



**Minutes of Council Meeting
May 23, 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 Tom Burnette
Councillor Chris Toner
Councillor Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer,
Facilities and Assets
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community
Services / Planner
Jacques Benoit, CBO
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.

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 176-23
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, May 23, 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 177-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

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

None

9. Public Meetings

Resolution No 178-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council Move into a public meeting to inform the public of the proposed subdivision application no 47-T-22002 for the lands described as Concession C, Part of Lot 5, being parts 2 and 4 RP 49R3337, geographic town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those present. The Planner noted that written submissions and a copy of the meeting minutes would be provided to the County of Renfrew prior to the granting of Draft Conditions.

The Planner explained that the County of Renfrew has received an application for a plan of subdivision which would create 55 townhouse units on 3 street extensions connecting to Charlotte Street North, Norma Street North and Ida Street North. A block of land for stormwater management is included on the plan. The Planner provided a presentation, attached as Appendix A, and forming part of these minutes, of the developer's proposal and the next steps.

The floor was opened to the public for comments:

- Russ Corbett, 167 Dan Street.
- Blaine Lenser, 140 McLachlin Street North
- Mike Battison, 124 Charlotte Street North
- Emily Prospero, 2518 Highway 29, Pakenham
- Meera Manghani, 61 Jack Crescent
- Elenea Prospero, 45 Hill Road
- Travis McLeod – 3 Kinsmen Crescent
- Susan Davis – 63 Victoria Street, Unit 7
- Ali Homer, 119 Vancourtland Street North
- Graham Spaul 123 Vancourtland Street
- Luke Battison, 124 Charlotte Street North
- Jonathan David McLaren, 211 Bell Street
- Mikayla Smith, 85 Division Street

A summary of comments is as follows:

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- Watercourse is aquifer fed brook important to the health of the Gilles Grove
- Opposition to filling in a wetland
- The subject property contributes to the health of Gilles Grove in an integral way, development of this land will negatively impact Gilles Grove
- Project will add to global warming
- Development is not going to significantly improve housing access, Arnprior has done its part to address housing need
- Existing recent residential development negatively affecting the Town of Arnprior (not enough commercial, traffic issues), this development would contribute to these issues
- Concerns regarding how stormwater will be managed, including increased localized flooding and the look of the stormwater management pond
- Require more information on how the development meets the Town of Arnprior Official Plan Natural Heritage policies
- Have MNRF and Nature Conservancy of Canada been notified/provided the EIS?
- How and who will conduct Species at Risks (SAR) sweeps during construction?
- Who pays for development of infrastructure and maintenance of this new infrastructure?
- Developer should donate the entire property to the Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Concern regarding alleged 2% loss of Gilles Grove forest
- How will the development impact the water quality in the watercourse to be relocated?
- Behind in trail management in Gilles Grove

The Mayor thanked the public for their comments, noting the property is privately owned and there is legislation in effect that the planning process is legislated, however, there be mitigating options available, of which will be presented at a future meeting.

Resolution No 179-23 (7:45 p.m.)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council resume to the regular meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

- a) Bill 97 Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023” and the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)
Resolution Number 180-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receives Report 23-05-23-01 as information regarding Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023.

Resolution Carried

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- b) Building By-law Amendment
Resolution Number 181-23
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopt a by-law to amend By-law 6694-17, being the Building By-law.

Resolution Carried

- c) Water Filtration Plant and Water Pollution Control Centre Building Condition Assessment Award
Resolution Number 182-23
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council enact a by-law to:

(a) Award the Water Filtration Plant and Water Pollution Control Centre Building Condition Assessments project to J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, for a total of \$279,279.00 (plus HST) under the existing Standing Offer agreement; and

(b) Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements and related documents with J.L. Richards to complete the assessments as per the defined scope of work.

Resolution Carried

- d) Request for Award of PW-2023-05 Replacement of Two Rooftop Units and One Pool Dehumidifier
Resolution Number 183-23
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council award Tender No. PW-2023-05 Replacement of Two Rooftop Units and One Pool Dehumidifier to Black & McDonald Limited, for a total of \$250,671.00 (plus HST); and

That Council adopt a bylaw authorizing the CAO to execute the agreements, and related documents with Black & McDonald Limited to complete the scope of work specified.

Resolution Carried

- e) Request for Award Tender PW-2023-06 Operation of the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site
Resolution Number 184-23
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council award the Operation of the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site Tender #PW-2023-06, for a period of five (5) years, to McCrea Excavating Ltd. for the amount of \$494,100.00 per year (excluding HST) plus adjustments for CPI and fuel surcharge.

That Council enact a bylaw authorizing the CAO to enter into an agreement with McCrea Excavating Ltd. to complete the works.

Resolution Carried

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f) Proclamation – Community Living Month (May 2023)

Resolution Number 185-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council proclaim May 2023 as Community Living Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas Community Living Renfrew County South is a local organization who works to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through partnership and collaboration; and,

Whereas Community Living Renfrew County South has been providing services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Greater Arnprior area since 1964; and,

Whereas Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the Community Living movement and to celebrate the successes of creating inclusive communities for people with developmental disabilities;

Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “**Community Living Month**” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Community Living Renfrew County South and their clients in our community.

Resolution Carried

g) Proclamation – CDKL5 Awareness Month

Resolution Number 186-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim June 2023 as CDKL-5 Awareness Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas CDKL5 Canada is a registered charitable corporation founded to pursue research into finding a cure for CDKL5 disorder; and

Whereas CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder is a rare genetic mutation that prevents the body from making essential proteins needed for brain development, causing children to have seizures as well as have issues achieving basic motor, vision, and other basic developmental milestones; and

Whereas CDKL5 Canada is looking to raise public awareness of this disorder, and provide support and information to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder; and

Whereas June is known as CDKL5 Awareness Month; and

Whereas local resident Jakob Ruest passed away from this devastating disorder when he was just three years old and his family has created an awareness campaign in his memory;

Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as “**CDKL5 Awareness Month**” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to participate in the CDKL5 Canada online event, and learn more about this rare disorder, which affects people in our community.

Resolution Carried

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13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Recently, through happenstance, met with the Red Cross Coordinator for the area, and had an impromptu meeting, discussed what triggers responses, resources that they have available, and their structure.
- Today, presented the first round of winners of the Renfrew County Senior Games Pickleball winners for the bronze, silver and gold. Under the direction of Glenn Arthur there were ten teams playing almost twenty games each. Thank you to the organizers, volunteers and the winners.
- Attended a collaborative event, between Bee Savvy and Farm Gate Cider, Buzzin' in the Blossoms – a seven-course meal paired with local ciders. There were 116 attending along with Councillors Toner and Denault.
- Attended the Optimistic Women's Trivia Night, where over 17,000 dollars was raised. Twenty-seven teams of women brought their spirit, costume and enthusiasm. A huge congratulations to the organizers and thank you to the many sponsors for the event, where every penny raised goes back to local youth and families.
- I will not be hosting an office open house on June 3rd, as I will be at Priorpalooza throughout the day. Please do say Hello!
- Continue to meet with area retail business owners where patio rules, tax rate for commercial retail businesses, and the request for fellow business owners to respect the window of time for putting out garbage and recycling have been raised.
- Compliments from retail business owners on the banners recently installed and the flowers planted annually.

b) County Councillors Report

- The Development and Property Committee received a Letter of Intent from the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, Ontario regarding development of land located on Division Street in Arnprior to meet the need for affordable housing in the community. Staff will review the correspondence with Community Services staff for any potential alignment with their programs.
- Taste of the Valley dates have been selected for 2023 and 2024. Vendor applications will open online in May for the 2023 season. Events in 2023 and 2024 include:
 - August 12, 2023 Eganville Arena Township of Bonnechere Valley
 - September 9, 2023 Calabogie Rink and Community Centre Township of Greater Madawaska
 - September 30, 2023 Town Hall Parking Lot Town of Deep River
 - October 14, 2023 Cobden Fairgrounds Township of Whitewater Region
 - December 16, 2023 (Holiday Edition) Germania Club City of Pembroke (Holiday Edition)
 - September 7, 2024 Municipal Parking Lot, Killaloe Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
 - August 10, 2024 The Railway Station, Barry's Bay Township of Madawaska Valley
 - September 28, 2024 Civic Centre Town of Petawawa

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- October 12, 2024 Cobden Fairgrounds Township of Whitewater Region
- An invitation from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (AECL/CNL) to attend a County Day for local municipal councils from Renfrew and Pontiac Counties is being held on June 2, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Chalk River Laboratories.
- Tree Planting season is here and funding is available by Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program (50 MTP) restoration program.
- A resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside requesting that the County of Renfrew reduce the posted speed limit from 80 kph to 70 kph from Green Meadow Road to Highland Road was received. Staff will review and provide a recommendation at a future meeting.
- A Resolution was carried that future road rehabilitation will include a one meter hardened shoulder (where possible).
- There was a recommendation that a new console and radio system be purchased from BearCom in the amount of \$318,710 plus applicable taxes; and further that the cost be shared between the 17 user municipalities.
- Spring Load Restrictions were lifted on May 08, 2023.
- Of note when County Roads are rehabilitated the portion of the Algonquin Trail will be paved inward from the road allowance. This should deter the holes being created by ATV's. The first road to be completed is from County Road 1 (River Road), from Lochwinnoch Road to the Algonquin Trail.
- Community Services administrative staff currently located at 80 McGonigal Street will be vacating the space and temporarily relocating by May 31, 2023 to the Renfrew offices at Renfrew County Place until renovations at the Albert Street location (Arnprior) are completed.
- Information brought back by the County Director of Public Works who attended the American Public Works North American Snow Conference was that the "Opening Speaker" Phil Gwoke, who is a proud Gen X'er and a firm believer that with the proper motivation, training and support system members of any generation are capable of remarkable accomplishments.
- The County of Renfrew Chief's Commendations were presented by Chief Mike Nolan, to Dr. Robert Cushman, former Acting Medical Officer of Health, and Leah Levesque, President and CEO of Arnprior Regional Health for their participation in the creation and early success of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre better known as VTAC.

c) Councillor(s) Report

None

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-MAY-10

Resolution Number 187-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Correspondence Package Number I-23-MAY-10 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

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County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- The Ontario government is investing \$700,000 to support four innovative and free training projects designed for 203 professional and volunteer firefighters across the country. This training will focus on fighting fires in situations in small and rural services to ensure they are equipped and prepared for ground rescue and wildfire scenarios.
 - On question of the County Councillor, the CAO responded that she will verify with the Fire Chief if any firefighters were selected for the training.
- Page 27 - The Federal Housing Advocate has launched a review of homeless encampments. Municipalities, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness are encouraged to submit experiences and ideas for solutions by May 26.
- Page 27 - A free assessment of disability management programs is available until June 2024. The assessment involves an interview and produces a report. For details, visit the National Institute of Disability Management and Research website.
- Page 27 - Eye on Events AMO is embarking on new partnerships with Wilfrid Laurier University. Municipal councils rely on high-quality reports to form the basis of sound decision making. This virtual (Zoom) training was purpose-built in consultation with an Ontario municipality to foster specific report-writing skills that meet the needs of varying audiences such as councils, committees, boards, agencies, and the public. Register for the June 13 full day program.
 - On question of the County Councillor the CAO advised the municipality does have staff that would benefit from the training, however it is booked solid in June, and we are looking into a September training date.

Councillor Denault noted the following items:

- Page 4 - Ontario Investing in Infrastructure improvements at Algonquin Park MPP John Yakabuski has announced that the Province of Ontario is investing more than 3.3 million, to build, maintain and revitalization infrastructure at Algonquin Park. The funding will increase opportunities for overnight camping and improve visitor experience.
- Page 9 - Ontario Helping Children and Youth Overcome Barriers - The Ontario government is investing more than 13.5\$ million through the youth opportunities fund to support 38 youth focused grassroots projects across the province that will help children, youth and families develop new skills, overcome social and economic barriers, and navigate services in their community.
 - On question of Councillor Denault the CAO advised that the municipality is not aware of any funding available to community partners or the municipality at this time.
- Page 27 - AMO is excited to announce its 2023 conference will be held in London Ontario August 20 – 23, and if it was anything like ROMA I would highly appreciate it, it was a great learning experience, especially in meeting fellow municipal colleagues across Ontario and up and down the valley.

b) Correspondence Package – A-23-MAY-09

Resolution Number 188-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That the Correspondence Package Number A-23-MAY-09 be received and the recommendation outlined be brought forward for council consideration.

Resolution Carried

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Resolution Number 189-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Whereas elected leaders at the municipal level do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

Whereas a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

Whereas Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Members of Council to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

Whereas Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior support the Sault Ste. Marie City Council resolution in support of Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Further That this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Stephen Blais, MPP for Orleans.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

By-laws

Resolution Number 190-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded Billy Denault

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

- By-law Number 7388-23 – Award Building Condition Assessment for the Water Filtration Plant and the Water Pollution Control Centre
- By-law Number 7389-23 – Award Tender No. PW-2023-06 (Operation of the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site)
- By-law Number 7390-23 – Award Tender No. PW-2023-05 Replacement of Two Rooftop Units and One Pool dehumidifier
- By-law Number 7391-23 – Close Portion of the Edey Street Road Allowance
- By-law Number 7392-23 – Disposal of Surplus Lands Edey Street Road Allowance
- By-law Number 7393-23 – Building By-law Amendment

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

- Paramedics week is May 21 – 27, 2023 and the theme for this year's week is: "Diversity In Paramedicine – The Patient. The Provider. The Profession".
- Welcome the new owners of Canadian Craft Crate, Shandel Goth and wish Brittany Saylor all the best in her retirement.

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- Giant Tiger Manager, Mike Marcil and his wife Robyn are moving to Grand Falls, New Brunswick, to be the Manager there.

Councillor Couper made the following announcement:

- On May 13th attended a "Bubbles for Brain Cancer" fundraiser, in memory of Abby. Ran by Abby's parents Abby's Adventures is a touching not-for-profit charity focused on raising awareness/funding for ATRT brain cancer.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 191-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That By-law No. 7394-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 23, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 192-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk



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Subdivision Application 47-T-22002

Residential Subdivision Proposal

Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of
Community Services/Planner

Public Meeting Date: May 23, 2023



General Public Meeting Information

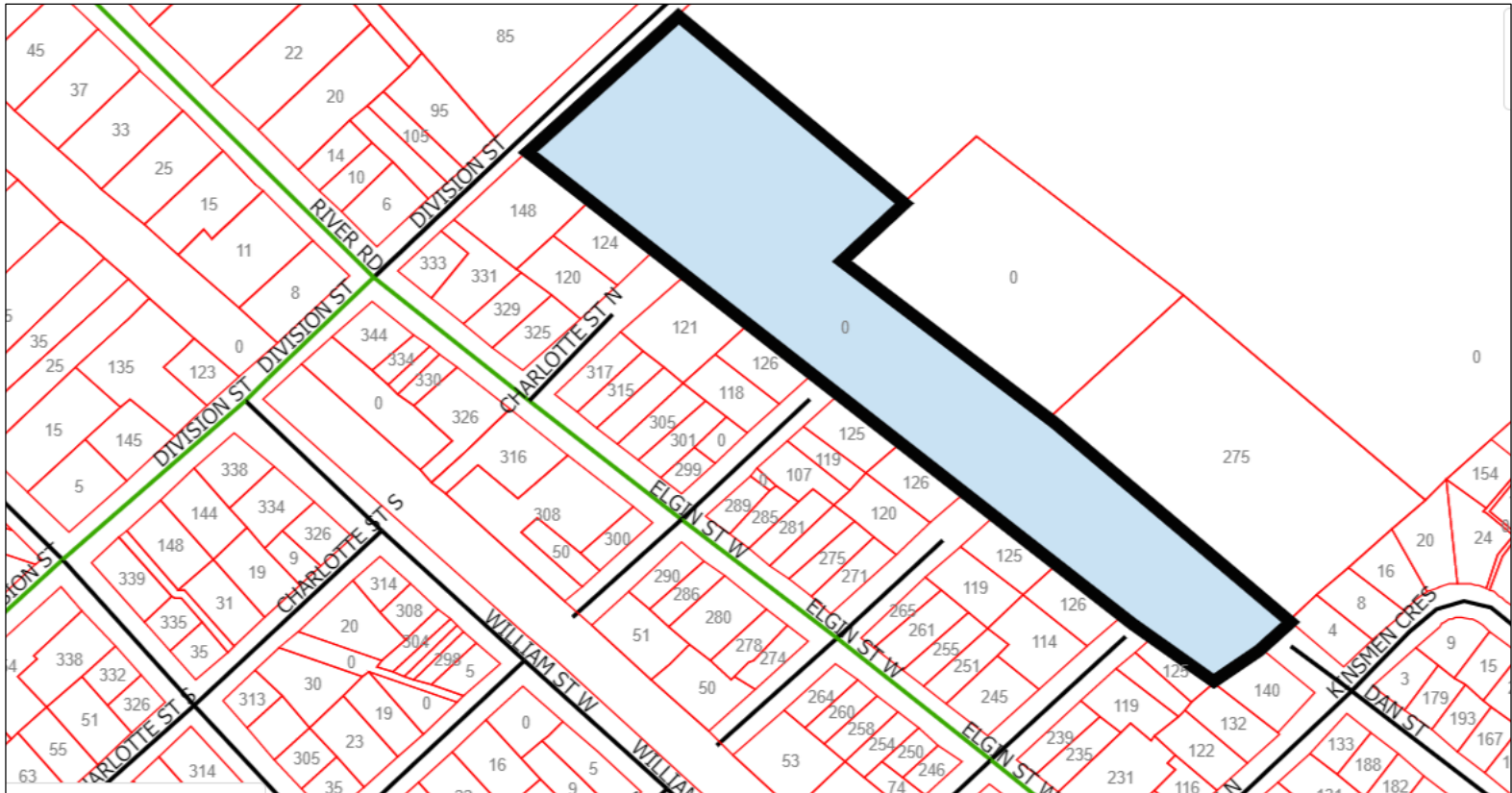
- When addressing the Chair, please give your name and address for the recording secretary.
- If you wish to be notified of any further proceedings concerning the application, please provide your name and address to the Clerk of the municipality using the sign-in sheet provided.
- If you'd like to speak, please raise your hand



General Public Meeting Information

- Changes to the Planning Act by the Provincial Government as part of Bill 23 removed the requirement for public meetings for subdivision applications, however, the County Planning Department and Town of Arnprior staff are recommending public meetings still be held for all subdivision applications received before this change to the Planning Act
- Changes under Bill 108 by the Provincial Government passed in 2019, removed the right of residents to appeal a decision on a subdivision application (appellants must be the applicant, a public body, a specified person, the Minister or the municipality).

Key Plan

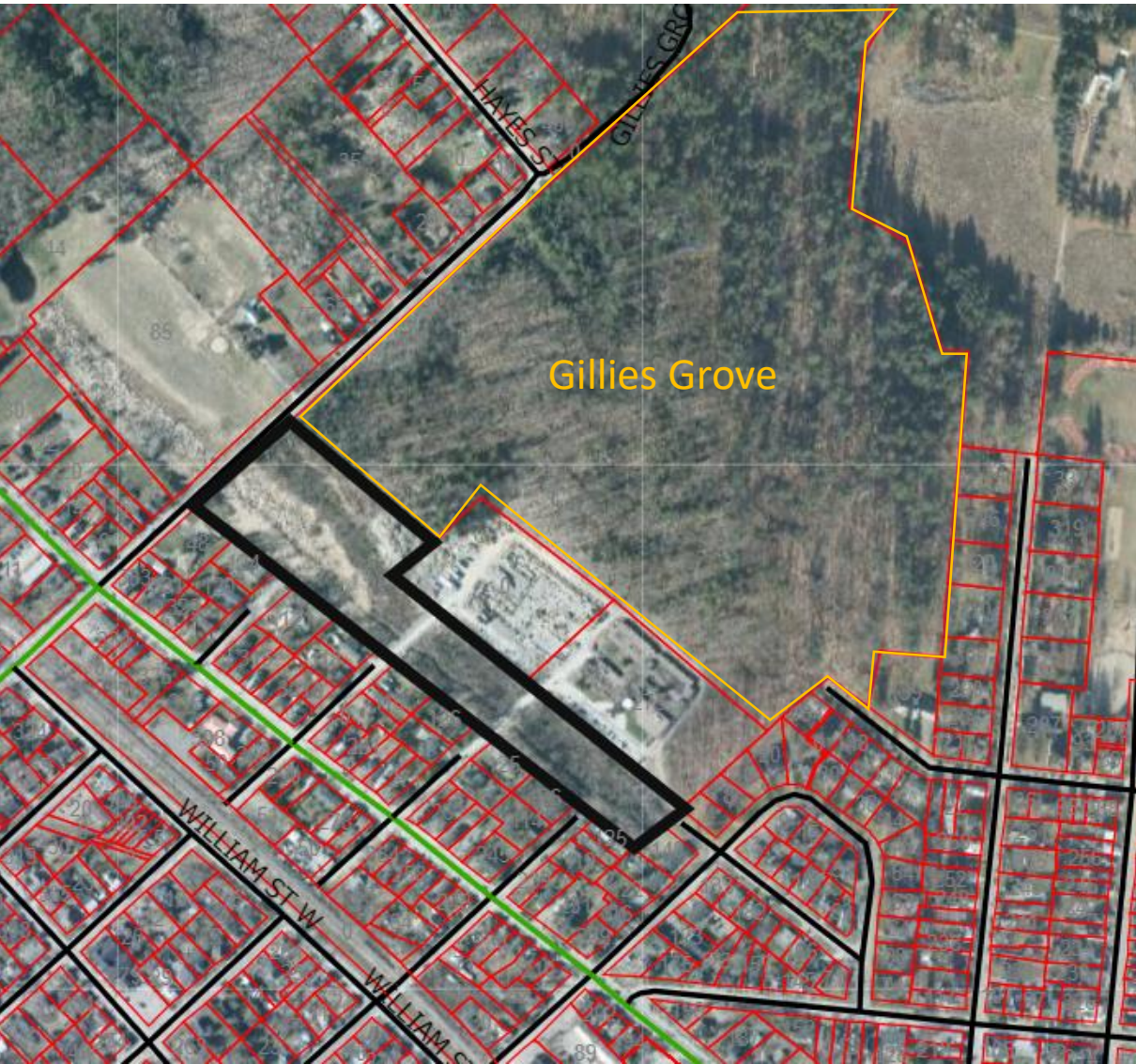


Aerial Image, 2020



- Vacant lot on Division St. abutting the existing dead ends of Charlotte St. N., Norma St. N., Ida St. N., Vancourtland St. N. and Dan St.
- 3.2 hectares (7.9 acres)

Context



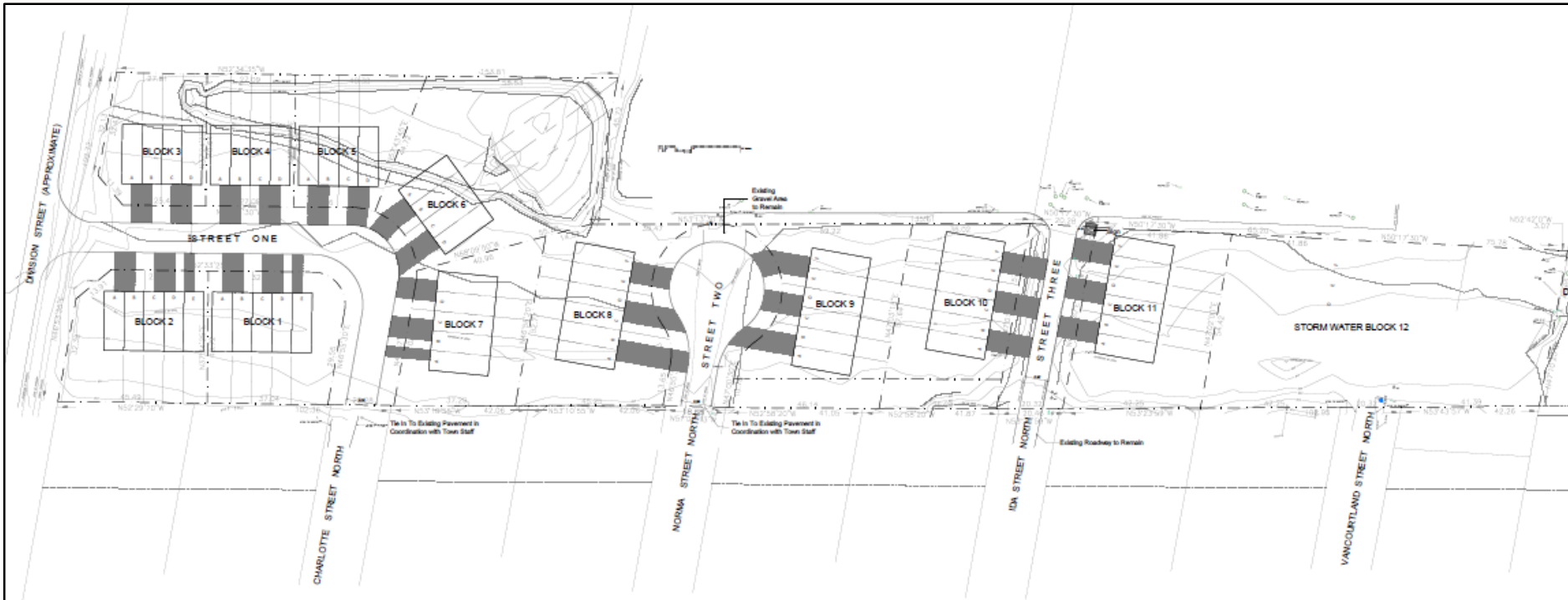
- Northeast of the subject property is Gillies Grove and the Grove Nursing Home
- To the southwest are existing detached dwellings on Dan St.

Context



- Southeast are existing detached dwellings
- To the northwest, across Division St., is an existing agricultural property

Concept Plan



- Proposed residential subdivision with 11 blocks of townhouse units, totaling 55 townhouse dwelling units, with a stormwater management block

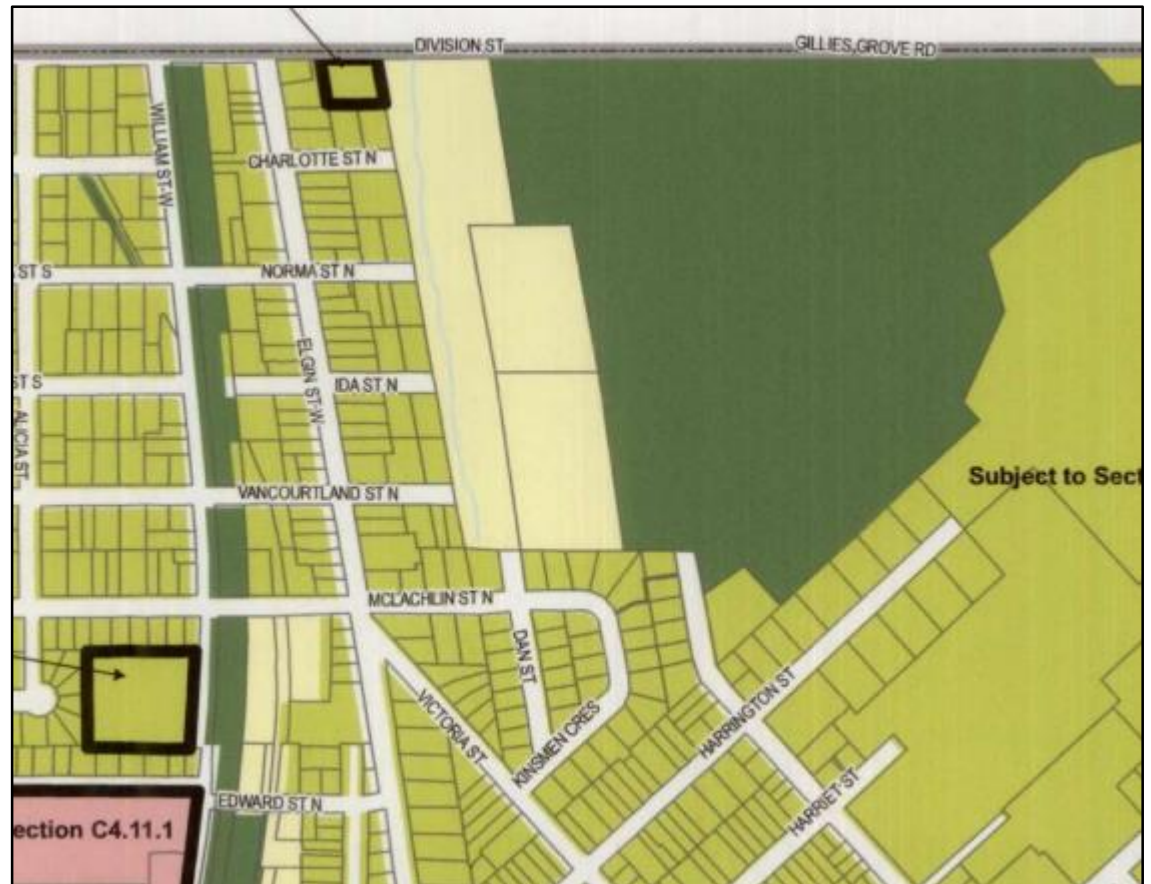


Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

- The proposed plan of subdivision is “consistent with” the PPS (2020)
- Consistent with the PPS, the proposed development will contribute to the range of housing available in the Arnprior community, efficiently uses existing infrastructure and has been designed to meet the findings of the Environmental Impact Study in order to avoid and mitigate impacts to the natural heritage features
- The developer is responsible for ensuring they obtain any necessary federal or provincial approvals for alteration/relocation of a watercourse as required by the PPS.

Current Official Plan Designation

- Official Plan – Low/Medium Density Residential
- Townhouses are a permitted use



Official Plan - Natural Heritage

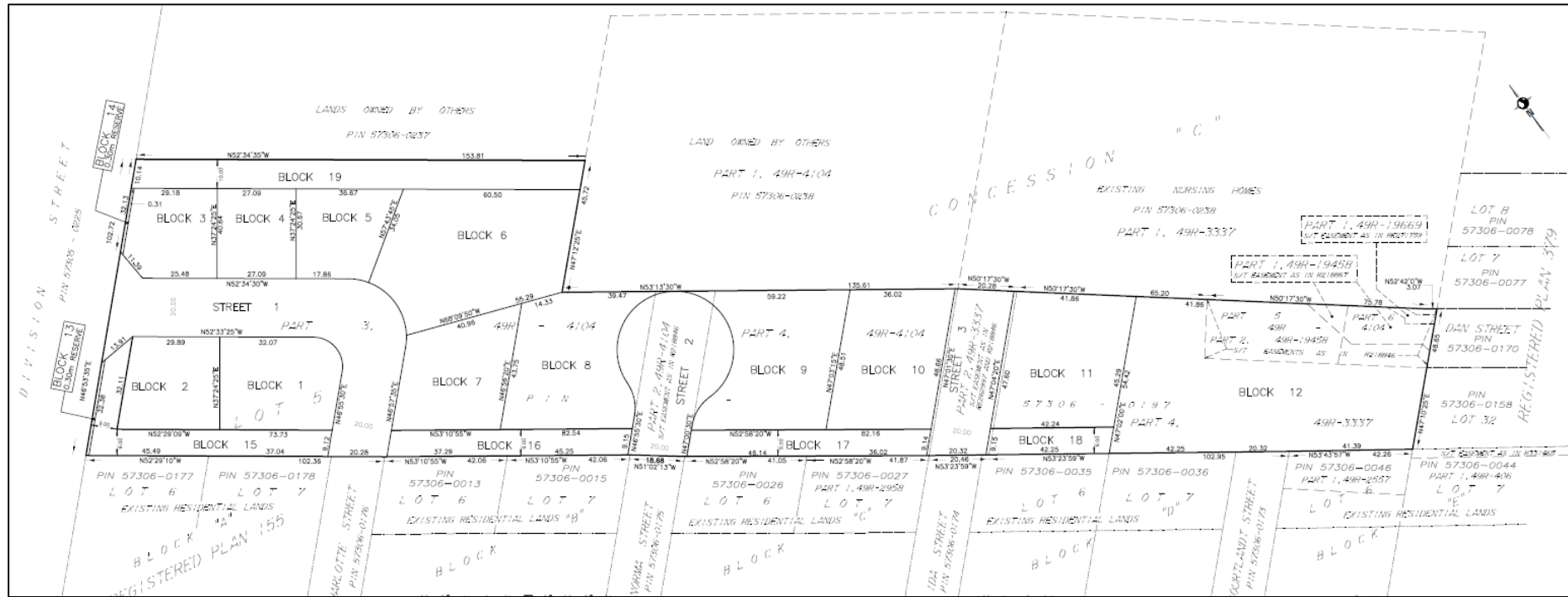
- A portion of the subject land as is identified as “Wooded Area” and “Natural Area”
- Environmental Impact Study was submitted
- 10 m buffer from the Open Space zone of Gillies Grove plus 5 m setback
- 9 m wide swale designed as a natural, riparian wetland feature to convey stormwater through the site
- Potential for Species at risk and habitat identified but none identified during site investigations



Current Zoning

- Residential Four Exception 39 – holding symbol 14 (R4*39(H14)). The approved zoning by-law amendment for the subject property dates to 2012 when an OMB appeal was resolved.
- Permits townhouse dwellings subject to Exception 39:
- A buffer strip is required along lot lines abutting an Open Space (OS) zone.
- Buffer strip width (minimum): 10m or 5m beyond the vegetation dripline of trees along the property line, which is greater.
- A buffer strip is an area cleared of any non-native species and left to naturally regenerate and further plated with caliper sized native species consistent with species composition with the adjacent Gillies Grove Woodland.
- Required setback from buffer strip (minimum): 5 metres”

Developer Proposal



- Proposing to convey the 10 m buffer strip along the Gillies Grove land



Public Comments

- 4 written comments were received in advance of the public meeting, copies of which have been provided to Council for consideration



Next Steps

- Following the public meeting a staff report will be brought to Council and will include comments received and options, including recommended conditions for draft plan subdivision approval
- Draft Plan Conditions, if approved by the Town of Arnprior Council, will be sent to the County of Renfrew consideration when making a decision on the subdivision application
- Public comments will also be sent to the County of Renfrew for consideration when making a decision on draft plan approval for the subdivision



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