



**Minutes of Council Meeting
May 8, 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
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Council Members Absent:

County Councillor Dan Lynch
Councillor Lynn Grinstead
Councillor Tom Burnette

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer
Jennifer Eve, Manager of Finance
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Lucas Power, Program and Events
Coordinator
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services / Planner
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture /
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 with the exception of Councillor Grinstead, Councillor Burnette and County Councillor Lynch.

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 157-23
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Billy Denault

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, May 8, 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 158-23

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

Delegation

- i. Lori Huber, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG provided an overview of the 2022 Audit Findings Report and Draft 2022 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements, and responded to questions.

Presentations

- i. Lucas Power, Program and Events Coordinator provided an overview of the 2023 Summer Programs and Events, including events during 30 days in June in recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, June 3rd – Priopalooza, June 17th – Paddlefest, July 1st – Canada Day, July 15th – Dragon Boat Festival and August 3rd Theatre of Fools.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

- a) 2022 Operating Surplus / Shortfall Allocations

Resolution Number 159-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council accept report 23-05-08-01 as information.

And that Council adopt a by-law to allocate the 2022 operating budget surplus / shortfalls.

Resolution Carried

- b) Awarding of Request for Tender PW-2023-07 Cranston, Smolkin, Maple and Gardner Rehabilitation
Resolution Number 160-23

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Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council award the contract for Tender #PW-2023-07 Cranston, Smolkin, Maple, and Gardner Rehabilitation, to R.W. Tomlinson Limited for a cost of \$1,755,029.24 including HST; and;

That Council direct staff to fund the budgetary shortfall of \$567,458.19 to award Tender #PW-2023-07 from the 2022 Operating Budget surplus and;

That upon the CAO's approval of the final form of the foregoing documents, Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract agreement with R.W. Tomlinson Limited to execute the works.

Resolution Carried

c) Awarding of Tender #PW-2023-08 Daniel Street Intersection Realignment and Culvert Replacement

Resolution Number 161-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council award the 2023 Daniel Street Intersection Realignment and Culvert Replacement Tender #PW-2023-08 to Goldie Mohr Ltd for a total of \$2,150,059.36 (including HST); and

That Council award Inspection and Contract Administration services for Tender #PW-2023-08 to JP2G Consultants Inc. for a total of \$98,479.50 (including HST); and

That the CAO be granted authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the County of Renfrew for \$684,356.96 (excluding HST); and

That the remaining budgetary shortfall of \$452.13 be funded by 2023 Capital surplus funds if available or 2023 operating funds; and

That Council authorize the CAO to execute the agreements and related documents with the County of Renfrew, Goldie Mohr Ltd and JP2G Consultants Inc.

Resolution Carried

d) Sale and Declaration of Surplus Municipal Lands – Edey Street

Resolution Number 162-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council waive the requirement of the Public Notice Policy AS-CP-08 to provide 30 days' notice of a permanent closure of a highway and direct staff to provide 10 days' notice of their intention to close a portion of the road allowance known as Edey Street and declare those lands as surplus lands to the Town of Arnprior;

And That Council, in its sole discretion, deems the lands to be non-viable and exercise their authority under Section 6.5.2.5 - Land Exchange of Policy AS-CP-14 Sale and Disposition of land to negotiate a land exchange solely with the abutting property owner;

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And that Council authorizes staff to negotiate a land exchange with the abutting landowner pending the successful completion of the 'stopping up and closing' of the portion of the Edey Street road allowance as outlined in this report.

And That Council direct staff to provide notice of Council's intention of the sale and disposal of lands in accordance with Section 6.6 of Policy AS-CP-14 Sale and Disposition of Land.

Resolution Carried

e) Fire Department Aerial Device Repairs

Resolution Number 163-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council authorizes the required repairs of the basket levelling system to the Fire Department's aerial ladder truck by Commercial Truck Equipment Corporation.

That Council authorize the expenditure of an estimated maximum amount \$33,982.26 (incl.HST) for the repairs from the 2022 Operating Surplus.

Resolution Carried

f) Draft Plan of Subdivision 47-T-22002 – Norma, Ida and Charlotte Street Extensions

Resolution Number 164-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receives Staff Report 23-05-08-06 for information as it pertains to Subdivision File No. 47-T-22002 relating to Norma, Ida and Charlotte Street Extensions (2427450 Ontario Inc.) Draft Plan of Subdivision;

And that Council, pursuant to previous Section 51(20) of the Planning Act, hold a public meeting May 23rd, 2023 to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

g) Request to Reinstate Joint Use Recreation Agreement from the Township of McNab/Braeside

Resolution Number 165-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council receive report number 23-05-08-07 as information.

And that Council direct staff to advise the Township of McNab Braeside due to the significant amount of administration that would be required to implement a billing agreement for McNab/Braeside, the Town is not in a position to entertain such an agreement at this time.

Resolution Carried

h) Proclamation Parks and Recreation Month – June 2023

Resolution Number 166-23

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Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council proclaim June 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas, in the Town of Arnprior, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

Whereas recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

Whereas recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

Whereas parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and

Whereas the benefits provided by recreation programs, services and parks, and open space, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior is hosting thirty (30) free activities in thirty (30) days as part of the [ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge](#), a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community; and

Now Therefore, I, Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize the benefits and values of Recreation and Parks in Arnprior and participate in the many activities taking place this month and throughout the year.

Resolution Carried

i) Proclamation Seniors Month - June 2023

Resolution Number 167-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council proclaim June 2023 as Seniors Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas Seniors' Month is an annual province-wide celebration to recognize the considerate contributions that seniors have made to the life and vibrancy of our community; and,

Whereas seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and,

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Whereas their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told; and,

Whereas the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community as a whole; and,

Whereas seniors are the fastest growing population segment across Canada and a significant number of Arnprior seniors are leading healthy and active lives; and,

Whereas the Town of Arnprior's Recreation Department, the Greater Arnprior Seniors' Council (GASC) and Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) provide regular age-friendly programming for local seniors;

Now Therefore, I, Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Seniors Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Resolution Carried

j) Proclamation Pride Month - June 2023

Resolution Number 168-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council proclaim June 2023 as Pride Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas June is recognized in Canada as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of persons from the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and increase efforts to build awareness; and,

Whereas the Progress Pride flag is an important symbol of hope and acceptance for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and adults who continue to face stigma, discrimination, isolation and bullying in their home, workplaces and community spaces, simply for being who they are; and,

Whereas this stigma and discrimination puts 2SLGBTQ+ individuals at elevated risk of mental-health issues, substance abuse, homelessness and suicide; and,

Whereas the Town of Arnprior acknowledges and celebrates the contributions of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all Ontarians; and,

Whereas during Pride Month, we can all reflect on the progress made to recognize and protect the rights of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and the work that still needs to be done; and,

Whereas flying the rainbow flag at Town Hall during the first week of June 2023 symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the 2SLGBTQ+ community;

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Now Therefore, I, Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Pride Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to think about what steps we can collectively take to make our community a safe and inclusive place for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Attended the Lion's Club Dinner, with Members of the Club and other invited Guests.
- On April 27, 2023 attended the Summit for Strength, a full day session with local stakeholders, organized by the Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness.
- Joined Warden Emon and County Councillor Lynch for breakfast, and discussed future goals, affordable housing and tourism.
- Attended multiple ribbon cuttings, one at Pharmasave, a family owned and operated pharmacy, and one at Cold Bear Brewery.
- Attended the Packers Dinner with the players, coaches, family members and supporters. Important to note there are financial benefits of having this level of hockey in the municipality.

b) County Councillors Report

None

c) Councillor(s) Report

Councillor Couper reported on the following:

- On May 4, 5, 6 the Arnprior Public Library hosted the Little Branches Rural Roots event, with 130 attendees. Councillor Couper offered congratulations to Karen DeLuca, Chief Librarian and the Steering Committee on an incredible event.

Councillor Toner reported on the following:

- The Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives is searching for a new Archivist as the current archivist has accepted a position elsewhere. Unfortunately with the archivist's departure a summer intern position will not be available.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-MAY-09

Resolution Number 169-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number I-23-MAY-09 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

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Councillor Denault noted the following items:

- Page 17 - The Ontario government is making it easier for police services across the province to recruit and train more police officers by removing tuition fees for the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College (OPC) and immediately expanding the number of recruits that can be trained each year.
- Page 27 - The Ontario government is investing \$12 million to support nine innovative projects designed to help up to 2,000 people leaving the justice system or with prior criminal records find meaningful jobs with local businesses, helping them create connections and a sense of belonging within their communities.
- Page 40 - The Ontario government is launching a new interactive map for users that can then search the map by address, community or municipality to find project details, including information on construction status and internet service providers.
- Page 46 - The Ontario government is updating the Grade 10 Career Studies curriculum and is introducing mandatory resources for teachers and students on mental health literacy in Grades 7 and 8. These resources would support students as they achieve and prepare for the next steps in their future.
- Page 79 - There are between 1500-2000 summer student positions at Ontario Parks across the province. Students can contact ontarioparksjobs@ontario.ca with any questions.
- Page 79 – LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Services has a 360-camera based system that evaluates distresses and conditions to create an objective rating on gravel roads.

Councillor Couper noted the following items:

- Page 1 – The Ontario government is investing in new math and literacy program. As an early childhood educator, Councillor Couper noted he would like to see the government continue to support early childhood educators and educational assistants who help make math and literacy work.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

By-laws

Resolution Number 170-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded Billy Denault

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

- By-law Number 7381-23 – Adopt 2022 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements
- By-law Number 7382-23 – Adopt 2022 Operating Surplus Funds Allocation
- By-law Number 7383-23 – Adopt 2023 Tax Rates
- By-law Number 7384-23 – Appoint Oliver Jacob as Acting Deputy Clerk
- By-law Number 7385-23 – Award Tender Number PW-2023-07 (2023 Road Rehabilitation Projects)
- By-law Number 7386-23 – Award Tender Number PW-2023-08 (Daniel – Edey-Galvin Street Intersection Realignment and Culvert Replacement)

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

None

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17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 171-23 (8:51 p.m.)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council meet in closed session to discuss one (1) matter regarding a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended. (Tax Sale);

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 172-23 (9:10 p.m.)

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council resume to Open Session

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 173-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive an update on tax sale file 21-05 and authorize staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 174-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That By-law No. 7387-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 8, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 175-23


Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk