overages from the Three-Quarter Ton Truck and Skid Steer Loader tenders be funded from the capital surplus arising from the Tandem Plow Truck tender.

Resolution Carried

c) Community Improvement Plan Grant – 55 John Street North

Resolution Number 124-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council enact a by-law to enter into an Agreement with Chantelle and Sean Mallard for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Financial Incentive under the Business Location, Expansion and Start-up Program and Application and Permit Fees Rebate Program for 55 John Street North in an amount of up to \$5,150 to be funded from the CIP Grants operating account.

Resolution Carried

d) 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Resolution Number 125-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council approve the Town of Arnprior 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as a planning tool to be used to inform the annual budget process as well as other financial planning processes and documents; and

Further That the 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted on the Town website.

Resolution Carried

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e) Proclamation – Earth Day April 22, 2023

Resolution Number 126-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year, and is a key time to unite our community and make a positive impact on the environment; and

Whereas the theme for Earth Day 2023 is “Invest in Our Planet” and is focused on engaging governments, institutions, businesses, and the more than 1 billion citizens who participate annually in Earth Day to do their part – everyone accounted for, everyone accountable; and

Whereas Earth Day is known as the movement to change the business climate, political climate, and how we take action on climate change; and

Whereas climate change is being observed and experienced at an increasingly local level and needs to be taken seriously; and

Whereas local levels of government are finding themselves at the frontline of the battle against climate change; and

Whereas the mounting environmental challenges that we are facing will require our towns and cities to take a leading role in the fight for a more sustainable world; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior will be providing park clean-up kits to local residents to use in local parks during the week of April 17th to 22nd, 2023 (Pitch-In Canada Week) and the Town will co-host an Earth Day Bike Bingo event on April 22nd, 2023 with the Township of McNab/Braeside and the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA); and

Whereas the Rotary Club of Arnprior will be hosting Great Lakes Watershed Clean-Up on Earth Day at Arnprior District High School and other locations in the local community;

Now Therefore, I, Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in the Town of Arnprior, and encourage all residents to participate in the Earth Day activities, learn more and understand their role in helping to combat climate change and make a positive impact on the environment on Earth Day and every day.

Resolution Carried

f) Proclamation – 911 Dispatcher Appreciation Week April 9-15, 2023

Resolution Number 127-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim April 9th to 15th, 2023 as 911 Dispatcher Appreciation Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas this week is a time to show our appreciation and to recognize that our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment and steadfast devotion of 911 emergency services dispatchers because emergencies can occur at any time that requires police, fire, ambulance, or other critical services intervention; and,

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Whereas when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters, and medical personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas the safety of our police officers, paramedics and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone 911; and,

Whereas 911 dispatchers from the Ontario Provincial Police, Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre and the Brockville Fire Department are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. These dedicated men and women are First Responders and they are professionals who use public safety telecommunications to quickly respond to emergency calls; and,

Whereas each dispatcher and their support staff exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job assisting those in need;

Now Therefore, I, Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim April 9 to 15, 2023 as 911 Dispatcher Appreciation Week in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to reflect on the important role that 911 dispatchers play to ensure the safety of local residents and their families.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Attendance at a Senior Elected Officials Workshop in Horton on Emergency Preparedness and the roles of each level of government in the event of an emergency. Councillor Denault also attended the workshop.
- Two ribbon cuttings including Paul's Properties, owned by Paul and Martha Lavictoire for real estate services and two Airbnb spaces, as well as Union 108, now owned by Ro Nwosu. Both events were well-attended and had significant community support that Arnprior has become known for.
- Held a second open House in the Mayor's Office, where concerns were raised regarding snow removal and priority routes on sidewalks in some areas of town. Moving forward community engagement may include a town booth on occasion at the summer downtown market.
- Attended the White Pine Book store 30th anniversary. This was a well-attended event to celebrate 30 great years and multigenerational stewardship.
- Attended the Craft Fair at the Legion, and the Arnprior McNab Braeside Seniors at Home Easter Bake Fair and cake decorating contest at the Masonic Hall alongside Councillors Denault and Couper.
- Congratulations to Alicia Ott of Bee Savvy, new president of the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce. Some exciting initiatives planned, including bringing the tourism initiative under the umbrella of the Chamber.
- A recent telephone conversation with both McNab/Braeside Councillor Scott Brum and Mayor Mark Mackenzie regarding the recreation agreement. I reiterated that Arnprior Town Council made a decision based on the best interest of Arnprior residents and ratepayers, however, Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside was welcome to submit anything they would like to Arnprior Council for consideration.

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- Enjoyed a breakfast meeting with Leah Levesque, Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) with discussions around ARH, its programs and initiatives for 2023.
- Met with Darrel O'Shaughnessy regarding efforts with affordable housing initiatives, the men's shed, and the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council.
- Attended an Open House at Sawmill Flats, which saw 250 people go through the building.
- Brought greetings from Town Council at the Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives AGM on April 15, 2023, congratulating them on their 30th anniversary and wishing them success on their initiative "Archives in your Attic".
- Participated along with an exciting group of community members in a Cultural Market planning session facilitated by our Manager of Culture/Curator. Under the Curator, the group walked through opportunities for 2023, discussed any pain points from last year, and voiced their enthusiasm for the 2023 event.
- Pleased to report that Council endorsed a grant application for Eric Burton, of which he was successful. Based on his grant Arnprior is one of three communities that he and his company will be undertaking some research and recommendations, which will be forthcoming to Council.

b) County Councillors Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from Renfrew County Council:

- Following a presentation by Ms Joanne Brooks on "End Violence Against Women a resolution was passed by County Council in that the County of Renfrew is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our community; and based on the statistics of 4,815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council for the County of Renfrew declares Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) /Violence Against Women (VAW) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations.
- A Resolution was passed dealing with the Township of McNab/Braeside that the County consider the assumption of Campbell Drive from Usborne Street to Highway 17 under the Road Rationalization Policy in effect at the time of the request; and further that staff bring back a report to Council with a recommendation on cost sharing.
- A Resolution was passed dealing with the regulating of Advertising Signs and Devices within the County Road Allowance.
- A resolution was passed approving the County of Renfrew portion for Professional Services for a Transportation Master Plan to McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineering Limited, Carp, Ontario. Of note this plan is to be completed within the next two years.
- A resolution was passed that effective January 01, 2023 that all Non-Union staff, with the exception of students, rate of pay will increase by 2%.
- The sixth dose for COVID is now available for booking. Call 1-633-943-3900. The earliest booking is for 22 April at the Kinburn Community Hall.
- There is a Community Economic Development 101 Workshop on Wednesday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cobden Legion. Registration closes on 26 April. The workshop is being presented by Economic and Business Advisors from OMAFRA.

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- The Arnprior Ecole Catholique will be welcoming students for the next school year starting late August 2023. The catchment area for the school includes Renfrew, Pakenham and many of the small communities in Renfrew County, south of Pembroke.
- The Ontario East Municipal Conference will be held in Ottawa this year from September 6-8, 2023, at the Ottawa Conference and Events Centre and Courtyard Marriott Hotel.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference and Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 at Maplehaus in Hardwood Lake in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.
- County completed a recently submitted Chippawa Shores plan of subdivision and a demonstration on how the newly acquired software “ZenCity” can assist with public engagements for plan of subdivision applications.
- The County spent 23 million on Capital Projects last year with Arnprior seeing \$778,000.
- The County has begun using electronic bidding for Request for Proposals (RFP's)

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

Councillor Denault noted the following from the Arnprior Airport Commission meeting of April 13, 2023:

- Airport is undertaking a hay contract that will be up for renewal in the next year in the meantime they have moved the current contract closer to market rates of leased land, which will net additional revenues for the airport.
- Lease agreements similarly will be undertaking updates to ensure the airport is protected from ancillary costs involving hanger deals.
- The Arnprior Agricultural Society will be hosting their Valley Agricultural Festival at the airport for August 4, 5, and the 6th.
- Discussions on a possible garage extension to house excess commission equipment, were commenced. This is a long-term conversation, however the commencement of said discussion did occur.
- Airport management update included finalizing and settling contracts. Vintage Wings participating in training sessions at the airport. The Hydro and gas consumption by the commission is 50% as it was this time last year. The airport is soliciting for line painting at a favourable rate. The airport bank account was also changed, and this will net additional interest revenue for the airport. The Airport will also commence reopening its website.
- Lastly, the fly-in breakfast is occurring June 17th. The airport commission encourages residents, council, and visitors to come and join in seeing vintage aviation, enjoy a snack and take in this community asset that is the airport.

Councillor Toner noted the following from the Arnprior McNab/Braeside Archives Meeting of April 15, 2023

- Attended Arnprior McNab/Braeside Archives Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which time the minutes and treasurers report from the 2022 AGM Meeting were approved.
- Approved the 2023 Board of Directors: President, Irene Robillard, Vice-President Brian Gilhuly, Secretary Sara Mackenzie, Treasurer, Brian Gilhuly, Town of Arnprior Representative, Chris Toner,

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Township of McNab/Braeside Representative Lori Hoddinott, Women's Institute Representative Anita Schubrink, Member at Large, Ed Murphy and second Member at Large, Emily Stovel.

- The meeting was followed by a cake cutting and picture taking in celebration of the 30th Anniversary and the Archives in the Attic Event.

County Councillor Lynch noted the following from the April 12, 2023 Committee of Adjustment / Property Standards committee Meeting

- Murray Chown was elected Chair, by Members Dan Lynch, Bradley Samuel, Koren Lam and Ted Strike.
- A minor variance was approved for a garage on Chats Crescent.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-APR-07

Resolution Number 127-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number I-23-APR-07 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 36 - The Ontario government is expanding the Investing in women's Futures program to 10 additional locations across the province to help more women who experience social and economic barriers to connect to supports and develop the skills they need to gain financial security and independence create more economic opportunities. The Community Resource Center in Killaloe is one of the new locations.
- Page 48 - Starting in 2023, the Ontario government is investing an additional \$33 million over three years to add another 100 undergraduate medical school seats and another 154 postgraduate medical training seats being prioritized for Ontario residents.
- Page 53 – The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage to \$16.55 an hour on October 1, 2023. Of note is that students under the age of 18, who work 28 hours a week or less when school is in session or work during a school break or summer holidays, will make \$15.60 an hour. Homeworkers (those who do paid work out of their own homes for employers), will make \$18.20 an hour. And hunting, fishing and wilderness guides, \$82.85 per day when working less than five consecutive hours in day, and from \$155.25 to \$165.75 per day when working five or more hours in a day.
- Page 105 At its meeting on March 24th, 2023, the AMO Board reaffirmed its recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance. Recommendations to the Minister included:
 - a. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime that could be adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities.
 - b. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.

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- c. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- d. To prohibit a member removed through application to a judge from running for election in the term in which removed and the subsequent term of office
- Page 112 - Applications for the 2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants are open until April 20. Municipalities and other organizations can apply for up to \$60,000 for projects that help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life. Priorities of the program are as follow:
 - Priority 1: Increasing accessibility to outdoor spaces to improve older adults' and people with disabilities' community engagement.
 - Priority 2: Enhancing the supply of accessible and attainable housing to support older adults and people with disabilities to age in place, in support of the government's broader goal to increase the housing supply.
 - Priority 3: Increasing the number of inclusive communities by developing Age Friendly Community (AFC) plans that support long-term community planning to address the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

On question of County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted staff looking at a possible application for elements of the upcoming waterfront trail improvements project with any fit particularly with Priority #1.

Councillor Denault noted the following item:

- Page 20 –The Provincial government has announced the New Investment Tax Credit for Manufacturers: To attract additional investment in the province's economy the recent Ontario budget featured a new Ontario made manufacturing investment tax credit to help local manufacturing grow, innovate become more competitive and create jobs. This relief comes in the form of a 10% refundable corporate tax credit of up to 2-million dollars a year for Canadian Controlled Private Corporations (CCPCs) on qualifying investments in buildings, machinery, and equipment for use in manufacturing or processing in the Province. Qualifying expenditures would be for certain property such as CCA class 1 – Buildings or Class 53 – Machinery and Equipment in manufacturing and processing.

b) Correspondence Package – A-23-APR-06

Resolution Number 128-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number A-23-APR-06 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 129-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded Chris Couper

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

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- By-law Number 7374-23 – Authorize CIP Agreement 55 John Street North
- By-law Number 7375-23 – Award Tender Number PW-2023-01 Tandem Plow Purchase
- By-law Number 7376-23 – Award Tender Number PW-2023-02 Three Quarter Ton Truck Purchase
- By-law Number 7377-23 – Award Tender Number PW-2023-04 Skid Steer Loader with Flail Mower Purchase

Resolution Carried

Resolutions

Request for Support – Women’s Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County – 2023 We Stand with Survivors Campaign

Resolution Number 130-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Women’s Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County;

Whereas the Women’s Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County is working on a Status of Women Canada Project, creating a rural model for female survivors of sexual abuse/assault, with the hope of sharing this model across Canada; and

Whereas one of the components of the completed model will be a yearly campaign entitled “We Stand with Survivors”, with this year being the 5th annual event; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council agrees to hang the “We Stand with Survivors” banner for the month of May 2023 in the municipality; and

Further That Council direct the CAO to work with Town staff to find the most suitable location to hang this banner; and

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Status Project Coordinator of the Women’s Sexual Assault Center Renfrew County.

Resolution Carried

Request for Support – Arnprior Regional Health Foundation Water Bill Insert

Resolution Number 131-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation; and

Whereas the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation has included a Community Update as a water bill insert in previous years to reach all local homes, share updates on their programming and provide an opportunity for local residents to give back to healthcare in a meaningful way; and

Further That Council approves the request from the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation, to include a letter from the Foundation in the July/August 2023 utility bill mailing to be delivered to homes in early September 2023 at no cost to the foundation.

Resolution Carried

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16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

- Arnprior Regional Health has two upcoming fundraising events, including the Heart Charity Golf Tournament at Madawaska Golf Club on June 23, 2023 and Jeep Adventure Lottery Tickets are now available.

Councillor Couper made the following announcement(s):

- Tickets are on sale for the Physician Recruitment Committee's Doctors Dining Duel on Thursday, June 8th. Contact Julie at juliebennett2016@gmail.com for tickets.

Councillor Denault made the following announcement:

- The Cultural Night Market Community Planning Meetup occurred on April 5th. This dedicated group are determined to make the event better then ever. If you would like to participate the next meeting is this Thursday April 20th at 6:00 pm at the Arnprior Museum. If you are unable to make it, please contact Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator at the Museum.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 132-23 (7:50 p.m.)

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council meet in closed session pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) to discuss two (2) personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees; (Staffing)

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 133-23 (8:25 p.m.)

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council resume to Open Session

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 134-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council authorize staff to proceed as directed regarding two staffing matters.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 135-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That By-law No. 7378-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 17, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

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20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 136-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures


Lisa McGee, Mayor


Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

