



**Minutes of Council Meeting
June 26th, 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 Billy Denault
Councillor Chris Couper (7:40 p.m.)

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
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services / Planner
Oliver Jacob, A / Deputy Clerk
Jen Eve, Manager of Finance
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk

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 Couper who arrived at 7:40 p.m.

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 217-23
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, June 26th, 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 218-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

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) Retirement – Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

Mayor McGee thanked Maureen for her time with the Town and recognized her accomplishments during her career as Town Clerk. Council presented Maureen with a gift as a token of their gratitude and wished Maureen success in the next chapter of her life.

Maureen thanked Council, past and present, as well as all staff she has worked with over the years.

ii) Recreation and Parks Master Plan – Public Engagement, Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation presented to Council an update on the Recreation Master Plan. The plan is currently in Phase 1 and will be moving to Phase 2 in the coming weeks.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

Tabled By-law No. 7108-20 (Council Code of Conduct)

Resolution Number 219-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That By-law Number 7108-20 deferred by Council at their meeting of December 14, 2020 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution LOST

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

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a) Draft Council Code of Conduct

Resolution Number 220-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council receive report number 23-06-26-01 as information; and

That Council adopt an updated Code of Conduct for Council and Local Boards By-law.

Resolution Carried

b) Recreation User Fees and Charges - Ringette Rate

Resolution Number 221-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council offer the Arnprior McNab Ringette Association (AMRA) an option for a specific Ringette Rate, due to their unique participant make-up, set at \$175.00 for 2023: and

That should AMRA wish to proceed with the specific Ringette Rate that a by-law be brought forward to implement the new proposed fee under Schedule K – Recreation Facility Use & Programs of the User Fees and Charges By-Law.

A recorder vote was requested by Councillor Grinstead.

Councillor Billy Denault	NO
Councillor Chris Toner	YES
Councillor Tom Burnette	NO
Councillor Lynn Grinstead	NO
County Councillor Dan Lynch	NO
Mayor Lisa McGee	NO

Resolution Lost

Resolution Number 222-23

Moved By Billy Denault

Seconded By Dan Lynch

That Council request that staff review the AMRA registration and fee structure and return with a report in one (1) year time.

Resolution Carried

c) Official Plan Amendment 6 and Zoning By-law Amendment 1/23 (Winner's Circle)

Resolution Number 223-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council receives an application for an amendment to Official Plan of the Town of Arnprior and an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18, for two vacant properties along Winners Circle. The applications request to redesignate and rezone the

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subject properties to permit a retirement home as a permitted residential use in the Mixed Use Commercial/Employment Designation and Mixed Use Commercial/Employment (MUCE) zone.

That pursuant to Section 34 (12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, regarding the proposed amendments, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

d) Baskin Drive Subdivision Agreement (47-T-19004)

Resolution Number 224-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopt a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Subdivision Agreement for the Baskin Drive Subdivision (47-T-19004) with the final form and content of the Agreements being to the satisfaction of the CAO, in consultation with the Town Solicitor.

Resolution Carried

e) Awarding of Design Proposal No. 23-1025A (Design of Edey Street and MacDonald Street Reconstruction)

Resolution Number 225-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council award the MacDonald Street and Edey Street Reconstruction Design and Engineering assignment to Jp2g Consultants Inc, at a cost of \$163,519.48 including HST and;

That upon the CAO's approval of the final form of the documents, Council authorize the CAO to enter into a contract agreement with Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Attended Housing Needs Assessment facilitated discussion with stakeholders and developers
- Attended meeting with First Baptist Church and Lepine Development on the Church lands on Division Street
- With Councillor Couper, attended St. Joe's Grade 7/8 class
- Attended Grand Opening of Koti 28 / Oh-el-la Café, bringing congratulations and cutting the ribbon with County Councillor Lynch
- Attended the Airport Fly-in Breakfast, which was a big success with 600 breakfasts served

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- Assisted with the Valley Has Heart Golf Tournament with County Councillor Lynch and ARH CEO Leah Levesque, which raised over \$40,000 for ARH
- Attended the Lionette's 50th Anniversary celebration with Councillor Denault

b) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Lynch reported on the following:

- Jenny Blake of Soups for Good, through support of Enterprise Renfrew County, who operates Soups for Good in Killaloe, has been accepted into the Circular Opportunity Innovation Launchpad (COIL) program. Through the program, Soups for Good has received a \$3,000 grant to help grow its socially motivated business which in turn supports local food banks across Renfrew County.
- 2023 Summer Company Participants had seventeen (17) students indicating an interest, six (6) applications were received with five (5) being accepted for program funding. Of note no participants from Arnprior. The companies created include jewelry making, custom painting, pottery, blacksmith, and 3D printing. Each company will receive up to \$3000.00 in grants.
- Silver Chain Challenge is "On". Warden Emon has requested residents register in this Challenge. Information pertaining to registration can be found on the County of Renfrew website.
- County Councillor Lynch provided an update on Arnprior housing statistics for 2022 and year to date. County Councillor Lynch updated on the current housing prices compared to a few years ago. Housing prices have dropped.
- County Councillor Lynch updated Council on his county highlights over the last two weeks. He updated with the following information.
- County Planning updates:
 - Subdivisions submitted – Under Review – 672 units
 - Draft Approved Subdivisions – 88 units
 - Final Approved Subdivision – 275 units
- On June 13th the Operations and Development & Property Committees met in the Township of McNab\Braeside and visited the Men's Shed.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

None

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-JUNE-12

Resolution Number 226-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-JUN-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- The Ontario governments has committed \$6.4 billion to build more than 30,000 new beds. Locally the redevelopment of Marianhill in Pembroke will be completed in three phases. The first phase is expected to start welcoming its first new residents in winter 2025, and the final phase welcoming residents in summer 2026. Once complete, the home will provide 160 modern long-term care beds in Pembroke.
- Are you a Francophone and want to become a nurse. The Ontario government's plan to train more health care professionals it is expanding French-language nursing education, with the launch of Collège Boréal's new stand-alone four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at its Sudbury and Toronto campuses.
- The Ontario government is expanding strong mayor powers to the mayors of 26 large and fast-growing municipalities that have committed to a housing pledge as part of the province's work to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. Unfortunately, Arnprior was not one of 26.
- If there any residents in our community who like to fish for free; then to celebrate Canada Day next month, you can fish for free during Family Fishing Week (July 1-9).
- There are new incentives for LED lighting upgrades in municipal facilities. Councillor Lynch asked Robin Paquette, CAO if we have any facilities that could qualify for this savings? She indicated that most of our facilities already have been upgraded but we'll verify that all are included.

Councillor Billy Denault noted the following items:

- Ontario Attracts Historic Number of People to Skilled Trades – The Ontario government increased apprenticeship registrations by 24% last year from 21,971 to 27,319.
- As more people decide to pursue rewarding well-paying careers in the skilled trades. In addition to this the second year of the province's highly popular skilled trades career fairs for students will be expanding to even more cities around the province. On question of Councillor Denault, the CAO confirmed that in Ottawa in late November, there is a fair to entice local students and members of the community to encourage participation into the trades.
- Ontario Building a Resilient Economy to attract investments and jobs. – Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, job creation and trade, issued this statement following June 9th's monthly employment release that showed Ontario saw an increase of 20,100 manufacturing jobs. "At a time when our country is still facing inflationary pressures, our government continues to build a resilient economy that can weather any storm."

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b) Correspondence Package – A-23-JUNE-10

Resolution Number 227-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number A-23-JUN-10 be received, and

That the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 228-23

Moved by Lynn Grinstead

Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- By-law Number 7400-23 – Design and Engineering Proposal No. 23-1025A (Design of Edey Street and MacDonald Street Reconstruction)
- By-law Number 7401-23 – Council Code of Conduct
- By-law Number 7402-23 – Subdivision Agreement – Baskin Drive West

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

Resolution Number 229-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Terry Fox Foundation; and

Whereas the organizers of the local Terry Fox run are a group of volunteers who work in unison on raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation to fund cancer research.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the Terry Fox Foundation request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park (value of approximately \$443.00) for their Terry Fox Run event to be held on September 17th, 2023;

Further That the Terry Fox Foundation be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the events.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcement(s):

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- County Councillor Lynch congratulated the Lionette's on their 50th anniversary.

Councillor Denault made the following announcement:

- The Airport Commission has not had an airport meeting, but I think I can remit some of the comments from members of the commission that they were very appreciative of members of council attending the fly in breakfast as well as the many members of the public, they served 600 breakfasts and for a first year back in action I think there's no other description for that then a clear success.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 230-23 (8:05 p.m.)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council meet in closed session to discuss one (1) matter(s) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended (Commemorative Naming Application).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 231-23

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Grinstead

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 232-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council authorize Scharf Hall as the name for the new Library room.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 233-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Billy Denault

That By-law No. 7403-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 26th, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

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20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 234-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk

